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of
HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II
and
H.R.H The Duke of Edinburgh

MAY, 1954.

Itinerary of the ROYAL COMMONWEALTH TOUR

H.M. Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh set out from the United Kingdom on their momentous tour of the Commonwealth on November 23, 1953.

BERMUDA

Arrived : November 24.
Departed: November 25.

JAMAICA, *British West Indies*

Arrived : November 25.
Departed: November 27.

REPUBLIC of PANAMA

Arrived : November 29.
Departed: November 30.

FIJI ISLANDS

Arrived : December 17.
Departed: December 19.

TONGA (*Friendly Islands*)

Arrived : December 19.
Departed: December 20.

NEW ZEALAND

Arrived : December 23.
From New Zealand, Her Majesty broadcast her traditional Christmas Message to the Commonwealth and Empire.
Departed: January 30.

AUSTRALIA

Arrived : February 3.
In Australia, the Queen among other duties opened the current session of a new Parliament.
Departed: April 1.

COCOS ISLANDS

Arrived : April 5.
Departed: April 5.

CEYLON

Arrived : April 10.
Departed: April 21.

ADEN

Arrived : April 27.
Departed: April 28.

UGANDA

Arrived : April 28.
Departed: April 30.

TOBRUK

Arrived : May 1.
At Tobruk, Her Majesty joined her two children, The Duke of Cornwall and Princess Anne, aboard the new Royal yacht "Britannia".
Departed: May 1.

MALTA

Arrived : May 3.
Departed: May 7.

GIBRALTAR

Arrived : May 10.
Departed: May 11.

Timetable of H.M.Y. "BRITANNIA" in Home Waters

FRIDAY, MAY 14th

The Royal yacht "Britannia" and her escort will enter the English Channel early on the morning of May 14.

9 a.m.: Home Fleet to rendezvous with "Britannia" nine miles south-south-east of Plymouth and fire a Royal salute.

10 a.m.: Mediterranean Fleet ships ("Glasgow", "Saintes" and "Barfleur") acting as close ocean escorts, part company off Salcombe, Devon.

10.30 a.m.: Four and a half miles off Start Point, Devon.

11.15 a.m.: Four miles off entrance to River Dart.

11.30 a.m.: Two and a half miles off Berry Head, Devon.

11.45 a.m.: Off Tor Bay.

12.30 p.m.: Ten miles south of Sidmouth.

3 p.m.: Four miles south of Portland Bill.

4.15 p.m.: Steam past by carriers of the Home Fleet training squadron and by submarines five miles off St. Alban's Head, Dorset.

4.50 p.m.: Home Fleet begins to steam past three miles off Anvil Point.

5.30 p.m.: Home Fleet escort (except H.M.S. "Duchess") leaves the Royal yacht. H.M.S. "Grenville" and fast patrol boats join H.M.S. "Duchess" to escort the "Britannia" through the Needles Channel and Solent.

6 p.m.: Needles Channel.

6.40 p.m.: Off Cowes, fly-past by Fleet Air Arm off Egypt Point.

7.15 p.m.: Off Spithead.

8 p.m.: Off the Nab Tower: H.M.S. "Jamaica" resumes as an escort to continue with H.M.S. "Duchess" to the Great Nore.

SATURDAY, MAY 15th

1 a.m.: "Britannia" and her escort will be off Beachy Head.

4 a.m.: In the Dover Strait.

Admiral Sir Michael Denny, the Commander-in-Chief, will fly his flag in H.M.S. "Vanguard" when ships of the Home Fleet join the "Britannia" and her escort at the rendezvous off Plymouth.

