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QUEEN OPENS OWEN FALLS DAM.

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This was the welcoming scene at Entebbe in Uganda when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh flew in from Aden. The main event in this late stage of the royal Commonwealth Tour, was the opening by Her Majesty of the Owen Falls Dam; a twenty-two-million-pound hydro-electric scheme in the heart of Africa.

From Uganda --- the royal travellers came to Tobruk. And though on this day Tobruk was peaceful and formal, with official greetings from Minister and Commanding Officers, this place has a name that will live forever in the memory of man, linked with the most desperate days of Britain at war. The Camel Corps forms a peacetime guard along the desert road where the royal car travels in safety; but every grain of desert sand, and every stone, is ~~XXXXX~~ a monument to the men who fought and died.

In this place are the graves of two thousand seven hundred Commonwealth and Allied Servicemen.

And here the Queen and the Duke jointly laid a wreath of Flanders poppies.

It seems long ago; and yet the memory is evergreen --- the memory of Tobruk beleaguered in 1941.

But as we turn through our film records of those fearful days --- we recall that there were many moments of laughter amid the chaos of war.

At Tobruk, the Queen created King Idris of Libya Knight Grand ^{Order of the} Cross of the British Empire; and after these solemn ceremonies came perhaps the most joyous time of all the tour; for, in the harbour, appeared the yacht ^{promising} Britannia; ~~and~~ the reunion of royal parents and their children, ~~after half a year --- was now only minutes~~

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