

London: On the Artillery Ground that has been its headquarters for over 300 years, the Honourable Artillery Company was inspected by its Captain-General, the Queen - before receiving New Colours.

A moving moment for the Company ~~( )~~ as the Old Standards were marched-off ~~( )~~

✓ Yet, for this fine band of volunteers, it was also a proud occasion - for they were deeply conscious of the great honour the Queen was paying them - by becoming the first Reigning Monarch to present New Colours to the Company.

~~( )~~, while addressing the Parade, Her Majesty paid further tribute to ~~( )~~ all Britain's service volunteers. SOUND.

Then, reviving an <sup>old</sup> custom ~~of the past~~ - the Company saluted the Queen with its "Regimental Fire"

~~For over four hundred years, the H.A.C. has served the country; but to-day, its contribution underlines its proud motto - "Arms, the mainstay of peace."~~

~~( )~~ Her Majesty reviewed Pikemen and Musketeers of the Company - before bestowing her official recognition on a picturesque <sup>bodyguard</sup> ~~band~~ that graces public occasions in the Capital.