

# The Duke of Kent Flies Atlantic

## Visit to Canada

*From Daily Mail Correspondent*

OTTAWA, Tuesday.

**T**HE Duke of Kent—first member of the Royal Family to fly the Atlantic—landed in Canada to-day after a secret flight in a Liberator, one of the huge four-engined American bombers which can make the crossing in eight hours.

During the flight the Duke, who holds a pilot's licence, spent part of the time in the cockpit.

He had been seen off this morning from a British aerodrome by the Duchess.

His flight was rapid, comfortable, and without incident. A special message, announcing his safe arrival, was sent at once to the King.

The Duke, who is a group captain in the R.A.F., will be in Canada for six to eight weeks, inspecting the Empire air training schools, where thousands of young men from Britain and the Empire are getting ready to join in the R.A.F. offensive.

Before his flight he spent a few days near the aerodrome watching the arrival of huge bombing planes flown to Britain from American factories. The plane in which he flew was one of those which takes the ferry pilots back to Canada.

## Everywhere by Plane

He first landed at Montreal, where he was met by Air Vice-Marshal Breadner, chief of Canada's Air Staff, and then flew on to Ottawa in another plane.

Here he was met by the Earl of Athlone, Governor - General of Canada; Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister; and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner. He was accompanied by Group Captain Sir Louis Greig and Flight-Lieut. P. J. Ferguson.

A schedule of engagements involving "a programme as arduous and extensive as that undertaken by the King and Queen on their tour" is being presented for his approval, it was officially stated.

He and his staff will visit everywhere by plane—and no other plane will be allowed within 100 miles.

Although his visit is primarily a Service one, he will, as circumstances permit, make public appearances and inspect factories and shipyards.

It is not decided whether he will visit the United States, but a decision is expected to-morrow. No plans have been made for the Duke to meet his brother, the Duke of Windsor.

# DUKE OF KENT FLIES ATLANTIC

## MAY VISIT U.S.

From Our Own Correspondent

OTTAWA, Tuesday.

The Duke of Kent arrived here by air to-night. He is the first member of the Royal family to fly the Atlantic.

He made the crossing in a Liberator, an 18-ton American four-engined bomber. This is one of the ferry service 'planes in which pilots flying bombers to this country regularly make the return trip.

The Duke, who is to study the operation of the Commonwealth air training scheme in Canada, is reported to be considering the possibility of making a brief visit to the United States before returning to Britain in a few weeks.

It would be purely an informal visit. A decision may be announced to-morrow, when his Canadian itinerary will be made known.

The Duke, who left England in the morning, arrived at an East Canada airport about nine hours later. After a bath and a meal, he boarded a Royal Canadian Air Force 'plane and flew to Ottawa.

Here he was met by the Earl of Athlone, Governor - General of Canada; Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner.

The Duke described his flight as "reasonably comfortable but very tiring." He spent part of the time in the cockpit, showing great interest in the controls.

After a short sleep at Rideau Hall, the Earl of Athlone's residence, which will be his headquarters, the Duke was the guest at an informal dinner arranged by the Government.

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## TO CANADA IN BOMBER

The Duke of Kent arrived in Canada yesterday, having crossed in a Liberator bomber. He is the first member of the Royal Family to cross the Atlantic by air. He left London on Monday night by train and took off on his flight early yesterday.

A special message announcing that the Duke of Kent had reached Canada safely was sent at once to the King. The Duke, who made his first flight more than 10 years ago, holds a pilot's licence and has always been keen on air travel. While in Canada the Duke will inspect R.A.F. training centres under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

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## ARRIVAL IN OTTAWA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

OTTAWA, JULY 29

The Duke of Kent reached Montreal by air early to-day, and after attending a reception by the Royal Canadian Air Force officers' mess, proceeded to Ottawa in a service aeroplane. He was met at the airport by the Earl of Athlone, the Governor-General, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British High Commissioner, and others, and drove to Rideau Hall.

The Duke was accompanied on his flight by Group Captain Sir Louis Greig and Flight Lieutenant P. J. Ferguson.

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It is understood that the Duke contemplates a stay in Canada of about six weeks, and that time will not permit him to visit the United States.

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