

THE QUEEN IN PORTSMOUTH:

Portsmouth's Guildhall is majestically restored after its war-time damage. County, city and garrison dignitaries received the Queen and Duke, when Her Majesty arrived to open the new building, which has been built at the cost of a million and a half. The Commander of the garrison offered the keys of the fortress to the Sovereign, who touched and returned them. The old Guildhall is handsomely replaced by the new.

In the formal opening ceremony the Queen cut a ribbon and the new interior was revealed to the Royal party. The exterior was little damaged in the bombing of 1941, the interior is completely re-designed. It includes a concert hall, Council Chamber and banqueting hall. Her Majesty congratulated the Lord Mayor and City on now having a Guildhall worthy of Portsmouth.

The next Royal engagement was across the water at Gosport, where the Queen visited the Submarine Command, at H.M.S. Dolphin.

Among those who awaited the Queen on the playing fields of the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, were the Submarine Old Comrades. With some of them, Good mornings begin with a hard broom.

Main object of the Royal visit was the presentation of the Queen's Colour to H.M.S. Dolphin for the Submarine Command. A silk White Ensign, with Crown and Royal Cypher, the Queen's colour is held by each of the Royal Naval Barracks at Home ports. Proud of their new colours, the parade marched past. In every way a great day for Portsmouth and the Submarine Command.