

NAVY ENTERTAINS ARABIAN PRINCES

Their Royal Highnesses, the Amir Feisal and the Amir Khalid of Saudi Arabia, who are on a visit to this country, were the guests of the Royal Navy recently when they made a tour of naval establishments on the south coast.

The Royal Party were received at Portsmouth by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Charles J.C. Little, C.B.E., R.C.D., and the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Sir Dennis Daly.

Their Royal Highnesses, who were accompanied by Sheikh Hafiz Wadha, Minister of Saudi Arabia in London, Sheikh Abdul Khair, an officer of the Arabian Court and Colonel de Gaury of the British War Office, inspected a naval Royal Guard of Honour in the shadow of the old flagship, H.M.S. Victory, and a Royal Marines band played the Arabian National Anthem before the party went on board.

Their Royal Highnesses showed a keen interest in the Trafalgar relics. They posed for photographs at the spot where Nelson fell, and had lunch in Nelson's cabin, where they signed the visitors' book.

They finished their tour with a visit to one of H.M. submarines to which they were conveyed in the Admiral's barge. They were conducted over every part of the ship by her commanding officer, Lt. P. B. Marriott, D.S.O., R.N., of Birmingham.

The engines were set in motion for the benefit of the royal visitors and an explanation of the working of the torpedo tubes included the "dummy" firing of one of the tubes.

They viewed the harbour through the submarine's periscope, and were interested to learn that they were among the ship's last visitors before her departure on an operational patrol.

After their Royal Highnesses had left the submarine, the crew tried to decipher the Royal signatures in the ship's visitors' book. They were unable to decide which was which of the two because they were both inscribed in Arabic.

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