

June lived up to its best tradition when two eager Royal children (in the care of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret) set out for Horse Guards Parade.

And from Buckingham Palace [REDACTED]

rode Queen Elizabeth - to receive the homage of her Brigade of Guards

[REDACTED] ON the Sovereign's Official Birthday.

Escorted by Prince Philip and the Duke of Gloucester, Her Majesty

(wearing a scarlet tunic and green-plumed tricorne hat) is riding a

newcomer to Trooping ceremonial: Imperial, a chestnut Police horse.

WITH THE ROYAL CHILDREN [REDACTED] AT A WINDOW OVERLOOKING [REDACTED] the ancient parade ground, [REDACTED]

THE ANCIENT PARADE-GROUND, THE

[REDACTED] scarlet-clad Guardsmen [REDACTED] are reviewed

by ~~their~~ their Colonel-in-Chief.

A martial overture heralds the coming ceremonial, as the Massed Bands

of the Brigade of Guards begin their incomparable slow-march and

counter march.

This year, the Colour to be trooped is that of the First Battalion,

The Irish Guards. The Standard, (given into the safekeeping of the

Battalion by the Queen's Father, eight years ago), is handed to the

Ensign, 2nd Lieut. Palmer.

Now the Colour [REDACTED] is trooped along

the ranks of Guardsmen. A ceremony dating back to the days when the

Colour - (the ~~Standard~~ rallying-point in battle), was trooped along the ranks

so that every man should know his Regimental Standard.

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In support of their Colour, the First Battalion, Irish Guards lead the whole parade - marching past their Colonel-in-Chief in slow time.

The Salute is repeated in quick time.

Adding a final sparkle to a lustrous occasion - the ~~British~~ Sovereign's Escort of Household Cavalry trot past in review..

The trooping ceremonial is over. Behind the massed bands, and, at the head of her trusted Footguards, the Queen returns to Buckingham Palace

In the forecourt of the Palace, Her Majesty received a final salute - after a ceremonial occasion that will truly remain a golden memory.

Finally, the crowds surge forward to acclaim the traditional balcony appearance - ^{AND A} flight of Valiants roar a modern salute - on this day of age-old pageantry..