The Home Fleet will be: the battleship "Vanguard"; "Jamaica", cruiser; "Apollo", fast minelayer; "Decoy" and "Diana", Daring class; "Agincourt", "Barrosa", "Aisne", "Corunna", destroyers; "Venus", "Virago", "Veralum", "Vigilant", frigates; "Orwell", frigate, Plymouth Command; "Obdurate", destroyer, Nore Command; "Tyrian", frigate, 2nd Training Squadron; and "Tenacious", frigate, 3rd Training Squadron.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

At 4.15 p.m. on May 14, five miles off St. Alban's Head, the aircraft carriers "Implacable" and "Indefatigable", of the Home Fleet training squadron, will pass to windward of the "Britannia", manning ship and cheering as they do so. Half a mile astern, they will be followed by the submarines "Artful", "Anchorite", "Acheron", "Trespasser", "Scorcher", "Subtle" and "Selene", led by the Flag Officer, Submarines, Rear-Admiral G. B. H. Fawkes, in the submarine "Alliance".

FLY-PAST BY JETS

Off Cowes at 6.40 p.m. jet aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm will fly past in single formation. The squadrons taking part will be: 813 Squadron of Wyvern strike aircraft; 802 of Sea Hawk fighters; 804 of Sea Hawks; 898 of Sea Hawks; and 890 of Sea Venom all-weather fighters.

ROYAL YACHT PILOTS

H.M.Y. "Britannia" will be piloted through the English Channel by W. H. Humphreys and up the River Thames by H. J. Wynn.



ORDER OF

SATURDAY, 15th MAY, 1954

9.30 a.m.: The Royal yacht "Britannia", escorted by H.M.S. "Duchess", and the cruiser "Jamaica" and aircraft of Coastal Command will arrive off the Great Nore (Sheerness).

The Duke of Gloucester, as Master of Trinity House, will be on board the Trinity House yacht "Patricia" which will meet "Britannia" in the Thames approaches.

9.50 a.m. The battery at Sheerness centre bastion will fire a salute.

H.M.Y. "Britannia" preceded by the "Patricia" and motor launch "Nore" will proceed upstream as follows:

Lower Hope Reach	.....	10.40 a.m.	app.
Gravesend Reach	.....	11.00 a.m.	,,
St. Clement Reach	.....	11.30 a.m.	,,
Halfway Reach	.....	12.00 noon	,,
Gallions Reach	.....	12.20 p.m.	,,
Bugsby's Reach	.....	12.45 p.m.	,,
Greenwich Reach	.....	1.00 p.m.	,,
Lower Pool	.....	1.15 p.m.	,,

1.35 p.m. The Royal yacht will berth at Battlebridge Tier. As she berths a Royal Salute will be fired by a troop of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich Gun Park.

H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER

1.10 p.m. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, with Princess Margaret, will leave Clarence House by car and go to Tower Pier to board the "Britannia", by way of:

The Mall — Spur Road — Birdcage Walk — Great George Street — Bridge Street — Victoria Embankment — Queen Victoria Street — Cannon Street — Eastcheap — Byward Street — Tower Hill.

THE ROYAL BARGE

3 p.m. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with the Duke of Cornwall and Princess Anne, accompanied by the Queen

Mother and Princess Margaret, will embark in the Royal barge. Then, escorted by the Port of London Authority barge "Nore", three boats of the Metropolitan Police and four fast naval patrol boats, will proceed upstream through the centre arches of all bridges to Westminster Pier.

WESTMINSTER PIER

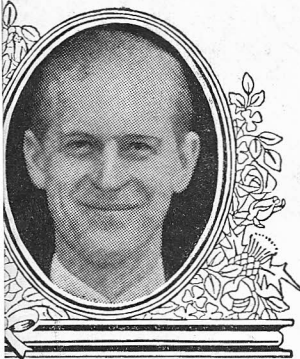
3.15 p.m. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family, will be met at Westminster Pier by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Princess Royal, and the Duchess of Kent.

Admiral Sir John Edelsten, First and Principal Naval A.D.C., Admiral Sir Geoffrey Oliver, C-in-C. the North, and Viscount Waverley, Chairman of the Port of London Authority, will be in attendance at Westminster Pier.

