

RETYPE OF FADED NEWSPAPER CUTTING HMS  
VICTORY

Date:

Victory Raising

Last Stage Completed at Portsmouth

SIGHTSEERS FROM KENT

The operations for lifting H.M.S. Victory in dry-dock were completed at Portsmouth on Wednesday. For the third time in the course of a few weeks the ship was re-floated by the pumping of water into the dock and when she had been raised to a sufficient height four divers descended to place temporary blocks under the keel. As a result of the operations the old ship has now been lifted just over seven feet forward and five feet at the stern.

Credit is due to the Dockyard authorities for the way in which the work on the ancient wooden vessel has been performed. A most elaborate scheme of internal shoring was resorted to in order that the hull would withstand the pressure occasioned by the flooding of the dock and equally elaborate precautions were taken for shoring up and securing the ship from the dock side.

Wednesdays operations were watched by many interested visitors among them were a party of 50 boys and girls from the Central School, Welling, Kent who made a tour of the dockyard, and were granted permission to proceed on board H.M.S. Revenge, the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet. The Admiral-

Superintendent [Rear Admiral B.S. Thesiger] also received the party during the afternoon.

The children were greatly interested in all they were shown in the dockyard and outside concerning Portsmouth's association with the British Navy. The party are spending ten days in south Hants making Sandown, Isle of Wight, their headquarters. They have already been on a walking tour through Shanklin and Vetnor, and have been shown over St Catherine's lighthouse. A trip was made to Southampton, where they were entertained on board the White Star Liner Olympic, On Thursday the children are making a coast tour of the Isle of Wight before returning to their homes at the end of the week.

The children belong to an elementary school and they have saved up for their highly instructive and enjoyable holiday, which is being run at an inclusive fee of 45s for each child. The party is in charge of Mr J.E. Henderson a Master at the school.