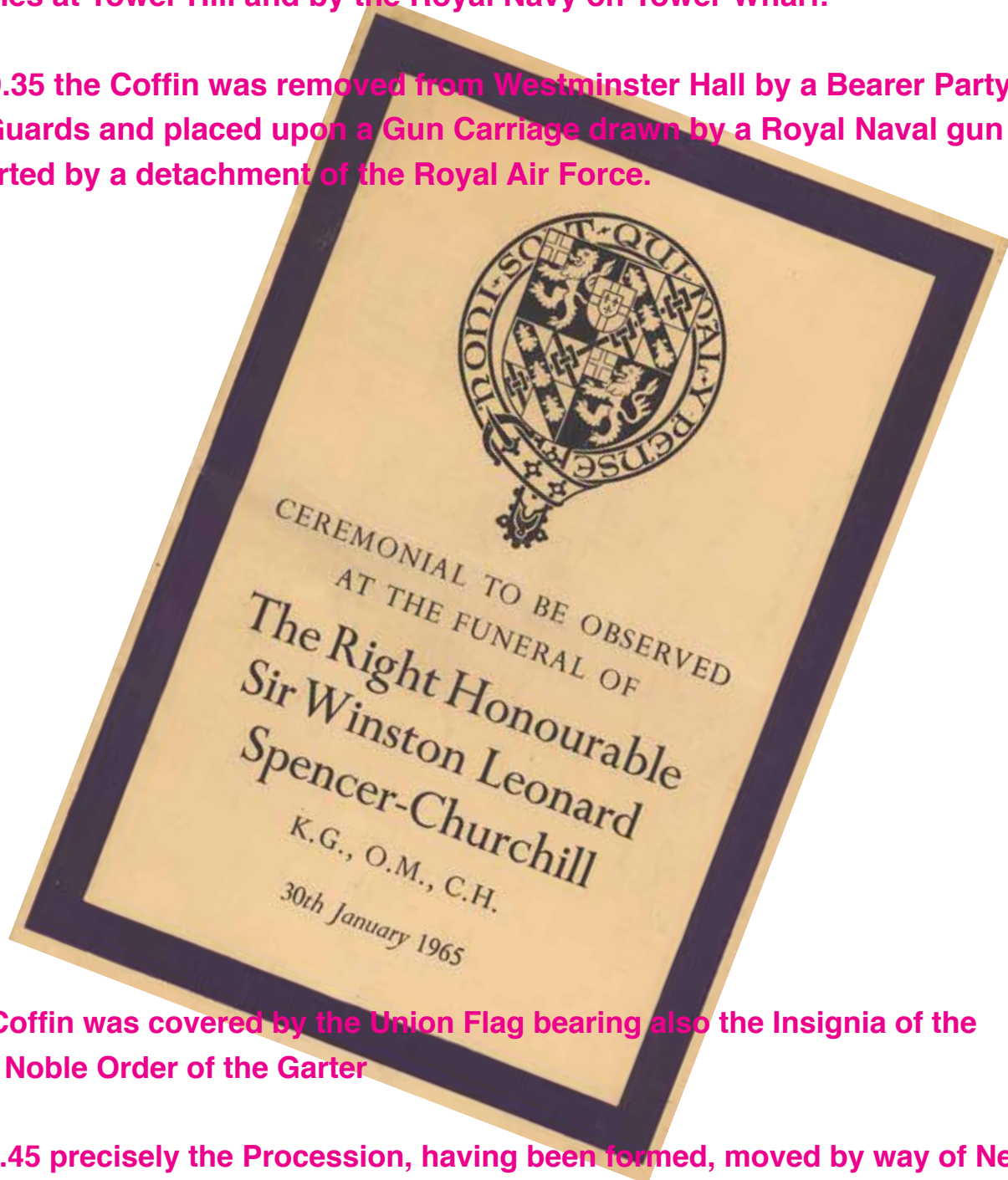


On this day in 1965 Sir Winston Churchill K.G., O.M., C.H. was laid to rest following a ceremonial funeral at St Paul's Cathedral. There have only been nine other ceremonial funerals granted to a commoner since 1727.

Guards of Honour were mounted by the Brigade of Guards at New Palace Yard, by the Royal Air Force in the Forecourt of the Cathedral, by the Royal Marines at Tower Hill and by the Royal Navy on Tower Wharf.

At 09.35 the Coffin was removed from Westminster Hall by a Bearer Party of the Guards and placed upon a Gun Carriage drawn by a Royal Naval gun crew escorted by a detachment of the Royal Air Force.



The Coffin was covered by the Union Flag bearing also the Insignia of the Most Noble Order of the Garter

At 09.45 precisely the Procession, having been formed, moved by way of New Palace Yard, Parliament Square, Parliament Street, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, the Strand, Fleet Street and Ludgate Hill to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. The Clock in the North Tower of the Palace of Westminster struck the three-quarter hour of the Westminster chime and thereafter remained silent for the remainder of the day.