As Her Majesty lands a salute will be fired by the Honourable Artillery Company at the Tower of London, and in Hyde Park by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

Among those present at Westminster Pier will be:

The Lord Lieutenant for the County of London, the Prime Minister, High Commissioner for Australia, High Commissioner for New Zealand, High Commissioner for Ceylon, Home Secretary, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Colonial Secretary, Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, C.I.G.S., Chief of the Air Staff, G.O.C.-in-C. Eastern Command, G.O.C.,



PROCESSION

London District; A.O.C.-in-C., Home Command; Metropolitan Commissioner of Police, chairman of London County Council, and Mayor of Westminster.

The French Ambassador, as doyen, will receive the Queen and the Duke on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps. A party of the Queen's Watermen will be present.

Her Majesty will inspect the guard of honour of the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, which will be mounted on the Embankment.

DRIVE TO PALACE

H.M. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, with the Duke of Cornwall and Princess Anne, will drive in carriages to Buckingham Palace.

They will be escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of Household Cavalry, with standard, and will go by way of:-

BRIDGE STREET

WHITEHALL

ADMIRALTY ARCH

THE MALL

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The route will be lined by members of the Armed Services and five bands will be mounted at vantage points.

The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Princess Royal, and the Duchess of Kent will leave by cars after the Queen and the Duke have left Westminster Pier. They will travel to Buckingham Palace by way of **Bridge Street — St. George Street — Birdcage Walk — Buckingham Gate.**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

At the Palace the Queen and the Duke will be greeted by members of the Royal Family and will be received in the Grand Hall by members of the Queen's Household.

Guards of the Queen's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and of the Yeomen of the Guard will be on duty in the Grand Hall.

The Queen's Guard, found by the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards, "completed to 100 rank and file" with the Queen's Colour and band of the regiment, will be mounted in the quadrangle of Buckingham Palace.

R.A.F. MASS FLY-PAST

A mass formation of 180 jet fighters and bombers will escort the Royal yacht "Britannia". Taking part will be 96 Meteors and 24 Sabres of Fighter Command, 36 Canberras of Bomber Command and 24 Sabres of the Royal Canadian Air Force stationed in Britain.

They will form up over the east coast into two broad arrowheads of 72 fighters each followed by two groups of 18 bombers. The formation will pass over Clacton and Southend, turning up the Thames estuary towards Woolwich.

At 12.25 p.m. it will fly over the "Britannia" between 1,200 and 3,000ft. as the ship passes along Gallions Reach, Woolwich.

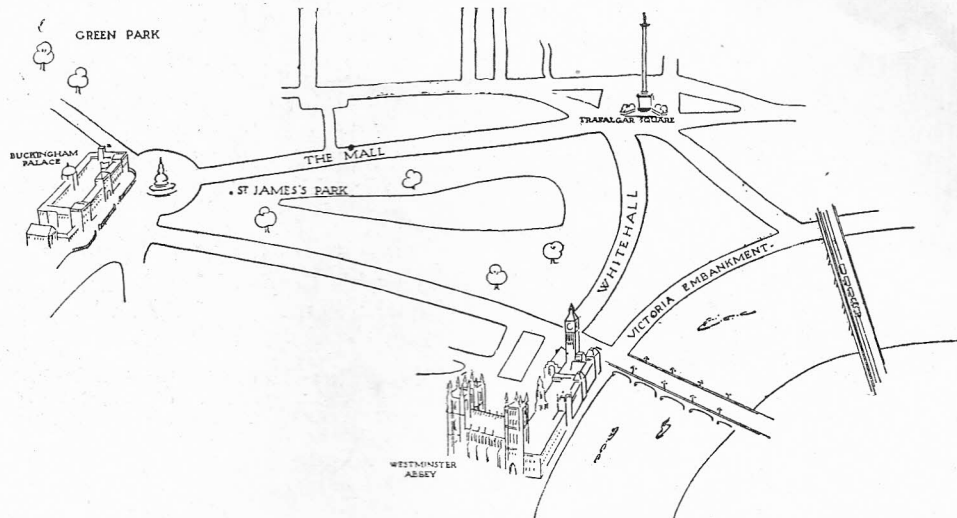
FOG OR BAD WEATHER

Should fog or bad weather prevent the Royal yacht "Britannia" from reaching the Pool of London, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh with the Duke of Cornwall and Princess Anne, will disembark at Gravesend or Greenwich.

