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KING GEORGE V RETURNS

35,000 tons of fighting ship comes home to Portsmouth after 16 months service in the Pacific, and what a magnificent story she has to tell. The only battleship of the Pacific Fleet which never missed a strike against Japan, King George Vth flung a thousand 14 inch shells at the Jap mainland. Three bombardments and support for the bloody Okinawa invasion made K.G. Five one of the biggest nails in Japan's coffin.

Home Port looks good after 16 months at sea, and for the folks ashore its the best news in ages. Reunion day after a long, long wait.

At sea, like everywhere else, a boy's best friend is his mother. And next to mother, there's always another.

Sixteen months away, a long alices of time when you want to be watching year son grow up. But for the grand welcome you get, it's almost worth it.