

PRINCESS HONOURS MALTA'S WAR DEAD

On the outskirts of Valetta, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip pay tribute to Malta's valiant service during the last war. Service - in the face of suffering and hardship - that earned the Island the unprecedented award of the George Cross. Earl Mountbatten, Admiral Sir John Pever (the Mediterranean C-in-C) and the Bishop of Malta are among those who see the Princess unveil four commemorative tablets at the base of Malta's war memorial. Inscribed on them is the George Cross Citation awarded by the King and the message to Malta from her grandfather at the end of world war one.

On the previous day, the King George the Fifth Hospital, overlooking Valetta Harbour, was on the Princess' list of engagements. Happy in the knowledge that Prince Charles had by now fully recovered from his illness, the Princess first calls on the children's ward to wish them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Jessie Harvie - wife of a Chief Petty Officer aboard Prince Philip's destroyer - comes in for Royal congratulations. The reason - eight-day-old twin girls.