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WIDE-RANGING INTERESTS

# Experience, Training Suit Philip For Duties

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born on the Greek island of Corfu on June 10, 1921, son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenburg.

The young Prince came to Britain at an early age to be educated. He was head of his school when he left to become, in May, 1939, a Naval cadet. At the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, he was awarded the King's Dirk as the best all-round cadet of his term. He was at Dartmouth when war broke out.

In January, 1940, he went to sea as a Midshipman and was mentioned in Despatches while serving on the battleship "Valiant" in the Mediterranean Fleet.

**IN SICILY LANDINGS**

After returning home to qualify as Sub-Lieutenant, Prince Philip was appointed to the destroyer H.M.S. "Wallace" and became the "Wallace's" First Lieutenant in October, 1942. In July, 1943, he took part in the Sicily landings, when the "Wallace" covered the Canadian beachhead.

In 1944, he was appointed First Lieutenant in H.M.S. "Whelp," one of Britain's newest destroyers. He sailed in her for the Far East, took part in the war against Japan and served for a time as A.D.C. to his uncle, Lord Mountbatten, then Supreme Allied Commander, South-East Asia. He was present at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

In July, 1947, the engagement of Lieutenant Mountbatten — he had renounced his royal title on becoming a British subject in

February, 1947 — to Princess Elizabeth was announced. The marriage took place in Westminster Abbey on November 20. On its eve, King George VI created the bridegroom Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich and a Knight of the Garter, and authorized his use of the prefix "His Royal Highness."

**FIRST COMMAND**

In the years immediately following his marriage, The Duke of Edinburgh continued his naval career. In July, 1950, he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and shortly afterwards took over his first command, H.M.S. "Magpie," a frigate based at Malta. He commanded her until July, 1951, when he went on indefinite leave.

In January, 1953, he was promoted to Admiral of the Fleet and appointed Field Marshal and Marshal of the Royal Air Force. Since the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, The Duke of Edinburgh has played an increasingly important part in the nation's life, and has interested himself in many of its aspects, particularly those associated with scientific and industrial development.

The Duke is a lover of many sports, plays polo and races at Cowes Regatta. A few years ago he took up flying and qualified as a pilot, learning later to fly a helicopter.

**NEXT TO QUEEN**

In September, 1952, The Queen had declared by Royal Warrant that His Royal Highness had

"place, pre-eminence and precedence" next to herself "on all occasions and in all meetings, except where otherwise provided by Act of Parliament." In February, 1957, it was announced that Her Majesty had granted to the Duke the style and dignity of a Prince of the United Kingdom, and that he should in future be known as "The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh."

The Duke has made many visits abroad with The Queen, including a coast-to-coast tour of Canada in the autumn of 1951. Since her accession, they have undertaken tours and visits to all parts of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth tour of 1953-54, and a state visit to Norway in 1955. Early in 1956, Her Majesty and the Duke visited Nigeria and, in June, they paid a state visit to Sweden, attending the equestrian events of the Olympic Games.

**EXTENSIVE TOURS**

In the summer of 1952, with the young Duke of Kent, he at-

ended the Olympic Games at Helsinki and on his journey paid informal visits to Norway and Sweden. He made a tour of Northern Canada in the summer of 1954 and, in October, 1955, visited Denmark, where he attended the British Trade Fair at Copenhagen. In the following November he opened the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, and made his visit to Australia the occasion of an extended tour of that country and New Zealand and of island territories of the Commonwealth.

During 1957 The Prince Philip accompanied Her Majesty The Queen on visits to Portugal, Denmark, France, Canada and the United States. In 1958 he accompanied The Queen to The Netherlands and, on his own account, visited the Brussels International Exhibition and, later in the same year, Canada. So far in 1959 he has made an extensive tour of the Far East and the Pacific.

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## Royal Trips In Future To Adopt New Pattern

By M. McINTYRE HOOD (Special London Correspondent)

LONDON—The visit to Canada of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip this summer is probably the last extended visit they will pay to any of the countries of the Commonwealth, and at the same time it is the first of the new pattern now being adopted for Royal Tours.

A few weeks ago, it was made known that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had, as a result of the experience gained in their extensive travels throughout the Commonwealth, built up a new philosophy regarding such visits. They wished to make their future visits of more frequent occurrence but of shorter duration.

The plans for the visit in the fall of this year allow for only 10 days to visit Ghana, Sierra Leone and Gambia. And from 10 days to two weeks is about the limit that will be imposed on future visits of the Queen and her husband to her domains within the Commonwealth and Empire.

**HEAVY STRAIN**

Behind this idea is the thought that there are too many coun-

tries and colonies to be visited to make an extended tour of any one of them. There is also the thought that an extended tour, like the present one in Canada, places a very heavy strain on the Royal Couple, and at the same time it separates them from their family for a much longer period than they feel desirable.

There is also the hope that by making shorter and more frequent visits to various parts of the Commonwealth, they might be able to take their two children, the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne along with them, without interfering unduly with the children's education.

The new philosophy which has developed regarding Royal Tours is that instead of going to Commonwealth countries and colonies simply to be seen by the people there, the Queen and Duke will make these visits to see more of the life and work of the people they are visiting. It is accepted that this line of thinking is largely the outcome of the worldwide travels of the Duke of Edinburgh, who, with an insatiable thirst for knowledge, has been

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