

ADMIRALTY FILM OF  
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S TOUR 1959

Cameraman's Dope Sheet

R.N. Cameraman: Leading Airman  
A. Masters.

Stock: Eastman Colour 35 mm.  
(2,450 feet)

20th March: B.S.I.P. Malaita (800 feet)

Before landing at Malaita H.R.H. called at two small islands, Busa and Laulasi.

He is seen landing, and looking round these two small villages. At Busa he receives a traditional welcome, one line enacts threat of war, the other placates by the offer of necklace and money. The peace offering is placed round neck of H.R.H. H.R.H. walks round village watching shell money etc. being made.

H.R.H. travels by local power cutter boat to Laulasi, and again walks round village.

H.R.H. travels in the D.C. Malaita vessel "Margery" and sails up the Langa Langa Lagoon to Auki.

Various shots along lagoon showing native constructed islands.

On arrival at Auki, Malaita, H.R.H. goes to football field and watches dances of welcome.

22nd March: Graciosa Bay (800 feet)

1. Passing volcano with stern of Yacht in foreground
2. Starboard side of Yacht, preparing Royal Barge.
3. Bow of Yacht with distant view of Graciosa Bay.
4. Passing land.
5. Ships side wave.
6. Passing land.
7. Stern wake of Royal Barge leaving BRITANNIA.
8. Jetty constructed from bamboo.
9. Wind blowing through Palm trees.
- 10.) Views along water front.
- 11.)
12. Villagers waiting for H.R.H. (Menau village).
13. L.S. Royal Barge arriving.
14. L.S. H.R.H. Walking along jetty
15. H.R.H. walking along line of villagers.
16. H.R.H. receiving gifts from school children.
17. H.R.H. with District Commissioner meets representatives of the Santa Cruz community.
18. Group of school children who sang National Anthem.
19. Meeting further representatives of Santa Cruz.
20. Walking among villagers.
21. Path through village.
22. Procession of natives going to feast.
23. H.R.H. arriving at feast (Namban village).
- 24.) Villagers eating at feast.
- 25.)
26. General view of feast.
27. BRITANNIA framed in trees with native foreground.
28. View through trees to water front.
29. BRITANNIA in Bay.

22nd March: Graciosa Bay (contd.)

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30. Sea breaking on foreshore.
  31. Local rigger canoe that H.R.H. later sailed in.
  32. Native climbing tree.
  33. Dancing at Namban village.
  34. H.R.H. watching.
  35. H.R.H. leaving in local boat (only 2 secs.)

24th March: Royal Yacht (400 feet)

En route Tarawa.

- OK
1. Sunset (25 secs.)
  2. H.M.N.Z.S. ROTOMITI joins as escort.
  3. Royal Yachts radar.
  4. ROTOMITI coming alongside.
  5. } Weather deteriorated
  6. } to rain.
  7. } ROTOMITI alongside
  8. }
  9. ROTOMITI departing to escort station.
  10. Hands preparing jack-stay transfer.
  11. H.R.H. on bridge watching preparations.
  12. H.R.H. going across to H.M.N.Z.S. ROTOMITI by jack-stay.
  13. Squadron Leader John Severne (Equerry) joining ROTOMITI by jack-stay.
  14. Hands on jack-stays on ROTOMITI.
  15. ROTOMITI flying Royal Standard.
  16. H.R.H. on bridge of ROTOMITI.
  17. ROTOMITI departing.

(H.R.H. spent half an hour on ROTOMITI, carrying out swift inspection.)

25th March: Ry and Tarawa (400 feet)

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1. H.M.N.Z.S. ROTOMITI under way wearing the Royal Standard (the first time a New Zealand ship has flown the standard).
  2. H.R.H. on bridge of ROTOMITI.
  3. H.R.H. returning to BRITANNIA by jack-stay.
  4. Equerry returning.

The following takes were half an hour before sunset under bad lighting conditions.

