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Arriving at Bangor for her three-day visit to Northern Ireland, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother stepped ashore on the spot where she landed as Duchess of York- 34 years ago.

Her Majesty was welcomed by the Governor- Lord Wakehurst, who presented the Prime Minister- Viscount Brookeborough.

The first engagement was a visit to the National Conference of the British Legion (Women's Section) where the Queen Mother was greeted by Dame Regina Evans- Chairman of the Conference.

Then a five-mile drive to Newtownards, where a tremendous ~~reception~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ welcome awaited the Queen Mother at the civic centre.

Here nurses from the Ards Hospital, the Red Cross, and ~~the~~ St John Ambulance Brigade lined up for the ~~royal~~ laying of the foundation ~~xxxx~~ stone.

On now to Belfast, where Her Majesty was the guest of honour at a Civic Luncheon in the City Hall. She was greeted by the Lord Mayor, Alderman McKee, and members of the Council.

A company of over four hundred guests, representative of the State, the Church, the Services, industry and commerce paid Belfast's own tribute to their Royal Guest.

From the City Hall, the Queen Mother drove to Stormont for a Parliamentary ~~reception~~ reception and garden party in the grounds of Government House.

Her Majesty ~~mingled~~ ^{social} with the four thousand invited guests - who came from all walks of life...

~~On the second~~ ^{Next} day, The Queen Mother opened a deep water wharf and transit shed in Belfast harbour. It was named Sinclair Wharf, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

in honour ~~of~~ of Sir Kenneth Sinclair, Chairman of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

A tour was made of the harbour area in the steam yacht, Sir Thomas Dixon. Landing at Donegal Quay, Her Majesty drove to the offices of the Belfast Harbour Commission for a reception...

On the final day of the Royal Visit, the Queen Mother drove to the Royal Naval Air Station, ^{Sydenham?} ~~Sydenham~~. She was accompanied by the Governor, Lord Wakehurst, and Lady Wakehurst.

On the Air Station, Her ~~High~~ Majesty reviewed units of the Territorial Army, in Northern Ireland. A ceremonial drive through the ranks of these "^{volunteer} ~~week-end~~ soldiers" - who so courageously filled the breach, ~~when~~ ~~there~~ ~~was~~ ~~so~~ ~~desperately~~ ~~needed~~ ^{Many times} during the last war...

Her Majesty then joined the Chief of the Imperial ^{General} Staff, (Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer,) and the G.O.C Northern Ireland, on the saluting base... Then the force, some 2,000 strong, marched past in review... the first parade of its kind in this Golden Jubilee Year of the Territorial Army.

After the Parade, the Queen Mother drove to Maze race-course, ~~in~~ Co. Down - to attend the Spring Meeting of the Down Royal Corporation of Horsebreeders.

From ~~her vantage point in~~ the stands, the Queen Mother (herself an enthusiastic owner under ~~the~~ National Hunt rules) watched the race for the Governor's Cup...

Unfortunately, it was not a very thrilling finish. Copper Cottage, ridden by Jockey Gale, ^{PROVED} ~~was~~ a comfortable winner.

The Royal Presentation of the Cup to Major T.W. Hughes.. yet another ~~happy~~ ^{happy} memory for loyal Ulster of a ~~gracious~~ ^{gracious} Royal Visitor... ^{visit}