The Royal Family will then drive by car to Buckingham Palace, passing the various points from Victoria Embankment to the Palace as arranged for their drive from Westminster Pier.



PLAN OF ROUTE



THE ROYAL PROCESSIONAL ROUTE

WESTMINSTER PIER
 PARLIAMENT STREET
 WHITEHALL

TRAFALGAR SQUARE
 ADMIRALTY ARCH
 THE MALL

ILLUMINATIONS

The following buildings and landmarks will be illuminated every night from 10 o'clock on 15th May:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
 ST. JAMES'S PALACE — ADMIRALTY ARCH
 NELSON'S COLUMN
 THE NATIONAL GALLERY
 THE WAR OFFICE
 TRAFALGAR SQUARE FOUNTAINS
 THE HORSE GUARDS — BIG BEN
 WESTMINSTER ABBEY
 SOMERSET HOUSE — LAMBETH PALACE
 THE TOWER OF LONDON
 THE ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, Greenwich
 THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, Greenwich
 THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE
 WHITEHALL
 ADMIRALTY OLD BLOCK

THE INDIA OFFICE
 WHITEHALL GARDENS
 CARLTON HOUSE-TERRACE
 THE DUKE OF YORK'S STATUE
 ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE
 ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST, Fleet Street
 ST. BRIDE'S, Fleet Street
 ST. MARTIN'S-WITHIN-LUDGATE
 ST. MARY-LE-BOW, Cheapside
 ST. MARY ALDERMARY
 MANSION HOUSE — OLD BAILEY
 THE CITY OF LONDON BOYS' SCHOOL
 BLACKFRIARS — THE MONUMENT
 TOWER BRIDGE — COUNTY HALL
 THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
 WESTMINSTER BRIDGE
 WATERLOO BRIDGE
 VICTORIA EMBANKMENT and GARDENS



City Drive

WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY, 1954

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh will drive in procession to the Mansion House to a luncheon given by The Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London to celebrate the Royal Homecoming.

Her Majesty and The Duke will ride in carriage procession and will be escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of Household Cavalry. They will leave Buckingham Palace at 12.30 p.m. and will go by way of :-

THE MALL
TRAFALGAR SQUARE (South Side)
STRAND
TEMPLE BAR

At Temple Bar, the City boundary, Her Majesty will halt. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowater, Bart., M.C., will offer to Her Majesty the City Sword, and will then lead the Royal Procession to the Mansion House via :-

FLEET STREET
LUDGATE CIRCUS
LUDGATE HILL
ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD
CHEAPSIDE
POULTRY
1.0 p.m. **MANSION HOUSE**

On arrival at the Mansion House, H.M. The Queen will receive a Royal Salute. Her Majesty will then inspect a Guard of Honour of the Honourable Artillery Company and after meeting civic dignitaries will pass inside to the luncheon.



SIR NOEL BOWATER, Bart., M.C.

3 p.m. The Royal Party will return to Buckingham Palace by car via :-

QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT
HORSE GUARDS AVENUE
THE MALL
BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Ceremony of the Sword

When the reigning Monarch enters the City of London on State occasions, the historic and impressive Ceremony of the Presentation of the Sword takes place.

Here, on the boundary line, the Queen's Carriage will halt, and the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Noel Bowater, Bart., M.C., will surrender to the Queen the Sword that is the City's symbol of its independence. The Queen will touch the hilt and return the Sword to the Lord Mayor for safe keeping. The ceremony dates back to Plantagenet days, probably as far as the reign of Edward the Third (1327-1377). The "Pearl Sword" which is used at present for the ceremony was a gift to the City from Queen Elizabeth the First when she opened the first Royal Exchange in 1570.

