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THE V & A TO BE SCRAPPED.

The old royal yacht "Victoria and Albert" is soon to be broken up. This was how she looked on so many great occasions before the war. Four sovereigns, Queen Victoria, Edward the 7th, King George the Fifth, and King George the Sixth sailed in her, sometimes for distant journeys to their Empire people, sometimes to review their fleets, or to attend regattas at Cowes. The wheel had been used in three other royal yachts.

Today, the timbers of the V & A (as she was known) are rotten her metalwork rusty,. For years, after her royal service was done, she was used as an accomodation ship, but now her fate is sealed, and the British Iron and Steel corporation have taken her over as scrap. Breaking up has already begun. The tall-main mast is cut down with oxy-acetelene torches. Many of her most valuable pieces of furniture are now in use aboard the new royal yacht "Brittannia". Other pieces have gone to the Admiralty pool at Deptford. At the base of the masts coins were found. They were presented over the years by Queen Victoria, Edward the Seventh and King George the Fifth. The yacht, which was laid down 57 years ago, has made her last royal journey. With her passing, a chapter of naval history is ended.