

Belle of the Ball

THRILL OF A LIFETIME



FOR HARRIET ELLIS

at Queen's Birthday Gala

"The thrill of a lifetime", was how pretty aboriginal debutante, Harriet Ellis, described her presentation to the State Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Woodward, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., and Lady Woodward at this year's ball arranged by the Royal Commonwealth Society to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

Harriet was one of six girls who represented Australia in a debutante line of 11 which included girls from Pakistan, India, Malta, Great Britain and New Zealand.

Strikingly dressed in a simply cut, nylon model gown, Harriet captured a great deal of attention at the ball which she attended with the Superintendent of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. H. J. Green and Mrs. Green.

The Queen's Birthday ball, one of the most colourful galas of Sydney's social season, was held on June 8 at Sydney's Trocadero, which was decorated for the occasion with a unique collection of flags and crests presented by the Prime Ministers of the countries of the Commonwealth of Nations.

It was into this spectacular setting that Harriet, the former Mungindi girl, walked on the arm of the Marshal of Debutantes, Mr. E. L. Westbrook, to meet the Vice-Regal party and the official party which included The President, Lt.-Colonel George E. Colvin, D.S.O., E.D. and Mrs. Colvin; the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Kenneth Street, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Mr. K. M. Kaiser, S.Q.A., High Commissioner for Pakistan and Begum Kaiser; Lt.-General H. G. Edgar, C.B., C.B.E., General Officer Commanding Eastern Command and Mrs. Edgar; Rear-Admiral G. C. Oldham, C.B.E., D.S.C., Rear-Admiral commanding Eastern Australia area and Mrs. Oldham.

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◀ **Harriet Ellis being escorted to the presentation line by Mr. Eric Westbrook, the Marshall of Debutantes.**