

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS	SHEET 5, Page 10	REFERENCE TO APPENDICES
	31-7-41 (Cont)		<p>of Honour from Rockcliffe were in position a few minutes before 11 o'clock just inside the main gate in front of the Supply Depot, while the welcoming party, consisting of the Chief of the Air Staff, the Air Member for Personnel, the Air Officer Commanding, the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, and the Administrative Officer were on the left of the road at the gate. His Royal Highness and Party arrived at about 1115 hours, and after the welcome and introductions, His Royal Highness took the Royal Salute. He then inspected the Guard of Honour while the Band played "The Thin Red Line".</p> <p>With His Royal Highness were Sir Louis Gregg, Wing Commander Groves, Wing Commander Wray, Flight Lieutenant Stevenson, and his Secretary, Mr. Lowther. His Royal Highness and Party, with the welcoming party made a tour of the east side of the Station, visiting the Motor Transport Section, the N.C.O.'s Quarters and Mess, the Swimming Pool, the Airmen's Mess, one of the Barrack Blocks, and the Hospital, arriving at the Officers' Mess at 1215 hours. Here the officers were presented to His Royal Highness, who chatted with each one in a charming, informal, and personal manner. After the introductions, general conversation continued for some fifteen or twenty minutes, and then luncheon was served. The Dining Room looked very pretty with our new side boards and a profusion of flowers. Extra tables were added in order that all were served at once, some 85 persons being catered to. His Royal Highness was seated at the center of the head table with the Commanding Officer on his left and the Air Member for Personnel on his right, and the Air Officer Commanding vis-a-vis. The Chief of the Air Staff and Sir Louis Gregg were seated on the left of the Commanding Officer. Included were the Chief Instructor, the three Squadron Commanders, and the Equipment Officer. The luncheon was excellent and conversation very lively. After luncheon coffee was served on the lawn outside the Mess. The Party then proceeded on a tour of the Ground School, the Hangars, and the Control Tower, the Duke of Kent chatting informally with numerous members of the staff and many students. He was much interested in the flying training which continued throughout the visit and seemed quite impressed with the efficiency of our Maintenance Squadron, many details of which were explained to him by Squadron Leader Greene. Most thoroughly appreciated was the charming and personal interest in all ranks shown by His Royal Highness.</p> <p>The Royal party and escort left the Control Tower just before 1500 hours to proceed to Rockcliffe Air Station.</p> <p>The Movies are practically finished now. All aerial shots involving our equipment and personnel are completed, with the exception of one large formation flight which will include 36 aircraft. The last sequences are being filmed at Edwards Field and it is thought that Hollywood will leave by the end of the week.</p>		