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DUTCH NAVY REMEMBERS.

Portsmouth - and an honored visitor to the Royal Navy Barracks is Vice Admiral De Booy, Commander in Chief of the Royal Netherlands Navy.

British ratings march past smartly in honour of the Dutch Admiral - who is an honorary officer in the Order of the British Empire.

After the parade, in recognition, of the hospitality the wartime Dutch navy received in Britain, painting by an old Dutch Master of the warship "De Zon" is presented by Admiral De Booy.

The gift came from a voluntary Dutch naval fund - the rest of which is handed to Admiral of the Fleet Sir George Creasy, for British naval charities - a final and generous gesture by a grateful wartime ally.