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AMETHYST GETS HEROES WELCOME

Steaming into Gibraltar - a British bastion steeped in history - is a ship, whose exploits will still be recalled 100 years hence. It's AMETHYST! Cheering crowds line the quayside to give a heroes welcome to the gallant frigate, now on its last lap home. Hailed by naval sirens, saluted by the R.A.F, played in by an Army band, AMETHYST gets the reception rightly hers. Lieutenant Commander Kerans is at his post on the captain's bridge, as the frigate ties up at berth 41.

Her battle scars well concealed, it's a newly-painted, trim and shipshape AMETHYST that receives Gibraltar's first official calling party, headed by the Flag office Vice Admiral Breeking.

Highlight of a three-day-long reception is a parade by the crew through Gibraltar streets. Even today the full story of AMETHYST's epic action has not yet been told. But what has been said, is enough to make Britons feel proud that these men are their fellow countrymen.