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HAIL AND FAREWELL.

Before leaving his Flagship Admiral Sir John Tovey addresses the ship's company. A farewell speech as the Admiral relinquishes his command of the Home Fleet to go to the North. The hour of departure is also a moment for handshakes with his associates.

Admiral Tovey pauses, salutes his ship, and the men he is leaving. Changes in command are all in the normal flow of Naval promotion, but this fact does not minimise the certain sadness which the retiring Admiral must feel.

The launch bringing the new Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet comes alongside. From it steps Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser who takes over in succession "the most important single force which the Navy has afloat.

Our good wishes accompany these first pictures of Admiral Fraser.