

DUKE VISITS H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE".

To the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne in Portsmouth dockyard, the Duke of Edinburgh pilots a navy helicopter from Buckingham Palace. Bosun's pipes salute him as he alights, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet of the Royal Australian Navy, and shakes hands with Captain Gateacre, the Melbourne's commander.

The Duke spends more than an hour touring the carrier, which will soon be sailing for the Clyde to pick up her complement of aircraft. This is the Melbourne's first commission, and the Duke is here to wish her good luck.

From the flight deck, the royal visitor descends to the hanger to meet the ship's company.

Twelve hundred officers and men are lined up for the Duke's inspection.

A royal send-off for a fine ship - and best wishes for her future career.