

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN OCCASIONS.

26/2/54.

In the grounds of Government House in Canberra --- the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh walked in brilliant sunshine among the guests at the royal garden party; an occasion long-familiar in the setting of Buckingham Palace --- but wearing all the added charm of novelty, <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ the capital of Australia.

On the same day the Queen presented Colours to the cadets of the Royal Military College at Duntroon; Although the college has been in existence less than fifty years, it vies with Sandhurst in the ~~effix~~ efficiency of the officers it produces --- both Australians and New Zealanders.

And, that evening, there was the State Ball. ~~M~~ The Queen arrived with Mr Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, for this most glamorous occasion ever seen in the King's Hall of Parliament House. The Queen did not dance; and, for the guests, it was less a time for dancing, than for looking in wonderment at the radiant figure of the Sovereign, in her gown of white and silver brocade, with the broad sash of the Order of the Garter.