

Lying at anchor in Cromarty Firth, ships of the Fleet were at home to Royal Visitors. After meeting Officers of the cruiser "Superb" - the Queen and Prince Philip received a salute from the ship's company.

Sailing across the anchorage in the Royal Barge - a similar visit was ~~made to the aircraft~~

made to other vessels, including the aircraft-carrier "Ocean" - while seagulls wheeled and dipped ^{or ahead} ~~in the air~~ SOUND.

During that North Sea meeting, the Queen (from the Royal Yacht "Britannia") had seen the grandeur of a Fleet at sea. Now, aboard the mighty carrier, she was paying gracious tribute to the men who manned the proud vessels.

On the roomy decks of the carrier were also assembled the ship's companies of smaller vessels. ~~There were also~~

The following day, the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal (a famous name in Naval history) became a floating grandstand, when the Queen and the Duke watched a demonstration of modern sea power.

An impressive sight as the steam catapult launches Sea Hawks, Gannets and Wyverns. SOUND

In tight formations, the planes made rocket and cannon attacks ~~under~~ - under mock battle conditions. SOUND

The Home Fleet had demonstrated the changing pattern of Naval strategy. Yet, there was room, too, for age-old tradition; for in her message of thanks the Queen gave the order "Splice the Mainbrace".