

AFTER THE HISTORIC VOYAGE FROM TOBRUK TO LONDON

~~Her~~ Her first Royal Duty done, the "Britannia" rode proudly at anchor, beside Tower Bridge, before returning to Portsmouth.

And while thousands examined her graceful lines from Thames-side, our cameraman went aboard...

On a small veranda deck is the Ship's Bell and Binnacle which once graced another proud Britannia - King George the Fifth's racing yacht.

The wheel, ~~of~~ ^{of} the sailing yacht has been installed in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~liner~~ - no doubt because ~~the~~ ^{Her Majesty &} the Queen (and ~~as~~ ^{the} Duke) share the love of a sport that featured so largely in the life of ~~the~~ ^{the} Queen's Grandfather, who seldom missed racing "Britannia" at Cowes...

THESE SCENES FROM OUR LIBRARY
REVIVE OLD MEMORIES OF KING GEORGE V
~~on the wall above, a photograph of the "Sailor King" looks out over this~~

The sixty foot dining room has parquet flooring and cupboards that conceal cine-projectors - which make the room easily adaptable for dancing or cinema-shows.

The large table can be extended to seat thirty-two people - and the ornate table-mats are reminders of ~~the~~ ^{our} strong seafaring traditions of ~~our~~ ^{our} land.

The Royal Stateroom is simply furnished - with blue the predominating colour.

There was a radio-gram on board, with many of the Queen's (and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~royal~~ ^{royal} children's) favourite records.

And as we recall the Royal Children looking over the side of the ~~ship~~ ^{ship} - we see the rostrum that gave them that much-needed "leg-up!"
And the hydrant, with which Prince Charles played "Ship's fireman!"
"Well Done" Britannia" - ~~the~~ ^{the} bearer of a proud name