

The great city of Sydney, New South Wales, was ablaze with light on the evening before the Royal Commonwealth Tour, brought the Queen to Australia. ~~M~~ Before eight o'clock the next morning, the Gothic sailed into the huge harbour; the place of her New Zealand escort, had been taken by Her Majesty's Australian Ships Australia, Vengeance, Anzac and Quadrant..... cruiser, aircraft-carrier, destroyer and frigate. And the crowd of many thousands that had packed the waterfront overnight, was perched on every point of vantage, to witness this most impressive arrival; with hundreds of little ships carrying their welcome out from the shore.

Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh, looked fit, ~~and~~ after their strenuous weeks in New Zealand, as they left the Gothic to go ashore in the Royal Barge --- to ride through the avenue of gaily-dressed little ships into Farm Cove. This was the place where the first Governor, first set foot on the soil of New South Wales --- a hundred and sixty-six years ago.

Her Majesty was officially received by the Governor-General of 1954 --- Field Marshal Sir William Slim; ~~by~~ by the Governor of New South Wales, General Northcott; and by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies. After their greetings, the Queen <sup>replied to</sup> ~~read~~ the address of welcome.

Now --- let the spectacular drive through ~~the~~ Sydney streets, be described by an Australian who was there.

The Queen and the Duke were staying here --- at Government House, overlooking Sydney Harbour. And in the grounds that day, Her Majesty inspected the police escort that had brought her through the crowded city.

And now --- Australia tells us, how that great day <sup>continued.</sup> ~~ended.~~