

The Mediterranean Fleet steams towards a mid-ocean rendezvous - the meeting with the Royal Yacht "Britannia" - bringing the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh for their eagerly-awaited visit to Malta.

~~... the Duke had acknowledged the greetings of their arrival... the Duke of Edinburgh's~~  
*re-union of*

And now, *after more than five months* and for the first time, ~~for over five months~~ *had been* we see these happy pictures of family re-union. The Royal Parents ~~were~~ looking forward to ~~thinking~~ their return to Malta - where the Queen had spent carefree days with the Duke, before she assumed the heavy responsibilities of the Crown.

The Meeting with the main Fleet - about two hundred miles from Malta - brings a Royal Salute. / SOUND.

~~... the Duke of Edinburgh's... in review - through stately lines of production of water.~~

The Royal Yacht enters the Grand Harbour of Valetta - the signal for a ~~salute~~ *of 21 guns* / ~~as...~~

~~... and frigates, cruisers and~~

With his Fleet safely in - Admiral Earl Mountbatten, ~~was~~ accompanied by the Countess, comes ashore.

And arriving by launch at the Custom House steps - the Queen and the Duke <sup>TO BE</sup> are welcomed to the Island by the Governor, Sir Gerald Creasy.

After the official welcomes, ~~led by the Premier at Government House, the~~ Queen <sup>THE</sup> drove to unveil the new R.A.F. Memorial, which honours more than two thousand Commonwealth airmen.

~~The ceremony began with an inspection of the Royal Guards Air Force Guard of Honour...~~

~~... The proud symbol of the men who died in this theatre of war - and have no known grave...~~ *FIRST AN INSPECTION OF THE R.A.F. GUARD OF HONOUR*

The Memorial, ~~will~~ serve, ~~as~~ as a reminder of Malta's part in World War Two...

Royals in Malta (continued)

Dominated by the Axis Air Force, and suffering round-the-clock raids, Malta became an island fortress.

~~Despite innumerable attacks,~~ <sup>Carried on with their</sup> ~~after each raid, the gallant Islanders cleared away the rubble of their~~ <sup>homes - then returned to their jobs - helping to keep the</sup>

~~...~~ <sup>Mediterranean lifeline unbroken.</sup>

Courage under fire that brought the war-time award of the George Cross to the Island.

And now - the Queen and the Duke pay their own tribute to the R.A.F. personnel who gave their lives in trying to protect the gallant Islanders.

Joining the Queen at this Shrine of Remembrance <sup>were</sup> ~~was a vast~~ company of more than five hundred relatives of the Fallen - who, by air and sea, had made the long pilgrimage to Malta.

And a Royal expression of sympathy helped to ease a poignant moment.

Next day, the Gothic had joined the "Britannia" in the harbour.. And from the Royal Yacht, the Royal Children came ashore to watch the Combined Services Review at Floriana. But first, came <sup>rather</sup> greetings from ~~the~~ ~~Governor~~ - Sir Gerald Creasy.

Both Prince Charles and Princess Anne were dressed in coats of buttercup yellow - with the Princess wearing a panama bonnet, ringed with tiny flowers. / And exciting moment - into the car - for the journey to the Phoenicia Hotel - overlooking the Parade Ground.

Meanwhile, through cheering crowds, the Queen and the Duke made their way to the Review.

High above the arena, two little figures watched excitedly as their parents, from a Land Rover, inspected the long ranks of Malta's Defence Forces. And they laughed with the crowd at a further "unofficial" inspection.

~~THE QUEEN TOOK THE~~

Then - <sup>THE QUEEN TOOK THE</sup> ~~...~~ <sup>AND MARINES</sup> ~~...~~ took the salute as two thousand soldiers, sailors, ~~...~~ airmen proudly marched past their Sovereign.

And in honour of the Royal Visit, Malta presented the famous, though rarely-used "Feu de Joie" Rifle Salute. / SOUND TO END.

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