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DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ROYAL VISIT

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Pollard, K. B. E., C. B., D. S. O., has been appointed to take charge of the planning of the visit to Australia next year by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. Sir Reginald Pollard will be the Director-General.

Arrangements are being made with the Premiers for an early meeting with the State Directors to discuss the preparation of a detailed programme for consideration by Her Majesty. As announced on 28 January The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Australia in March and April of 1970. They will take part in the celebrations of the bi-centenary of Captain Cook's voyage, and will visit the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania.

Sir Reginald Pollard retired from the Army in 1963 after a long and distinguished career which culminated in his appointment as Chief of the General Staff in 1960. Sir Reginald Pollard held the appointments of General Officer Commanding Eastern Command 1957-1960 and Quartermaster-General 1954-1957.

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