

## EXCITING CAR JOURNEY.

**Q**UITE exciting experiences driving from Melbourne through the bushfires early in the week were had by Commander D. J. H. Clarke, of H.M.A.S. Australia, who, with his wife and small son, Robin, have been staying at Brighton with Dr. Margaret Robertson for a fortnight.

They left Melbourne on Saturday morning and travelled through Gippsland, where the smoke almost prevented them from seeing the road, but from Lake's Entrance they had a really terrifying time driving from the Cann River to Genoa. There was complete blackness due to the smoke, and a raging storm.

After two hours the darkness turned into a bright red, which was followed by a strange yellow light, which has not been seen in the district for 50 years.

When they arrived at Eden and the sunlight appeared again they were astonished to find their new cream car was a mass of charred leaves and cinders.

Along the road to Eden they met numerous kangaroos, wallabies, snakes, lizards, and birds just dropping dead in front of the car as they moved along. They continued their journey by the coast and arrived home on Tuesday night.