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NEW NAVAL COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

Alongside the Flag of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Forbes, is broken the flag of Admiral Tovey as he comes aboard the Flagship of the Home Fleet. The newly appointed Commander in Chief is greeted by his predecessor and ~~present~~ introduced to the Officers. A momentous occasion, comparable to Beatty taking over from Jellicoe in 1916. As the hour of departure arrives, Sir Charles takes leave of his officers. His successor, with forty years in the Navy to his credit, played an heroic and distinguished part in the last war at the Battle of Jutland. In his new high office, Admiral Tovey takes command, of the Royal Navy stationed in Home Waters.

At the masthead his flag now flies. Sir Charles Forbes Flag is lowered as he goes down the gangway to his barge. The ceremonial occasion is over. Admiral Tovey is now guardian of the North Atlantic, the North Sea and the English Channel.

Another historic incident in Naval History, ends with the final salute