

DUKE MEETS 'DIGGERS'

At a dinner given by the Cricket writers to Australia's Test Team, a guest who thoroughly enjoys himself is the Duke of Edinburgh.

Good company more than makes up for the restrictions of a peacetime meal and the after dinner speech by Australia's Captain is as good as his batting average. Of the Duke's acceptance of the invitation, Don Bradman says.....

SPEECH

At Windsor, the following afternoon, the Duke of Edinburgh is installed a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter, on the occasion of the sixth hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order. Princess Elizabeth becomes, with her mother and her grandmother, a Noble Lady of the Garter.

Invested by the King with the splendid insignia, the blue and gold garter itself is worn by the lady round the arm, by the Knight, below the knee. With it goes the collar and star, the mantle, the blue riband and the George.

It is at the wish of the King that the full ritual of this purely English ceremony is carried out. It serves as a reminder that a little people, occupying only half an island, has blazoned its fame for six hundred years across the history of the world. Names which spell the history of our times are among the new Companions.....Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis... Marshal of the Royal Air Force Viscount Portal....and Field Marshal Montgomery, victor of Alamein....The Order of the Knights of Crey is worthily succeeded.