

THE ROYAL DEPARTURE

To London Airport come the King and Queen to speed their daughter and her husband on the first stage of their 30,000 mile journey to Australia and New Zealand. Close on their triumph in Canada, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke are taking the place of Their Majesties who were to have made the tour. By B.O.A.C. Argonaut "Atlanta" they will visit East Africa first. It is good to see His Majesty looking so well.

With 10 minutes to go before take-off time, Their Majesties board "Atlanta" (which has been specially converted for the journey) to make their private farewells. In the past few months Their Royal Highnesses have logged up a lot of flying time. As Princess Elizabeth has already visited Africa and America, and will visit Asia upon arrival in Ceylon, by the end of the tour she will have seen something of all five continents.

Just back from America, Mr. Churchill boards the 32-ton airliner to offer the good wishes of himself and the government.

It's just a few minutes to take-off time. The Duchess of Gloucester and Earl Mountbatten are there.

The Queen blows a kiss. It's the last sight of her daughter till late summer ... and now it's farewell to the Royal couple.

"Atlanta" taxis to the runway and, as the King and Queen watch, she begins her 24-hour flight to Nairobi as all Britain and the Empire says "Bon Voyage and Happy Landings."