

The Duke of Edinburgh was ~~present~~ at the helm when the royal yacht Britannia sailed into harbour at Port Moresby, to be welcomed by the palm-fringed shores of New Guinea.

On the quayside was a guard of honour wearing many medals of service in the Second World War; and the Duke was officially greeted by Australia's Governor-General, Sir William Slim, the famous ^{wartime} Commander-in-Chief of South East Asia. A glimpse backward, recalls the days when the dense jungles of New Guinea were the scene of Far Eastern battles; --- battles that were fought in conditions of incredible hardship and hazard.

And at the Remembrance Service in Lae, the Duke paid tribute to the thousands of Australian, British and Commonwealth lives that were laid down in those battles.

Later, the royal visitor was feted with an elaborate waltz --- featuring a number of even more elaborate headresses.

On the following day, His Royal Highness watched the cutting and loading of timber near a place called Bulolo. The trees are mainly pine, used for plywood ■ veneers and for building --- a busy trade for ~~export~~ the export market.

The Duke drove through many of the villages in this island which is the second largest in the world; and at several he stopped and talked with the residents.

One of the gifts presented to him was a model canoe.