

VISIT OF H.M. THE QUEEN AND H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

TO ROTHES COLLIERY ON 30TH JUNE, 1958.

Approximate
Times

I. ARRIVAL AND BRIEFING

11.10

Arrival of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh at Rothes Colliery.

The Lord Lieutenant of Fife will present to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness:-

Sir John Maud, G.C.B., Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Power
Mr. W.W. Hamilton, M.P.

The Lord Lieutenant of Fife will present to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness:-

Mr. Ronald W. Parker, Chairman of the Scottish Divisional Board, and
Mrs. Parker.

Mr. R.W. Parker will present to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Members of the National Coal Board, the Scottish Divisional Board, Officials, and Representatives of the Trade Unions (list attached).

The presentations completed, members of the Reception Party will escort the Royal Party into the Office Building, through the hall and into the Briefing Room.

On the Royal Party entering the Briefing Room, tea will be served. Mr. H.R. King, Divisional Director of Reconstruction will show a model of the underground working and give a short briefing to Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness.

11.24

The Underground Parties will leave the Briefing Room for the various changing rooms.

11.34

II. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S TOUR

The party to accompany Her Majesty The Queen on her tour underground will consist of:-

Her Majesty The Queen

Lady Euston

The Lord Lieutenant of Fife

Sir Michael Adeane, P.C.

K.C.B., K.C.V.O.

Underground Guides

Mr. J. Fotheringham

Mr. H.E. Collins

Mr. T.D.M. Scrimgeour

Lady Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Parker will accompany the Party while on the surface.

Her Majesty/

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II. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S TOUR (contd.)

Her Majesty The Queen's Party will leave by the Main Door of the Office for the Medical Centre, where Her Majesty will meet:-

- Dr. R.S.F. Adams
- Sister Young

Her Majesty The Queen's Party will leave the Medical Centre, proceed upstairs to the Time Hall to receive checks and thence to the Searching Station, watch decking in the Car Hall and descend to the Lower Decking Level.

11.45 Her Majesty The Queen's Party will descend the Shaft.

12.22 Her Majesty The Queen's Party returns to the surface, alighting at the First Level, descending to ground level, thence across the open space to the Office Entrance.

11.34 III. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS' TOUR

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and H.R.H.'s Underground Party will leave the Changing Rooms and proceed to the Time Hall to receive checks, and thence to Car Hall, watch decking and descend the Shaft.

His Royal Highness's Party will consist of the following:

	<u>Underground Guides</u>
His Royal Highness	Mr. R.A. Moore
The Rt. Hon. J.S. Maclay P.C., C.M.G., M.P.	} Mr. A.M. Stewart
Sir John Maud, G.C.B.	
Captain The Lord Plunket M.V.O.	Mr. Barrie

While on the surface, Mr. Latham will accompany the party.

12.27 His Royal Highness' Party returns to the surface and proceeds by the Car Hall to their Changing Rooms.

IV. DEPARTURE

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness will leave Her Majesty's Sitting Room and proceed outside the Main Entrance to the Office to meet some of the junior officials and workmen employed at Rothes, along with their wives

Her Majesty The Queen will be presented with a Miner's Lamp.

12.55/

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IV. DEPARTURE (contd.)

12.55

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness and Party, escorted to their cars as on arrival, will leave Rothes Colliery.

1.00

Mr. R.W. Parker will welcome spectators and announce the opening of the Tea Tent.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERGROUND VISIT TO BE MADE

BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

ROUTE TO BE FOLLOWED COLOURED BLUE ON THE PLAN

The Queen's Party will descend the intake air shaft (No. 1) to the first working level, which is at a depth of approximately 1,600 feet. At this level there are now three longwall faces producing coal (one of these will be visited by His Royal Highness) and a fourth which will start producing coal early in July. The Queen's Party will visit this fourth face, which is newly developed and which is known as the Five Feet Lateral Face.

