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HIGH COMMISSIONER RECEIVES PRESENT OF A WHALE'S TOOTH.

On his recent visit to the Batu Pahat headquarters of the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment in the Federation of Malaya, Sir Donald MacGillivray, the High Commissioner, was presented with a whale's tooth, the highest mark of respect which can be offered to a foreigner.

Sir Donald spoke to the Fijians, praising them for the great part they had played in the anti-terrorist campaign in Malaya and offering sympathy to the dependants and friends of those killed in action.

Warriors dressed in their ceremonial best prepared the "kava" to the tune of their traditional chants and brought the drink to the High Commissioner while the crowd waited expectantly.

Sir Donald, closely watched by Lieutenant-Colonel H.J.G. Low, M.C., the Commanding Officer of the Fijians, drank the first cup of kava to the accompaniment of the clapping of the picturesquely-clad warriors, and afterwards declared that he would always remember the day and the honour conferred upon him.