H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S

Message to the Commonwealth

(Broadcast to the World from Auckland, New Zealand)

Christmas Day, 1953.

Last Christmas I spoke to you from England. This year I am doing so from New Zealand. Auckland, which I reached only two days ago, is, I suppose, as far as any city in the world from London, and I have travelled some thousands of miles through many changing scenes and climates on my voyage here.

In spite of all that, however, I find myself today completely and most happily at home. Of course, we all want our children at Christmas time, for that is the season above all others when each family gathers at its own hearth. I hope that perhaps mine are listening to me now, and I am sure that when the time comes they, too, will be great travellers.

My husband and I left London a month ago, but we have already paid short visits to Bermuda, Jamaica, Fiji, and Tonga, and have passed through Panama. I should like to thank all our hosts very warmly for the kindness of their welcome and the great pleasure of our stay. In a short time we shall be visiting Australia and later, Ceylon, and before we end this great journey we shall catch a glimpse of other places in Asia, Africa, and in the Mediterranean.

So this will be a voyage right round the world—the first that a Queen of England has been privileged to make as Queen.

But what is really important to me is that I set out on this journey in order to see as much as possible of the people and countries of the Commonwealth and Empire, to learn at first hand something of their triumphs and difficulties, and something of their hopes and fears. At the same time, I want to show that the Crown is not merely an abstract symbol of our unity but a personal and living bond between you and me.

Some people have expressed the hope that my reign may mark a new Elizabethan age. Frankly, I do not myself feel at all like my great Tudor forbear, who was blessed with neither husband nor children, who ruled as a despot, and was never able to leave her native shores. But there is at least one very significant resemblance between her age and mine. For her kingdom, small though it may have been and poor by comparison with her European neighbours, was yet great in spirit and well endowed with men who were ready to encompass the earth.

Now, this great Commonwealth, of which I am so proud to be the head, and of which that ancient kingdom forms a part, though rich in material resources is richer still in the enterprise and courage of its peoples.

Little did those adventurous heroes of Tudor and Stuart times realize what would grow from

the settlements which they and later pioneers founded. From the Empire of which they built the frame there has arisen a world-wide fellowship of nations, of a type never seen before. In that fellowship, the United Kingdom is an equal partner with many other proud and independent nations, and she is leading yet other still backward nations forward to the same goal. All these nations have helped to create our Commonwealth, and all are equally concerned to maintain, develop, and defend it against any challenge that may come.

As I travel across the world today, I am ever more deeply impressed with the achievement and the opportunity which the modern Commonwealth presents. Like New Zealand, from whose North Island I am speaking, every one of its nations can be justly proud of what it has built for itself on its own soil. But their greatest achievement, I suggest, is the Commonwealth itself, and that owes much to all of them.

Thus formed, the Commonwealth bears no resemblance to the empires of the past. It is an entirely new conception—built on the highest qualities of the spirit of man: friendship, loyalty, and the desire for freedom and peace. To that new conception of an equal partnership of nations and races I shall give myself heart and soul every day of my life.

I wished to speak of it from New Zealand this Christmas Day because we are celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, who preached the brotherhood of man. May that brotherhood be furthered by all our thoughts and deeds from year to year. In pursuit of that supreme ideal the Commonwealth is moving steadily towards greater harmony between its many creeds, colours, and races, in spite of the imperfections by which, like every human institution, it is best.

Already, indeed in the last half century, it has proved itself the most effective and progressive association of peoples which history has yet seen; and its ideal of brotherhood embraces the whole world. To all my peoples throughout the Commonwealth I commend that Christmas hope and prayer.

And now I want to say something to my people in New Zealand. Last night a most grievous railway accident took place at Tangiwai which will have brought tragedy into many homes and sorrow into all upon this Christmas Day. I know there is no one in New Zealand, and indeed throughout the Commonwealth, who will not join with my husband and me in sending to those who mourn a message of sympathy in their loss. I pray that they and all who have been injured may be comforted and strengthened.