ENDEAVOUR I.

Gaumont British News flying cameraman secured these pictures of the last stage of the homeward journey of Endeavour I. For more than two weeks this great yacht, built primarily for racing, had endured the buffetting of the Atlantic rollers. In the teeth of a raging hurricane, the crew fought with the pumps for nine hours on end. When you look at Endeavour's unprotected decks, it seems a miracle that every man was not swept overboard. Gosport had prepared a royal welcome for the men who brought Endeavour home, and every ship's siren sent up a delirious note of greeting and congratulation. Endeavour completed the last phase of her voyage from Yarmouth to Gosport towed by the Viva --- the yacht from which she broke away in mid-Atlantic, and relatives of the crew went out to meet the men whom they had almost given up for lost.

Ecstatic greetings over, autograph hunters surrounded the men who have written a new chapter in seafaring history. On the deck lay the tow-rope which parted under the strain of the gale. Captain Heard, whose brilliant seamanship brought Endeavour home, was welcomed by the Mayor of Gosport. On shore, there was a civic reception, with a speech by the mayor. And so with cheers they were carried off shoulder high. Well done, Endeavour and your crew! We're all proud of you.