

BRITISH RAILWAYS

# Southern News

WATERLOO STATION • LONDON S.E.1

16th July, 1956.

STATE VISIT OF H.M. THE KING OF IRAQ

MONDAY, JULY 16TH, TILL THURSDAY, JULY 19TH, 1956.

PROGRAMME OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

MONDAY, 16TH JULY, 1956.

ARRANGEMENTS AT DOVER.

1. H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Iraqi Ambassador, (H.R.H. al-Amir Zeid ibn al-Hussein, G.B.E.), the Earl of Eldon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Foster, Commander David Loram, R.N., Brigadier N.F.B. Shaw, Lt. Gen. C.F.C. Coleman (C. in C. Eastern Command), Air Marshal Sir Bryan Reynolds, Air Officer (C. in C. Coastal Command), and Brig. Sir Norman Gwatkin, will travel to Dover by special train from Victoria.
2. H.M.S. "Defender" conveying H.M. The King of Iraq and party will be met in the Straits of Dover and escorted into Dover by a Naval Escort of British Destroyers. As the vessel approaches Dover Harbour a Salute will be fired by the Shore Batteries. Three Flights of Shackleton Aircraft of the Royal Air Force will fly over as H.M.S. "Defender" enters the Harbour.
3. The Masters of all vessels in Port at Dover will "dress ship" on this day and any S.R. vessel passing the Naval Squadron will give the customary Salute.
4. On arrival of H.M.S. "Defender" at 12.45 (Berth No. 2) H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester will go on board to welcome the King of Iraq. The Duke will be accompanied by the Iraqi Ambassador and British Suite.
5. The Royal Party will be conducted on shore by the Duke of Gloucester at 13.00 hours.
6. His Majesty will be received on the quayside by :-  

Lord Harris vice Lt. representing H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Kent (Lord Cornwallis, K.B.E., M.C.)  
 Commander-in-Chief, The Nore (Admiral Sir Frederick Parham) and others.
7. The Guard of Honour (First Battn. Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment) will then be inspected by the King of Iraq who will afterwards proceed through the Archway at No. 2 berth to No. 4 platform, where an address will be presented to His Majesty by His Worship the Mayor (Alderman J. Williams) and Corporation of Dover.

ROYAL TRAIN

ENGINE - "City of Wells" ("West Country" Class) No. 34092.

PULLMAN CARS :       Minerva  
                          Orion  
                          Perseus  
                          Aquila  
                          Isle of Thanet

The engine will have a decorated headboard with the Royal Arms of Iraq.

Departure 13.20 - Platform No. 4.

TRAIN STAFF.

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Age 64 - 49 years service.

Fireman - Ernest Bowman (of Dover).  
Age 27 - 12 years service.

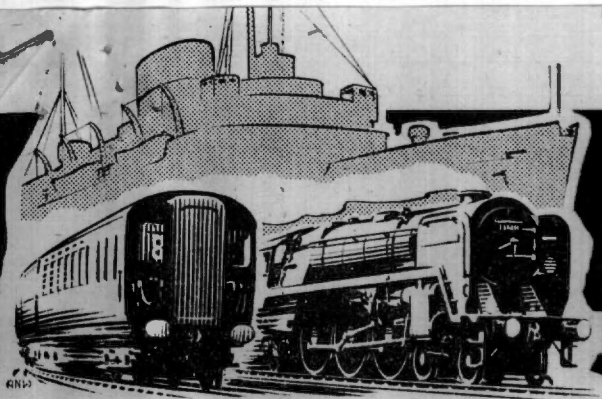
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Age 58 - 40 years service (31 years as Guard).  
Has served on a number of Royal trains.

Pullman Car Conductor Jones.  
Aged 47 and lives at Raynes Park.  
Joined Pullman Car Company in 1920 and has been in charge of Pullman Car arrangements on most Royal Trains and other important Specials since 1946.

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### ARRANGEMENTS AT VICTORIA STATION.

The Royal train is due at Victoria Station (Platform No. 2) at 3.0pm. The train consists of five Pullman Cars, in the centre one of which (named "Perseus") H.M. The King of Iraq will travel from Dover.

The engine is one of the "West Country" Class No. 34092, named "City of Wells", and the train staff consists of the following personnel :-

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THE ARRIVAL.

H.M. The King of Iraq will be met by H.M. The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret, The Duchess of Gloucester, and the Duchess of Kent.

The following will also be present on the Red Carpet :-

Major the Honourable Sir Edward Cadogan, Vice-Lieutenant for the County of London.

1 The Right Honourable Sir Anthony Eden, M.P., Prime Minister.

2 The Right Honourable Gwilym Lloyd-George, M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department.

3 The Marquess of Reading, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

4 Sir Michael Wright, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Bagdad.

5 The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London.

Admiral the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff.

General Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle, Chief of Air Staff.

Major-General George Johnson, General Officer Commanding London District.

Sir John Nott-Bower, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

The Right Honourable the Chairman of the London County Council,

The Mayor of the City of Westminster.

A Guard of Honour of the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, the Band of the Regiment, and the Drums of the Battalion, will be mounted in Hudsons Place, Victoria Station. The Guard of Honour will be inspected by H.M. The King of Iraq.

At 3.10pm the State Procession will leave Victoria Station composed of four horse drawn carriages and three motor cars. A Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry with a Sovereign's Standard, will join the State Procession at the Wilton Road end of Hudsons Place.

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