

The Royal Visit: 2-17 July, 1957



Salisbury, S.R. 15 JUL 1957

The Queen Mother's 1957 Royal Tour to Rhodesia allowed her to learn a great deal about the territories. Having laid the foundation stone of the university during her previous visit, she followed up with the official opening of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on July 5, her first major engagement of the tour.

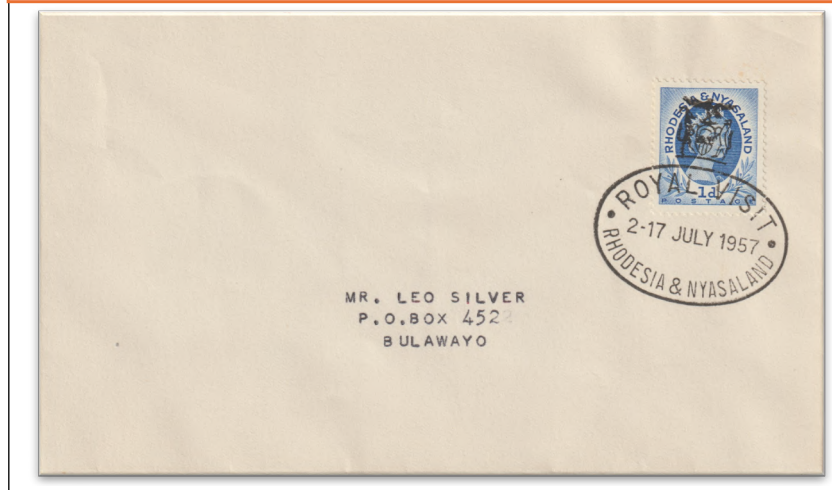
On 8 July she was met by the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, in Lusaka travelling north to the Copperbelt the following day. On 9 July she went two thousand feet underground, accompanied by the General Manager of (Luanshya) Roan Antelope mine.

Friday 12 July, she spent a day in Nyasaland, *'in brilliant sunshine the Royal Viscount Mpika touched down at 11 am. Her Majesty, a gracious, charming, regal figure smiling happily and clad in a lilac dress stepped down and walked onto Nyasaland soil.'*

On 15 July she toured Highfield township, Salisbury. On the last day of her visit she opened the National Gallery featuring its collection of Shona sculptures curated by Frank McEwan.



Photo: the Queen Mother with the Governor of Rhodesia, Bulawayo 11 July 1957,



A single special postmark was used during the Queen Mother's tour in conjunction with a date-stamp from the town of posting. Date-stamps of venues were also used during her visit; however, cancels exist from several places she did not visit.



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