

24th June 1954

France: At S.H.A.P.F. Headquarters, near Paris, the Duke of Edinburgh was warmly received by General Gruenther, the Supreme Allied Commander, and his deputy, ~~VIXXXXXX~~ Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

And the Duke joined Senior Officers of the Command in a souvenir photograph of his visit.

During his three-day stay in France, Prince Philip inspected the latest aircraft prototypes at a Test Centre, ~~at Bretigny, which included a~~ <sup>THEY INCLUDED A</sup> helicopter called the "lark" because of its powers of vertical take-off. Later, a visit to the Fontainebleau headquarters of Marshal Juin, C-in-C Allied Forces, Central Europe.

~~Here a Garden Party had been arranged in the Duke's honour by General Gruenther and his wife. And His Royal Highness planted a tree, to commemorate his visit to the nerve-centre of Western Defence.~~

~~Accompanied by Sir Gladwyn Jebb, the British Ambassador, the Duke was received by President Coty at the Elysee Palace - and later, in the garden, posed for more photographs...~~

PILOTING HIS PLANE, THE DUKE FLEW ON TO GERMANY.  
AND WAS WELCOMED AT LUNEBERG BY THE C.O OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS. FOLLOWING  
AN INSPECTION A SWORD WAS PRESENTED TO THE  
DUKE — COMMEMORATING AN HISTORIC ROYAL  
VISIT TO OUR TROOPS IN GERMANY.