The Party will leave the cage by the "empty" side and will travel the route taken by the mine cars to the Five Feet Lateral Face. These mine cars carry a load of approximately 3 tons of coal and are moved along the roadways by electric battery locomotives. The Party will see this form of transport and also the movement of cars by compressed air rams.

At a point 130 yards from the Shaft (B on plan) a bore hole is being put down to provide additional information about the underlying strata. To provide space for the boring equipment, a special chamber had to be excavated which is about 40 feet high. The bore has already gone down 1,390 feet and has a further 120 feet to go to reach its pre-determined depth.

At the load cars junction (C on plan), mine cars will be moved by compressed air rams and at a point 100 yards further inbye (D on plan) the discharge end of a conveyor will be seen where coal is loaded from the conveyor into mine cars for transport by locomotive to the shaft. The conveyor carries approximately 350 tons of coal daily from two working sections in the Five Feet Seam.

The face itself is approximately 300 yards inbye from D and on the way in the Party will pass alongside the roadway conveyor (E on plan) which has been built to carry the coal from the Five Feet Lateral Face some 65 yards where it is loaded into mine cars.

The working height on the face (F on plan) is 5 feet 3 inches including a 6 inch band of dirt, and with the length of 150 yards which has been opened out, the face is expected to produce at least 250 tons of/
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of coal per day. The equipment on the face consists of a coalcutter to undercut the coal, a drilling machine to drill the shot holes, and a scraper conveyor on to which the coal will be loaded. The working of these items of equipment may be demonstrated.

After inspecting the face, the Party will return by the same road to a point roughly midway between the face and point D, where a dipping road is being driven in the coal (Point G on plan). They will walk down this road about 40 yards to a point where a level road is being driven in which another type of coal cutter (a shortwall machine) is being used.

Returning to the top of the dipping road, the Party will board a manriding car pulled by a locomotive and will be brought out to Point C on the main crosscut mine, from which they will proceed on foot to the Pit Bottom where they will enter the cage to be taken to the surface.

Since the colliery is still in the course of construction, there will be opportunities in the course of the journeys to and from the face to see the work in progress to complete the main underground haulage roadways.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERGROUND VISIT TO BE MADE

BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

ROUTE TO BE FOLLOWED COLOURED RED ON THE PLAN.

The Duke's Party will also descend No. 1 Shaft to the first working level a few minutes ahead of the Queen's Party. Excluding the newly developed face which the Queen's Party will inspect, there are two faces working in the Five Feet Seam and the Duke's Party will visit one of these faces known as the "No. 1 South Face".

The Party will leave the cage by the "full" side and will pass along the pit bottom sidings where the full mine cars stand until they are propelled on to the cages. At the load cars junction (Point C on plan), the load mine cars will be moved by compressed air rams.

Moving 100 yards inbye (Point D on plan), the discharge end of the conveyor will be seen which conveys the coal from the two working Five Feet faces to be loaded into mine cars. It is at this point that the routes/

routes to be followed by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness separate.

The road which the Party will travel rises approximately 1 in 5 and carries both the conveyor to bring out the coal and a rail track, which is used to convey supplies to the working faces. Passing the junction of the companion lateral (Point H on Plan), the Party will reach junction I, where the roadway conveyor of No. 1 South Face discharges on to the main heading conveyor and which is approximately 400 yards from Point D.

A further 130 yards in the level brings the Party to the face of No. 1 South Five Feet sections (J on Plan). The working height on the face is 4 feet 6 inches, including a top variable band of dirt about 1 foot thick, and the face itself is approximately 100 yards long. It is equipped with coal cutter, drilling machine and scraper chain conveyor and it is the intention that some of the Party should travel part of the face to see the conveyor working and to inspect the system of support.

Having inspected the face, the Party will return on foot by the same route to the Pit Bottom where they will enter the cage to be taken to the surface a few minutes after the Queen's Party. On the way to the Pit Bottom the manriding carriage which was used to bring the Queen's Party out to the main crosscut mine will be inspected.
