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### "AMETHYST" PROCESSION THROUGH LONDON

Forty-eight hours later, the "Well done" signal goes out again from London, as the capital salutes the men who came back from the Yangtse. From the misty heat of the China river they have come back to the foggy dampness of the Thames. On Horse Guards Parade, the Prime Minister leads the nation's tribute to the men who wear those lustrous cap bands - Amethyst, Black Swan, Consort, London - names that rang round the world and told a story of courage. Headed by a marine band; cheered by thousands, the Commanders who led them in battle now lead them to receive the thanks of the City of London, along the same famous route as that used nine years ago by the men of Ajax and their comrades from the River Plate.

In little more than five minutes, the procession is past. But the memory of these brave 300 men lingered on to stir the minds of thousands who follow on behind.

At the Guildhall, the thin blue line gets another tumultuous greeting. There to represent the City of London is newly-installed Lord Mayor, Sir Frederick Rowland.

In honouring the men from the Yangtse, the capital and the nation also honour those not represented here - the countless thousands who in many parts of the world are upholding Britain's name as truly and as gallantly as they who've met here.