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H.M.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH - - Inspection by
Commander-in-Chief prior to resuming service
as flagship in the Mediterranean.

-Devonport-

Picture:- The future of this great warship is now settled, for the time at least! Plymouth's Commander-in-Chief comes aboard to inspect the ship's officers and men before they steam away to resume service in the--

--first Battle Squadron. Vice-Admiral Fullerton receives and returns the salute of the fifty officers. That's very like work!

General inspection follows. "Queen Elizabeth", you will remember,--

--was Admiral' Beatty's, flagship during the War and now in peace, she is to--

--serve as flagship in the Mediterranean. The last to be inspected are the Marines, the Soldiers of the Sea - - once rudely nicknamed "Red Harrings". As she leaves, moving with a--

--majesty befitting her name, wives, sweethearts, mothers and daughters wave a cheery farewell--

--to the thousand men of her crew. It will be a long--

--time before they meet again. But sailors' wives are used to waiting.