

News flashes (continued)

Duke boards "Britannia"

The South of France: The Royal Yacht "Britannia" was waiting in Villefranche harbour, when the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the quayside, ~~to go aboard the vessel~~ <sup>The Duke was</sup> to watch the Combined Fleet Manoeuvres in the Mediterranean, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Many early holidaymakers watched ~~the Duke~~ <sup>him</sup> sail to join the Royal Yacht.

During the Exercise, the Britannia took over the duties of a hospital ship - a role for which she was designed - should the need arise..

Birmingham Fire

Birmingham: In the City centre, ~~about 25 yards from the Central Fire Station~~ a mammoth blaze ~~guttered~~ gutted a five-story warehouse - about thirty yards from the Central Fire Station.

Firefighting appliances were rushed from neighbouring areas before the fire was brought under control. Early estimates put the damage at £900,000

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