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AUSSIES GREET THE QUEEN.

Gliding through Sydney Heads, the sleek white liner, "Gothic" brings Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh to the threshold of Australia. Thousands line the grey cliffs bathed in hot sunshine. From the bridge of the liner, the Queen looks down upon a scene of welcome more spectacular and perhaps more excited than any that has greeted her throughout all her long journey across the world. Thousands of naval vessels, yachts, steamers, dinghies and speedboats escort the "Gothic".

Sydney Harbour, the largest of its kind in the world - is ahead - a fitting gateway to this great continent that is welcoming a reigning sovereign for the first time to its shores.

The Queen, who wears a white organza patterned gold and cream dress, is saluted by bosun's pipes, as she leaves "Gothic" to journey ashore by launch.

Hundreds of yachts and launches line the two-mile route along which the royal couple make their way to the landing stage at Farm Cove.

Thousands of flags and pennants flutter in the stiff North-Westerly breeze, forming a dazzling, coloured avenue of welcome.

Arriving at the landing-stage, Her Majesty is welcomed to Australia by Sir William Slim, the Governor General. The governor of New South Wales and the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies.

Now, in an open car, the Queen and her husband prepare to make a nine-mile long drive through the streets of Sydney.

About half of the three million people who cheer the royal couple, slept on the pavements all night for a glimpse of this historic scene. The royal car moves at about ten miles an hour, for if it were to travel more slowly, the engine would over-heat, so great is the temperature in the city.

Finally Her Majesty and Prince Phillip arrive at Government House, the royal tour of the great Dominion of Australia begins in triumph.

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