

ROYAL OAK SURVIVORS.

Survivors of the Battleship Royal Oak have returned to their home depot to be issued with new equipment and to await instructions to join a new ship. Out of the darkness of this dreadful tragedy the buoyant spirits of the men who were saved shines brightly. The spirit of the Navy endures; misfortune only serves to strengthen the determination of the Fleet in carrying out its arduous duties . In the early morning they reported to barracks in makeshift clothing, to be fitted out with new uniforms.

These streets have known many tragedies in war-time.... and the joy of the relatives welcoming the survivors is tempered with the bereavement of more than 800 men who died.

This was Trafalgar Day
We have recorded a few words from two survivors of the Royal Oak --- first Petty Officer Maine

~~and Engine Room Artificer Conner.~~

And how did you escape?
And Engine Room Artificer Conner.

Planes.