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Colonel Carne receives "Freedom of Gloucester"

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A proud City fetes men of its County Regiment - the "Glorious Gloucesters" as led by their Commanding-Officer - Colonel J.P. Carne ^{V.C} - they marched to a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance in Gloucester Cathedral.

Three hundred men of the First Battalion (who had won undying fame in Korea) were on parade. ^{(Not forgetting a Gloucester of Tom (R.A.M.))} And as they filed into the 11th Century Cathedral no doubt, they were remembering those of their comrades who did not return to share this day of honour.

During the Service - a cross (carved from grey Korean stone by Colonel Carne, during long months of solitary confinement) was handed to the Dean for safekeeping. The symbol of a man's faith in his religion, the justice of his cause ^{in Korea, etc.} and himself, during long hours of trial.

~~Let the Civic Authorities proceed in their honour~~ ^{So} The proud Battalion marched to the Guildhall - to see their Commanding Officer receive the Freedom of the City.

In the presence of the Mayor and other Civic Officials - Colonel Carne took the Freedom Oath.

And when Colonel ^{he} Carne signed the treasured Civic Scroll - ^{the Colonel} he became only the ^{8th} eighth Honorary Freeman of Gloucester. ^{This was only the 8th to be so honoured.}
The Mayor - Alderman A.G. Lee then presented the Illuminated Scroll - with an inscribed Silver Casket to Colonel Carne.

~~At the Colonel's request...~~