

Sydney awaits the dawn, a city ablaze with lights - like myriad beacons signalling the proud news that, in a few hours, Australians would greet their Queen.

The day dawned, with the answer to countless hopes, a welcoming sun to smile upon the Royal Liner "Gothic" as she entered the harbour - shepherded by ships of the Royal Australian Navy.

For the vast multitude that thronged every vantage point around the world's largest harbour, the long night of vigil was forgotten. ^{THIS} ~~their~~ was their day, with their Queen entering their harbour - the first reigning Sovereign to visit their shores.

Nor was the welcome confined to land alone. Around the Gothic, hundreds of ~~boats~~ ^{keels} bobbed and curtseyed in the swell - from portly old ferry-boats to trim-lined ~~boats~~ ^{sailing-craft}. A Marine welcome in a ~~fitting~~ setting fit ~~for~~ for a Queen.

From early morning, the Queen and the Duke, aboard the Gothic, had responded to the cheers of welcome. But now they prepared to leave the liner - their home for so many ^{hundreds of} miles. (3)

And in the Royal Barge, they continued across the huge harbour ^{Now} through a lane of little ships ^{OVER FOUR HUNDRED YACHTSMEN AND THEIR} ~~anchored side by side for two miles. Over four~~ ^{paying their own TRIBUTE.} hundred yachtsmen, their craft dressed for the occasion, were paying tribute to the Queen and her sailor Husband. And quite rightly so, for the story of Britain and the Commonwealth is the story of men who sailed "little ships!"

So the Queen landed at Farm Cove, where 166 years ago, the first Governor of New South Wales stepped on to Australian soil. To-day, the Governor-General Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, ~~and~~ the State Governor, Sir James Northcote ^{AND PRIME MINISTER MR MENZIES} ~~lead~~ the welcome ~~(L. HOLT)~~

And then the Queen spoke to her loyal Australian subjects / SOUND.

And now listen to an eye-witness account of the historic drive through the streets of Sydney / SOUND.

Ten miles of cheers to Government House - ~~was~~ ~~overlooking~~ the ~~Harbour~~ - the Queen's home during her stay in Sydney.

In the grounds, ~~the~~ Her Majesty inspected the Mounted Section of the New South Wales Police Force - ~~her escort during her drive through the City~~ ^{THE MEN WHO HAD ESCORTED HER} DURING HER CITY DRIVE.

Australian welcome

~~Back in Sydney there was another splendid night for the crowd. The day~~

~~was a most successful one. The crowd was very large and the day was a most~~

~~day.~~

AND NOW LET'S HEAR

~~how the great day ended.~~ SOUND.