RESERVE FLEET

THE KING'S VISIT TO WEYMOUTH

FULL PROGRAMME

The following is the amended programme for the King's visit to the Reserve Fleet at Weymouth next Wednesday:—

8 a.m.—Dress ship.

9.45.—Except for boats conveying flag officers, boat traffic is to cease inside Portland Harbour north of a line drawn in a 270deg. direction from the southern side of East Ship Channel.

9.55.—The King, attended by Sir Alan Lascelles, and Commander Harold Campbell, C.V.O., D.S.O., arrives at Weymouth Station and drives to Bincleaves Pier, where he will be received by Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty and Minister in Attendance, Vice-Admiral Sir Dudley North, Vice-Admiral Commanding H.M. Yachts, and Captain C. S. Thomson, Royal Navy, Captain-in-Charge, Portland. His Majesty then embarks in the Royal Barge at Bincleaves Pier and the Royal Standard is hoisted in Victoria and Albert. Saluting ships will fire a Royal Salute. His Majesty arrives on board Victoria and Albert. The Board of Admiralty, with Admiral de la Flotte Darlan, Chief of the French Naval Staff, will be presented to his Majesty.

10.20.—Boat traffic is to cease in the Fleet south of a line drawn in an 080deg. direction from Bincleaves Pier.

10.25.—The King, attended by the First Lord, the First Sea Lord, Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, Vice-Admiral Sir Dudley North, and Commander Campbell, accompanied by Admiral de la Flotte Darlan, proceeds to H.M.S. Courageous.

10.35.—The King arrives on board Courageous, and will be received by the Vice-Admiral Commanding Reserve Fleet. Presentation of flag-officers, commodores, and certain other officers. Inspection of 1,500 reservists.

10.40.—Resumption of boat traffic.

11.15.—Boat traffic between N and P lines, south of K line is to cease.

11.20.—The King leaves Courageous for Effingham. On his leaving the Courageous the same officers will be in attendance and also the Vice-Admiral Commanding, Reserve Fleet.

11.25.—The King arrives in Effingham. March past of Effingham's ship's company.

11.30.—Resumption of boat traffic.

11.40.—Boat traffic to cease south of K line between the breakwater and K.5 berth, and north of a line joining the southern side of the East Ship Channel and P.2 berth.

11.45.—The King leaves Effingham for Cardiff.

11.50.—The King arrives in Cardiff. March past of Cardiff's ship's company.

11.55.—Resumption of boat traffic.

12.5 p.m.—Boat traffic to cease in Portland Harbour north of a line drawn in a 270deg. direction from the south side of East Ship Channel, and in the area south of Y and F lines between the breakwater and F.3 berth and north of a line joining the south side of East Ship Channel and O.2 berth.

12.10.—The King leaves Cardiff for Exmouth.

12.15.—The King arrives on board Exmouth. Inspection of ship's company at divisions.

12.30.—The King leaves Exmouth and proceeds to Victoria and Albert for luncheon.

12.40.—Resumption of boat traffic.

2.20.—Boat traffic in Portland Harbour, north of a line 270deg. from the south side of East Ship Channel, and in the fleet anchored in Weymouth Bay, to cease.

2.30.—The King, attended by the same officers, leaves the Victoria and Albert in the royal barge, preceded by a M.T.B. and followed by a barge or M.T.B. with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and proceeds round the Fleet returning to the Royal Yacht about 4.30.

If weather is unsuitable for the barge, the King leaves Victoria and Albert at 2.30 and transfers to Enchantress for the inspection of the Fleet, returning to Victoria and Albert about 4.30. The Royal Standard will be transferred to Enchantress, while the King is on board. Two motor torpedo boats will escort Enchantress.

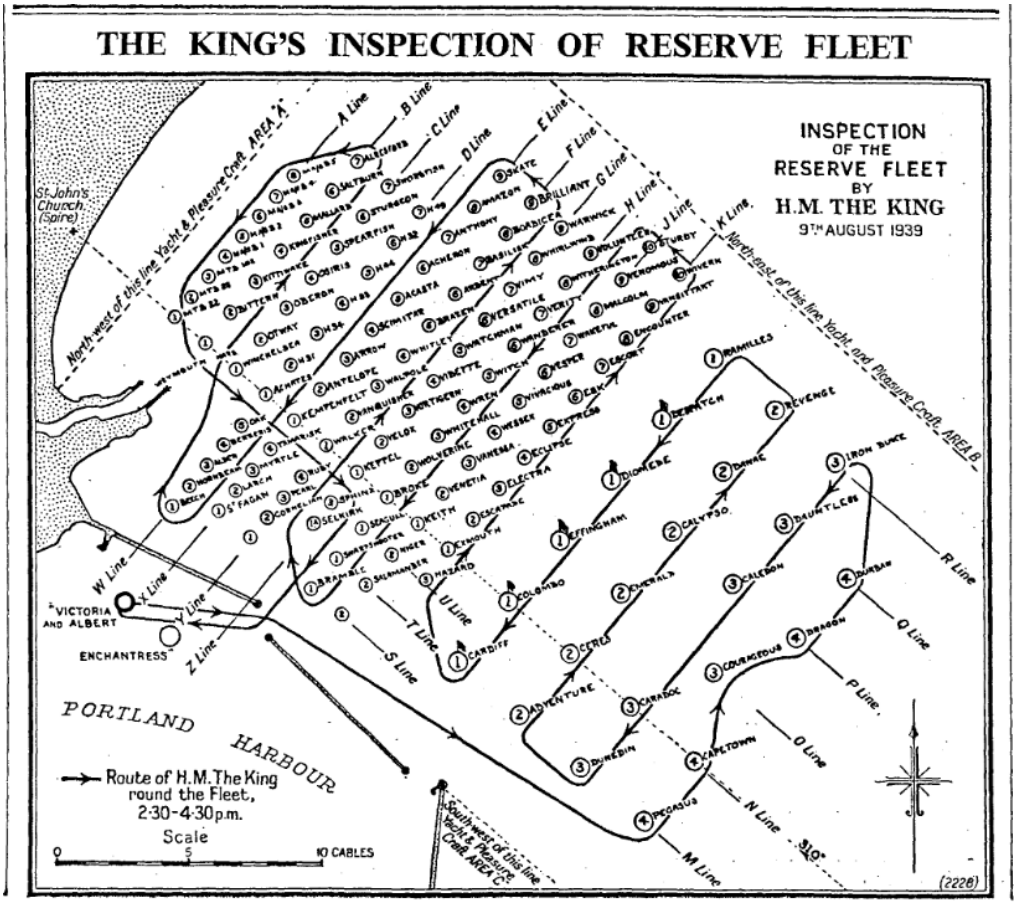
5.30.—The King disembarks at Bincleaves Pier and proceeds by car to Weymouth Station. The Royal Standard will be struck in Victoria and Albert. Saluting ships will fire a royal salute. Resumption of boat traffic.

6.—Royal train leaves.

7.—Dispersal of fleet begins.

Sunset.—Undress ship.

King's visit to HMS Exmouth at the Reserve Fleet Review August 1939



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