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Prince Harry in San Diego for some bar-hopping

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Britain's Prince Harry, in Southern California for military training, reportedly came to San Diego for some relaxation over the weekend.



Harry, a.k.a. Capt. Harry Wales, visited several San Diego nightspots, including McP's Irish Bar and Grill in Coronado, owned by a former Navy SEAL and favored by off-duty SEALs from the nearby base, according to KGTV (Channel 10).

He also visited the rooftop restaurant/bar of the Andaz hotel in San Diego's Gaslamp District.

A tweet from the Andaz staff said that "Harry and his friends relaxed with some drinks while watching rugby."

McP's is a block from the Hotel del Coronado where local legend holds that Edward, Prince of Wales, met Wallis Simpson, who was then married to a Navy officer, during an official visit in 1920. Their romance caused Edward to renounce the crown in 1936 for "the woman I love."

The 1920 visit is a matter of history. The supposed meeting between Edward and Mrs. Simpson during an official reception has never been confirmed.

A bar at the hotel is named The Prince of Wales Room.

Harry is part of an Army unit spending two months at the El Centro U.S. Naval Air Facility receiving training on the Apache helicopter. Harry has already deployed to Afghanistan and may return soon.

The unmarried 27-year-old is third in line for the British crown.

--Tony Perry in San Diego

Photo: Prince Harry, second from left, arrives Thursday at Naval Air Facility El Centro in California.
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