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THE ROYAL ROMANCE

In anybody's life - engagement day's a red letter day. Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Mountbatten will never forget July 10, 1947. In the morning they faced the world's press and photographers. The platinum ring, with its one large diamond and two smaller ones - stole the picture.

The Lieutenant stayed at the Palace and in the afternoon the couple - the Princess wearing a coffee coloured two piece - joined 5000 guests in the Palace grounds. There the Princess and her fiance received good wishes from Peers of the Realm - Socialites and - from America, a group of Indianapolis Naval Cadets.

And (forerunner of many hundreds of similar activities still to come) Lieutenant Mountbatten appeared at a semi-official function with the parents and family of his bride-to-be. While the Royal Family entertained their personal guests in the grounds - many others kept patient vigil outside. Pathe witted with the film industry's biggest lens trained on the Palace balcony. Late in the evening, after cloud and showers, this was the record it gave of a great day in a history-making romance.

On the balcony, the heiress to the throne and her future husband met the British people. The King, looking particularly happy, the Queen, and Princess Margaret joined the young couple.

Despite the drizzle, the crowd stayed on, they had been waiting all day, but that didn't seem to worry them.

While Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip were celebrating in the Palace - it was a big day too in the Methuen Arms - village pub in Corham, Wiltshire. Lieut. Mountbatten was stationed there until the day before his engagement was announced. All the locals knew him - and our reporter learned how much they admired him.