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### H.M.S. GLASGOW IN POLAND.

But for the ship's company of H.M.S. Glasgow it's "next step - Poland". The Glasgow steams into the Baltic port of Gdynia on the Navy's first courtesy visit behind the Iron Curtain since the end of the war. The ship is named for entering the harbour and the traditional 21-gun salute is fired. Her skipper, Captain Peter Bannay, gives the quayside crowds a fine display of seamanship by bringing her alongside, stern first, without using tugs. No easy task in a strange port.

The banner in the background carries a Polish welcome to the visiting warship.

The Union Jack flutters to the quayside masthead as the Glasgow's company come ashore. With them goes the first Pathe Cameraman to be admitted to postwar Poland. Within an hour of landing, British sailors are admiring the historic Holy Trinity cathedral at Oliva and mingling with the Polish worshippers.

Holy Trinity cathedral has one of the most famous organs in Europe, and the visitors gather round the organist while he plays. Some of them find this strange in a Communist country, but Poland is still one of Europe's most strongly Catholic nations.

This, the main street of Gdynia, has been completely rebuilt since the war, during which it was smashed to rubble like thousands of other Polish streets. And here's one scene that could be in any port in Europe. The weather's on and off like an English April, but rain or shine an ice cream's always welcome.

Here's a grand opportunity for cementing Anglo-Polish relations. After all, sailors understand each other the world over; but this youngster seems overwhelmed.

Like their British counterparts, Polish chimney-sweeps are fond of fancy headgear.

The Poles have made great strides with the rebuilding of their shattered land, but they readily admit that much remains to be done. Still, they remind visitors that Hitler intended Poland to be destroyed for all time, and set about the task very thoroughly.

This is the place where that destruction began, where the first rounds of World War Two were fired. Polish sailors and British marines parade together at the memorial which marks the spot, while Captain Bannay lays a wreath in honour of the 250 Polish defenders who stood their ground here for six days against five thousand Germans.

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We may disagree on many things; but we have been comrades-in-arms in defence of our homes, and there can be few in Britain, Poland or anywhere else who would wish to see those homes once more reduced to rubble. The world hopes the statesmen meeting in Geneva will find a way to end that feat once and for all.