

12/10/54.

On board the cruiser Gambia which is bringing him to Britain, the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia sailed from ~~Malta's Grand Harbour~~ Malta's Grand Harbour to watch spectacular manoeuvres carried out by the Mediterranean Fleet in his honour. All arms of the service ~~ships~~ were engaged; this is a mortar attack on a submarine, by destroyers and ~~two~~ frigates.

So realistic --- it was quite a relief to see the submarine finally surface quite happily. ^{to be} This was the last time the Mediterranean Fleet sailed under the command of Admiral Mountbatten, who now came by jackstay from his flagship H.M.S. Glasgow, to take leave of the Emperor.

But before the exercises ended --- there was a demonstration of flying by jets from ~~the new aircraft carrier~~ H.M.S. Centaur; and a ceremonial steam past by the whole fleet.