

TROOPING THE COLOUR

A royal ~~and military~~ pageant on Horseguards Parade celebrated the Queen's official birthday. Family spectators included ~~that~~ ^a young admirer of military ceremonial, ~~the Duke of Cornwall~~. In ~~the~~ ^{her} specially designed Grenadiers uniform - scarlet tunic, dark blue skirt and tricorne hat - Her Majesty rode with great dignity to take the salute at Trooping the Colour, this year that of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

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By the Queen's wish the Duke of Edinburgh attended her, a handsome figure in Field Marshal's uniform.

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~~1000~~ ⁷⁵⁰ officers and men of the Brigade of Guards paraded for inspection by the royal Colonel-in-Chief. They belonged to regiments which, from the time of their formation to the present day, have been without superiors either in the field or at home, and ~~with the blood of~~ ^{with} ~~heroes~~ have written their illustrious names on the scroll of military renown.

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The inspection concluded, the marching and counter-marching of the massed bands, ~~a total of~~ ⁴⁰⁰ men, provided luxuriance of spectacle and sound.

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The Colour trooped was that which Her Majesty presented to the First Battalion a month ago. By the Regimental Sergeant Major it was handed to Second Lieutenant Viscount Boyle. ~~Custom~~ ^{Custom} ordains that the Junior Ensign shall have the honour to bear the Colour as it is trooped down the line. A Colour, this, emblazoned with battle honours whose names read like the military history of the country.

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* 275 Music in slow time continued, as the ~~shmmammam~~ trooping gave place to the slow march.

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* (330) After the spectacular slow march the Guards changed to quick time, to the most famous of military marches.

(410) *Pleasant variety was afforded by the passage of Household Cavalry*

(430) Her Majesty's horse, Winston, which last year behaved nervously, was now a model to all his kind, though his example was not closely followed by Yokefleet, whom the Duke of Edinburgh had found a little restive. His Royal Highness, no stranger to the saddle, was ~~not~~ ~~not~~ ~~not~~ undisturbed by his temperamental mount.

Y Hunt (476) For the last hour Horseguards Parade had resounded with stirring music. Now Her Majesty, ~~was~~ behind the bands and, at the head of her Guards battalions, ~~was~~ ^{rode} from the parade-ground along the Mall, home to Buckingham Palace.

(520) Yokefleet showed there are more ways for a horse to walk than by following its nose. It would have been embarrassing if the Duke were not a good horseman.

(552) At the Palace gates Her Majesty took up position, ^{gr} receiving the salute as the Guards marched past.

1 1/2 (570) When it comes to a smart salute Prince Charles can hold his own with the best.

A crowd ~~that~~ that would have seemed big, but for recent Coronation memories, surged towards the railings, to get the closest possible view as the Queen joined the family group on the balcony. It was a charming end to the ~~ceremony~~ parade at which the Guards celebrated the birthday of their Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Elizabeth the Second.