

Holiday headlines (Sheet Three)

The Opening of Cowes Week was also marred by the weather. The fickle breezes ~~were~~ ~~and~~ ~~rain~~ ~~clouds~~ ~~made~~ ~~an~~ ~~appealing~~ ~~picture~~ ~~never~~ ~~the~~ ~~less.~~

Across the Solent, to Portsmouth, where Navy Day crowds paid tribute anew to a seafaring tradition...going aboard H.M.S. Victory, Nelson's famous flag-ship - and ~~the~~ ~~her~~ sleek modern counterparts, the destroyers, "Vigo" and "Scorpion".

But with the Aircraft-Carrier Bulwark preparing to sail for the Middle East - it was a Navy Day with a difference.

For the public, it was a "look-in" at the real thing, as they saw, at a distance, the preparations to get Britain's Navy under way - emergency sailings for the crisis area.

In the Suez crisis - we have the ready and active backing of France, and, at Toulon, the battleship "Jean Bart" stands by - ready to join in decisive action - should the forthcoming London Conference of Maritime Nations fail.

So - to a picture that really marred the Bank Holiday week-end. British troops, mostly men of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade - going aboard the carrier "Theseus" - bound for the Middle East.

Once again, British troops are sailing away. ~~We all hope it will be just~~ ~~a "show-the-flag" mission. But our precautionary measures have the~~ ~~support of all parties. We know to our cost the results of such~~ ~~aggressive acts go unheeded. We wish our boys~~ ~~to~~ ~~return~~ ~~to~~ ~~us~~ ~~with~~ ~~a~~ ~~safe~~ ~~journey~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~speedy~~ ~~return.~~