

~~The~~ Comradeship that was born amid steaming jungle swamps was renewed at the Albert Hall - when more than four thousand veterans of the campaign ~~met~~
~~for the Ninth Burma Reunion~~
celebrated the Ninth Burma Reunion.

The guest of honour was the Duke of Edinburgh, ~~his~~
~~presence~~. He was ~~accompanied~~ accompanied
by Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma, (~~whose name reveals his link as leader~~
~~leader~~ of that victorious campaign) and the Countess.

Addressing the gathering, Earl Mountbatten invited them to pay tribute to
absent friends and comrades / SOUND.

~~This is just over ten years since Earl Mountbatten issued his historical~~
~~message to the veterans of the Burma campaign.~~ SILENT HOMAGE

to British and Commonwealth troops who had advanced over a thousand miles,
to triumph over a ruthless enemy and ^{the most} savage jungle conditions /
Then - continuing his speech - ^{Earl Mountbatten} ~~Lord Louis~~ introduced one of the earliest
members of the Burma Star Association / SOUND