QUEEN UNVEILS MEMORIALS. 23/2/54.

One of the most moving ceremonies of all the Royal Tour, took place when Her Majesty the Queen unveiled in Canberra, a Memorial to commemorate, the part played by America in the Pacific in the Second World War. Mr Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, was there with Mrs Menzies --- and the Ambassador of the United States. Messages from famous Americans, included one from President Eisenhower. And on parade was a Guard of Honour of the Royal Australian Navy.

In her speech the Queen said.

The unveiling of the plaque, is an acknowledgement of the help that was generously given when Australia stood in mortal peril.

Still in Canberra, the Queen and the Duke went next to Australia's own Memorial --- the stone tribute, to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars of this troubled century.

This for Queen Elizabeth is, we know, much more than the mere formal engagement of visiting royalty. To this young Sovereign who has dedicated her life to all the peoples of our Commonwealth of Nations, it is a very real and personal thing. As Australia's Prime Minister knew well when he said to her: "You are among your own people --- we are yours."