

everybody was in their place, awaiting the arrival of the Royal Party at 412 Squadron, RCAF Uplands.

The arrangements made by the RCAF were much in evidence, from special grandstands for the public and dignitaries down to a small white line painted on the runway, indicating where the nose-wheel of the BOAC Stratocruiser carrying the Royal Party was to stop. (It did.) The parade ground smartness of the Air Force Guard of Honor and Color Party drew favorable comments from the assembled critics, and indeed no faults could be detected. It was a remarkable display worthy of the occasion.

At 4.30 p.m., precisely, the Stratocruiser rolled to a halt at the designated point and the Royal Visit was on. Approximately 100 photographers, movies and stills, in addition to various TV cameras, photographed the arrival, operating in three groups, one of 50, and two of 25.

On completion of the welcome by His Excellency, the Governor-General, and the Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker, Her Majesty inspected the Guard of Honor, then the motorcade departed for Government House, via Bowesville Road, Riverside Drive, Hog's Back, Prescott Highway, F.D.C. Driveway, Confederation Square, Sussex Drive, arriving at Government House at 6 p.m.

Since all points to be visited by the Queen and Prince Philip were of great interest, attracting large crowds, and were to be covered by the press and photographers, escape routes were planned in advance to insure early arrival of the Photographic Detail, from one point to the next. One of these routes was put to use from Uplands to Government House, in addition to insuring the safe and early arrival of two bus loads of reporters and photographers, by escorting them en route.

At Government House a change of uniform was necessary for four members of the Photographic Detail, from Review Order to "Walking Out" dress. These

members, and their wives were pleasantly surprised when official Government House invitations were received through the mail advising they were to be presented to Her Majesty, and Prince Philip, at a press reception at Government House at 7 p.m., the first official function of the visit.

The presentation proved to be a relaxed, friendly introduction, and one NCO was momentarily taken aback when Her Majesty started an informal discussion regarding his particular duties. Prince Philip entered into the conversation with the remark "they certainly pick them big enough", referring to the members of the Detail. Following the presentations the guests continued on to the Drawing Room for refreshments, and were later joined by the Queen and Prince Philip, who remained for approximately 45 minutes, chatting informally with the guests.

On Sunday, October 13, a wreath was laid at the War Memorial, Ottawa, by Her Majesty and Prince Philip, followed by a presentation of official guests and disabled war veterans. The Royal Couple then attended Divine service at Christ Church Cathedral.

Historically, this recent Royal visit was significant for two reasons: Elizabeth on her arrival became the first Queen of the Commonwealth—and Canada—ever to visit Ottawa and secondly, on the Monday of her visit, she became the first reigning monarch to officiate at the Opening of Parliament. (Her father, George VI, created a precedent also, during his tour before World War II, when he became the first King of Canada to give Royal Assent to bills passed by a Canadian Parliament.) An imposing sight, steeped in pomp and splendor, this special Opening of Parliament at which Her Majesty read the speech from the Throne, was truly an unforgettable occasion. The Queen, dazzling in her bejewelled coronation gown, and the Prince in military array, were borne by a shiny carriage pulled