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While the Gothic was sailing with the Queen from Ceylon to ~~Aden~~ Aden on the last stages of the Royal Tour, our cameraman who has travelled all the way with Her Majesty took these historic pictures to commemorate a great royal journey. The Queen is seated next to the Gothic's captain --- Captain Aitchison; ~~with~~ with the ~~ship~~ liner's crew are members of the royal Household.

In moments off duty --- cool drinks are a pleasant antidote to the broiling heat of one of the hottest places in the world.

Approaching the Crown Colony, the Queen and the Duke made a formal inspection of the Gothic's crew; who, in the best traditions of the service, have manned their ship throughout with unostentatious efficiency.

Now another camera goes aloft to bring you a first glimpse of Aden from the air --- with ships in the harbour dressed to await the royal arrival.

And then --- all Aden was on the look-out for this outstanding event in more than a century as British territory; and, as always, the Queen looked calm and cool in the fierce heat as she drove to Crescent Gardens. As part of the Civic Reception, troops of the Protectorate marched past in royal review.

Then followed the first open-air investiture; a Knighthood for Air Marshal Pelly, Commander-in-Chief Middle East Air Forces. A chair was used both for the Air Marshal and for the State Councillor Sheik Al Kaf, who was created Knight Commander of the British Empire.

After the accolade, a number of other orders were conferred upon local dignitaries and officials.

And after that --- Her Majesty went to the R.A.F. Hospital..... where charming twins presented the bouquet. The Royal visitors spent a long time touring the wards and chatting ~~with~~ with the patients.

~~and~~ Last of all --- the Duke was shown round the new oil refinery --- the largest in the world now under construction. Two hundred and fifty British, and fifteen hundred Arabs and Indians, will run it; ~~and~~ it will deal with no less than five million tons of crude oil every year.