

WEDDING INTEREST HEIGHTENS

Here were queues all day when the public was given the chance to see the four-tier wedding cake made by first-rate craftsmen for Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten. Imposing though it is ~~mmmm~~ the cake is smaller than was suggested, the Princess having asked for something more in keeping with the difficult times. Plaques illustrate

activities of the happy couple, ~~HMS Valiant~~ *in glorious technique.*
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monogram ^{as} is featured, and the Princess is shown as Colonel of the Grenadiers. ^{Ths} Also the badge of the A.T.S., in which she served. ~~As the proof even of wedding cake is in the eating, the confectioners part of the job is guaranteed first rate.~~

At the country home of the Duchess of Kent Her Royal Highness posed with two of her children, Princess Alexandra, now nearly eleven, and Prince Michael, who is five. The Princess will be a bridesmaid, her brother a page.

The Duchess, ~~bereaved when the Duke was killed on active service,~~ will make one of her nowadays rare public appearances, at the royal wedding.

At Broadlands, Hampshire home of the Earl of Mountbatten, the Lieutenant and his bride will spend the first part of the honeymoon, before going to a house near Balmoral.

Preparations to receive the royal pair are going ahead.

They will occupy the south wing. The head gardener, a valet and the housekeeper make up the entire staff while Lord Mountbatten is away in India, *but*

Breadlands, ^{an} eighteenth century mansion, was the birthplace of the famous foreign minister, Lord Palmerston. Fine as it is, nowhere in Britain during November is the ideal spot for a honeymoon, ~~though honeymoons~~ *May to Royal honeymoon* camouflage even November in rosy tints. ~~May the royal stay at Breadlands be one of happiness unconfined.~~

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