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5. H.R.H. landing at Bairiki.
  6. H.R.H. inspecting Guard of Honour (Gilbert and Ellice Constabulary)
  7. H.R.H. meeting Senior heads of departments and wives.
  8. }
  9. } H.R.H. being carried in decorated ceremonial chair to sports
  10. } field, surrounded by Gilbertese and Ellice dancers according
  11. } him traditional welcome.
  12. }
  13. H.R.H. arriving at Sports field.

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(1,900 feet)

26th March: Tarawa (1,100 feet)

The days programme was a very rapid tour in landrovers, so that film is a rather disjointed sequence of places.

1. Tour of Bairiki

- A. 'C' Grade Quarter
- B. 'D' Grade Quarter
- C. 'E' Grade Quarter
- D. The Bairiki Primary School
- E. The Government Offices.

2. H.R.H. in landrover crossing sands at low tide en route to Colony Hospital.

3. H.R.H. inspecting the Colony Hospital at Bikenibeu.

4. H.R.H. leaving the Leprosarium.

5. Teachers training college.

6. H.R.H. inspecting the King George V Secondary School for boys, looking around dormitories, and mess room.

7. H.R.H. at the tiller of an outrigger racing canoe. These are extremely fast craft, the principle being to keep outrigger clear of the water so that canoe is sailing on its knife edge. These Gilbertese canoes are made from Itia wood and Coconut wood. (180 feet).

8. A challenge came from outer space for the naval robot of Commander Morrison to compete against the R.A.F. robot of Squadron Leader Severne. The seconds to be Miss Vaughn Hudson and Miss Stevens. The R.A.F. robot was doped (had a fly wheel removed) and easily won the sprint and distance races, but the naval robot won the all-in-wrestling!

9. A short sequence from Ocean Island showing a party of dancers performing a Katokabau dance.

28th March: Ocean Island (800 feet)

1. Royal Yacht in Home Bay, Ocean Island.

2. Royal Yacht framed in harbour flags, immediate pan to Royal Barge entering harbour entrance.

3. H.R.H. being greeted.

4. H.R.H. inspecting guard of honour provided by Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Constabulary.

5. H.R.H. inspecting contingent of Boy Scouts.

6. H.R.H. inspecting contingent of Girl Guides.

7. H.R.H. meeting the British Phosphate Commissioners, General Manager and Senior staff; representatives of missions.

8. Driving away to D.C.'s house past school children.

9. View of Yacht and B.P.C. shore installations.

10. View of coast and ship wreck.

11. General view of B.P.C. plant.

12. Excavating phosphate by mechanised shovel.

13. General view of old diggings, showing pinnacles of coral rock that are left.

14. H.R.H. watching.

28th March: Ocean Island (contd.)

15. Unloading phosphate from tip lorry } (Possibly under-exposed)
16. Interior of plant }
17. H.R.H. leaving industrial area.
18. }
19. }
20. H.R.H. on the B.P.C. Cantilever being swung out over the sea.
21. This was a demonstration of how the phosphate is carried from
22. the plant and stored in ships. A series of shots showing
23. construction of Cantilever, unloading from pipe at extreme end,
24. concluding with H.R.H. leaving.
25. }
26. }
27. }
28. Small native children outside Welfare Clinic.
29. Clinic notice.
30. H.R.H. leaving Clinic.

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1. Finals of sporting events seen by H.R.H. at the sports field. Including high jump; hop, skip and jump; pillow fighting, and tug o' war.
2. People watching.
3. H.R.H. presenting prizes to winners of sports events.

28th March: Vaitupu (600 feet)

Departure of H.R.H.

1. Crowds gathering on beach. }
2. Carrying H.R.H. into water. } L.S.
3. H.R.H. coming alongside in native canoe, and being given cushion he sat on.
4. Native canoe departing.

Arrival of H.R.H.

1. Native people singing and waiting to greet H.R.H.
2. H.R.H. landing by canoe.
3. H.R.H. being carried ashore in canoe.
4. H.R.H. disembarking from canoe.
5. H.R.H. meeting leading people.
6. }
7. } Views of the village.
8. }
9. }
10. } Natives dancing and bringing gifts of welcome.
11. }
12. }
13. }
14. } Natives preparing feast for H.R.H.
15. }
16. }

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