

Malta: Emperor sees Fleet Exercise

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Malta: Continuing his journey to Britain, the Emperor/<sup>Haile Selassie</sup> of Ethiopia watched from the cruiser H.M.S. Gambia, while units of the Mediterranean Fleet staged a spectacular display in his honour.

During the manoeuvres, eighteen ships under the command of Admiral Earl Mountbatten took part in mock battles at sea - while ships of the Daring class made anti-submarine patrols.

A happy send-off for His Imperial Majesty whose <sup>land-locked</sup> ~~landlocked~~ Kingdom has, of course, no Naval Forces.

Later, Admiral Mountbatten (who was leading the Fleet for the last time) transferred by jackstay to the "Gambia" to bid farewell to the Emperor.

And after flying over the cruiser in salute, Sea Hawk jet fighters returned to the "Centaur" one of our latest carriers.

Then - to round off an impressive demonstration - the Fleet steamed past in line-ahead formation - to pay tribute to a Royal Guest.