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ROYAL OCCASIONS

As Their Majesties leave the palace en route for Balmoral, eager crowds strain for a glimpse of the King, whose illness with its long convalescence has been a matter of grave concern. Travelling with Their Majesties are Prince Charles and Princess Anne who will stay with them whilst mother and father are in Canada.

With the heavy Australian tour ahead, all wish Their Majesties a restful holiday. In our concern for the King, we have forgotten the double strain on his gracious lady, who has had to share the anxieties of a wife with the added duties she has had to take over.

CRANWELL

Paying her first visit to the Royal Air Force College where her father was once stationed, Princess Elizabeth honours cadets passing out to be officers. To Flight Cadet Under Officer Merriman she presents the sword of Honour for the best cadet. As he also won the King's Medal and the Downing Trophy, it was quite a day for him. But he must have had quite a bit of competition, judging by the smart turn-out. It seems pretty clear that the R.A.F. are keeping up the high standard that has won the respect of the world.

PLYMOUTH

Meanwhile, Royal Marine Barracks Plymouth receive new colours from Prince Philip (acting on behalf of the King) who is their Captain-General. In war and in peace the Duke of Edinburgh has learned at first hand just why the Royals have won such a high place in our regard. More than most services they have a family tradition and amongst the veterans meeting the Duke on parade there must have been fathers of serving sons.

In the ranks of Britain's defenders, no other military organisation can match the proud battle-honours which the Royal Marines have won - on sea and land.