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KING'S FLAG FLIES IN U.S. CRUISER

A 21 gun salute from the American cruiser Columbus, lying alongside King George the Fifth, greets the King on his arrival at Portsmouth dockyard.

The Royal Standard breaks at the mainmast as the King is piped aboard on a visit to Admiral Richard Conolly, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic. In the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, the King - looking remarkably fit - spends three hours with the American navy. Ambassador Lewis Douglas is the only civilian in the party.

Like the Royal Navy ships in Portsmouth, the Columbus, too, is "dressed overall" in honour of the King's visit. It is more than a courtesy call. It is an historic occasion, for it is the first peace-time visit of a reigning monarch to a foreign warship in British waters. Another example of the close link that binds the English-speaking nations.