

THE KING REVIEWS THE FLEET.

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It isn't very often that much of the Royal Navy's in Port --- but here's quite a lot of it, lined up for review by His Majesty the King, *accompanied by the Commander in Chief Home Fleet Admiral Torg*

For many centuries, Britain's Royal Navy has stood in the path of would-be world conquerors --- Philip of Spain, Napoleon and others --- and it is a ~~good~~ *grand* omen that the C-in-C Home Fleet ~~Admiral Torg~~ has the look of a Nelson.

Many of our greatest warships came under Royal inspection as the King went swiftly down the lines; it's good to know that after nearly two years of relentless warfare --- two years of continuous sea fighting --- to-day the Fleet is stronger than ever before.

After the battleships --- the King inspected Aircraft Carriers. Before the war, many experts of other nations considered the Aircraft Carrier useless: many triumphant actions from Taranto to the Bismarck have proved how wrong they were. The Aircraft Carrier is a mighty weapon.

~~This is the kind of scene we remember so well from days of peace: in war it has a new significance.~~ From September 3rd 1939 the Royal Navy has stood between Britain and defeat; we who live in these precious islands of liberty owe our very lives to men like these.