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Royalty in Scotland

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Out of a cheerless North Sea mist - the yacht "Britannia" sailed into Dundee - where a warm Scottish homecoming awaited her Royal passengers. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were returning from their State Visit to Norway, and, on the quayside, the Lord Provost of Dundee and the Secretary-of-State for Scotland - led the welcome of the Highlands. And though incessant rain flouted the brave flags and bunting - yet the cheers of thirty thousand schoolchildren brought happy consolation. No day in Dundee would be complete without a visit to a preserve factory - and soon, the Royal Visitors were following the processing - from fruit to marmalade.

Another source of Dundee's wealth ^{is} ~~are the~~ jute ~~mill~~ - and here again - ^{the jute mills -} the conversion of raw material to the finished article interested ^{the} Royal onlookers.

Then - on to the Royal Infirmary, where the Queen opened a new radio-diagnostic department. Built at a cost of seventy-thousand pounds, the new clinic will make the hospital one of the finest in Scotland. After making a detailed tour of the Hospital, the Queen and her husband drove to the City Chambers, where they were the guests of the Lord Provost for luncheon.

All this time - crowds braved the rain outside the building - and in response to their chanted appeals - Her Majesty appeared on the balcony. It was still raining when the Royal Visitors arrived at Queen's College - the constituent college of St. Andrew's University.

Just before Her Majesty was due to leave - four medical students (with true Elizabethan gallantry) laid their red gowns over the soaking pavement. The Queen smilingly accepted the tribute - which was inspired (as one student said) "by foul weather and the memory of Sir Walter Raleigh". The six hour visit to Dundee was over, and arriving later in the Capital - The Queen was received by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh - who, in accordance with time-honoured custom, surrendered to Her Majesty the keys of the City.

The Queen and the Duke then drove to the Palace of Holyroodhouse - where they were received by the Lord Steward - the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon. Here again, the traditional ceremony of the keys was enacted...

During their stay at Holyroodhouse - the Queen will undertake a series of engagements in the Lowland towns.

At the Palace - the Guard of Honour was mounted by the First Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders. *North & up*

The following day was a memorable one for Scottish children, when the Queen and the Duke visited the Residential Camp School, at Middleton, Gorebridge.

Here, children from Aberdeenshire and Renfrewshire were enjoying two-to-four weeks of residential school life. In addition, the school, (which is run by the Scottish National Camps association) provides holidays during the vacation period.

During the visit, the happy youngsters had the thrill of watching Prince Philip take off in a Royal Naval helicopter. Piloting the machine himself, the Duke flew to Stobs Camp, Hawick - on a visit to the 4th/5th Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

There, he was welcomed by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Wimberley, and Major-General Murray - G.O.C. Scottish Command.

After lunch, the Duke (now wearing the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment) attended the Battalion Sports Meeting - and officiated in the Tug-of-War final. *exciting* ~~an exciting~~ contest that was won by C-Company.

Later, came the presentation of prizes and then - especially for the Royal Visitor - a display by the pipes and drums of the Regiment.

An occasion close to the Duke's heart took place in Glasgow - when he was ^{training} received aboard a three-masted/schooner, by her Master, Captain Langbein...

The Duke had come to name the vessel, (which was recently acquired by the Outward Bound Trust) after his maternal grand-father, Prince Louis of Battenburg.

The schooner will be used as a training ship for boys. *She* ~~she~~ replaces the vessel of the same name, in which the Duke himself, received his first lessons in seamanship.

Another service occasion at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, when the Queen presented a new Standard to No. 603 (City of Edinburgh) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

No. 603 - a famous Battle of Britain squadron - celebrates, this year, the thirtieth anniversary of its formation...

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During the ceremony, Squadron-Leader R.A. Schofield - the Commanding-Officer, presented a diamond and ruby brooch (in the form of the old Squadron crest) to Her Majesty; ~~and~~ a gift from all ranks - past and present.

Then the Squadron advanced in review order - to salute its Honorary Air ~~Commander~~ Commodore - the First Lady of the Land... ~~and~~ SOUND