



days were spent there. In 1944 she made her first public appearance alone in Scotland, when, during a tour with her father and mother, she received purses in Edinburgh for the YMCA. In the summer of 1946 she attended the National Eisteddfod of Wales at Mountain Ash, and was initiated into the Welsh Gorsedd of Bards under the title of Elizabeth O Windsor. The next year she accompanied her parents and sister to the South African tour, sailing in the Vanguard which she herself had launched three years earlier. It was during this tour that the Princess celebrated her 21st birthday, when from Capetown she made a broadcast address to the Commonwealth, and in a "solemn act of dedication" said: "I declare before you all that whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me as I now invite you to do. I know that your support will be unfailingly given."

God help me to make good my vow, and the Nation and you who are willing to share in it.

Shortly after the return of the Royal Family from South Africa, the King announced that he had given his consent to the engagement of the Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. Lieutenant Mountbatten was born Prince Philip of Greece, son of Prince Andrew but renounced his royal title when he became a British subject, and on his mother's side he is a great-grandson of Queen Victoria. He and Princess Elizabeth had known each other for many years, for his boyhood was spent in Britain at school near the home of his grandfather, and at the home of his grandmother, the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven.

The Royal wedding took place on 26th November, 1947. On this day the bridegroom was created Duke of Edinburgh and granted the style of 'His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh'. Prince Philip, now the Prince of Wales, her apparent to the throne, was born the next year and his sister, Princess Anne, in 1950; the third child of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Andrew, was born in February 1950, and their fourth, Prince Edward, in March 1964.

Since her first journey overseas, in 1947, Her Majesty has paid many official visits abroad, several of them before her accession. As Princess Elizabeth she paid formal visits with the Duke of Edinburgh to France and Greece, and in the autumn of 1961 she and the Duke won the hearts of the people of Canada on their tour of that country. As Princess, too, she paid four visits to Malta while the



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Dubs was stationed there. These visits, each lasting several weeks, enabled her to see more of the day-to-day life of a member of her country of the Commonwealth than any of her family had ever been able to do before. When the late King's illness made it inadvisable for him to carry out his projected visit to Australia and New Zealand, his daughter took his place, and it was on the first stage of this journey, in Kenya, that Princess Elizabeth received the sad tidings of her father's death, and of her own accession to the throne.

DEDICATED TO SERVICE
In making the customary Accession Declaration, Her Majesty again dedicated herself to the service of the Commonwealth of which she had become the head.

"I shall always work, as my Father did throughout his reign, to uphold constitutional government and to advance the happiness and prosperity of my peoples, spread as they are all the world over."

"I know that in my resolve to follow his shining example of service and devotion I shall be inspired by the loyalty and affection of those whose Queen I have been called to be, and by the counsel of their elected parliamentarians."

"I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily this heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life."

Her Majesty was crowned Queen in Westminster Abbey on 2nd June, 1953. The august ceremony, which was attended by representatives from all parts of the Commonwealth and from many foreign countries, was a brought home to hundreds of thousands of her subjects in a way never hitherto possible: for the first time in history the coronation of a British sovereign was recorded by television, as it was by sound broadcasts throughout the world. The coronation was followed by drives through all parts of London, and by a review of the Fleet Street, and during the week that followed Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh made state visits to Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

At home, the Queen has entertained the Commonwealth and Prime Ministers on the occasion of their successive meetings in London, and Heads of State on official and State visits to Britain.

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Her Majesty the Queen was born in London on 21st April, 1926, first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. Five weeks later she was christened in the chapel of Buckingham Palace and was given the names of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

Her early years were spent in London, at 145 Piccadilly, the house taken by her parents shortly after her birth; at the White Lodge in Richmond Park; and at the country homes of her grandparents, King George V and Queen Mary, and the Earl and Countess of Strathmore.

When she was six years old the Duke and Duchess of York took over for their own country home the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park.

Princess Elizabeth and her sister Princess Margaret, born four years later, were educated at home by a Scots governess, Miss Marion Crawford (who later married Major George Bathurst), a graduate of Edinburgh University. After her father had succeeded to the throne as King George VI, Princess Elizabeth, now herself presumptive, began to study constitutional history and law, taking lessons from the late Sir Henry Martyn, Provost of Eton—then Mr. Henry Marten and Vice-Provost. The Princess took her studies seriously and her education was both broad and austere.

As she became older the Princess began to take part in public life. She was fourteen when she made her first broadcast, in October 1940, in a message given during the Children's Hour to the Children of Britain and the Commonwealth. "It was perfectly done," wrote the *Sunday Express* novelist Sarah Gertrude Millin in her diary. "If there are still queens in the world a generation hence, this child will be a good queen."

Early in 1942 Princess Elizabeth was appointed Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, and on her sixteenth birthday she carried out her first public engagement when she inspected the 1st Battalion of the Buffs during the evening before she had given her first official audience, when she received Colonel Prescott, and was presented

another of the little Princesses' favourite recreations, and the Christmas show at Windsor became the part of Principal Boy.

Like other girls the Princesses took a part in youth activities; Princess Elizabeth was eleven when she enrolled as a member of the Girl Guides, and was leader of the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company, and later became a Sea Ranger. She wore her uniform when at the age of 16 she registered with other 16-year-olds during the second world war, giving the Girl Guides as her sphere of pre-service training.

By the special wish of the King, Princess Elizabeth was not called up at the age of 16 for national service. She herself, however, was most anxious to join the ATS; eventually she persuaded her father to give his permission, and was gazetted 2nd Subaltern in March 1945. She took a course at the ATS No. 1 Mechanical Transport Training Centre, and passed out as a fully qualified driver. By the end of the war she had reached the rank of Junior Commander. On the formation of the Women's Royal Army Corps in February, 1946, she became an Honorary Senior Con-

trooler, and later Honorary Brigadier. (She resigned on becoming Queen.)

PERSONAL STANDARD
In July, 1944, the King granted Princess Elizabeth armorial bearings consisting of the Royal Arms 'differenced by a label of caducy'; she flew her personal standard for the first time when she launched a battleship, HMS Vanguard, during the winter of that year. The first naval vessel to wear the Princess's own standard was the cruiser Superb in which Her Royal Highness crossed to Belgium 15 months later to launch the new aircraft carrier HMS Eagle, and to make a tour of Northern Ireland.

From the end of the war onwards Princess Elizabeth's public engagements claimed more and more of her time. Many societies asked her patronage or presidency, and she travelled on public occasions throughout the British Isles, Scotland had known her well from her childhood when so many of her holi-



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