

Back on parade at Portsmouth - these old Sailors, ~~being~~ inspected by the C-in-C, Sir John Edelsten, were celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Royal Naval Barracks; Naturally, <sup>they</sup> ~~they~~ looked in at their Old Quarters - which they first occupied in 1903, <sup>(down)</sup> ~~And then cast~~ <sup>at the</sup> ~~a~~ weather-eye over present-day service conditions.

So no wonder the general comment seemed to be "Swab the decks," all this and floor polishers, too.

During the Celebration Parade - a Guard of Honour, <sup>in uniform of</sup> ~~1906~~ 1906 vintage - marched past Sir John. But first they gave a drill display which brought back half-forgotten memories to the veterans - the oldest of whom was 89. Then - the modern Navy took over and demonstrated to "Old Jack" that although life in the service has become more comfortable - the same high standards have been maintained.

At the birthday party which followed - a giant cake, weighing four hundredweight was cut by Lady Stirling-Hamilton. So - those Old Salts are looking forward to many more happy returns.