

DUKE AT BURMA REUNION:

Veterans of the Burma fighting, one of the bitterest campaigns in World War Two, renew old comradeships at their ninth annual reunion in the Albert Hall.

A great welcome to the Duke of Edinburgh and to SEAC's wartime commander Earl Mountbatten. The Earl introduces his royal nephew:

MOUNTBATTEN SPEAKS:

"I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT HE IS'NT REALLY A GUEST BECAUSE HE IS HIMSELF THE HOLDER OF THE BURMA STAR WHICH HE THOROUGHLY WELL EARNED IN THE DESTROYERS AND THE EASTERN FLEET IN SEAC. I WILL NOW ASK THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO SPEAK TO YOU"

"DESPITE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF NEGLECT AND INSPITE OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INTEREST, AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE OTHERS SEEM TO HAVE ATTRACTED ALL THE LIMELIGHT AND GLAMOUR, YOU FOUGHT IN BURMA, AS IF THE WORLD DEPENDED ON YOU. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, A VERY GREAT PORTION OF THE WORLD DID DEPEND ON YOU.

AND THAT WILL ALSO NOT BE FORGOTTEN.....THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP TO ENSURE A PEACEFUL FUTURE. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT IS TO MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR TO ANY BUDDING INTERNATIONAL GANGSTER, THAT THEY WILL GET THE SAME TREATMENT AS THE LAST LOST.

I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY YOURSELVES, FINDING OLD FRIENDS, AND FIGHTING OLD BATTLES....(LAUGHTER)...AND I ONLY HOPE THE BEER LASTS OUT..."
"GOODNIGHT"

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