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and the Queen led the army

~~Between the wars, they carried out...~~

The Territorial Army ^{is fifty years old, a birthday at which} ~~celebrates the Golden Jubilee as the Queen leads~~

~~the parade in Hyde Park London. With the Queen and the Duke~~

~~of Gloucester was Prince Philip walking with the War Minister, the Duke~~

Just as we honour the Boys of the Old Brigade, so the Territorials ~~deserved to be honoured - they are more affectionately called~~ deserve this tribute.

A Royal review, with the Queen and Prince Philip inspecting their ranks in

Hyde Park.

The Force was raised in 1908 and those first "civilians in uniform"

were to set a high standard in ^{efficiency & courage.} ~~valour...~~

~~With the outbreak of World War One,~~

~~they fought side by side with~~

~~the Regular Army, in the first battle of Ypres..~~

The Territorials had won their spurs, for after the battle, Sir John French

wrote "Thank God for the Territorial Army"

~~In the days of peace that followed, the uniforms changed but the~~

~~Territorials continued training on drill nights or at annual camp.~~

~~They became known as "Saturday Night Soldiers" between wars.~~

~~In 1939 - and~~

~~Then, 400,000 spare-time soldiers were ready for active service in~~

~~World War Two. And the heroic defence of Calais by Territorials helped to~~

~~make possible the evacuation of Dunkirk.~~

~~And that in four hundred thousand who went to war in 1939~~

~~represented in the Victory Parades.~~

~~Now some of those veterans (and a new generation of Territorials),~~

~~celebrate fifty years of military tradition - marching past the Queen~~

~~in proud salute...~~

~~On the date, the Prime Minister with Princess Alexandra~~

~~parade. The Duke of Gloucester and Sir Gerald Templer, Chief of the~~

~~General Staff.~~

Once again, the Territorials are marching, and with them, the Women's

Branch, founded in 1938.

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And then - are you surprised? the rains came!

A fierce downpour that may have upset the onlookers, but not the Terriers' immaculate bearing. It was their parade - and anyway, volunteers learn to expect anything!

after 50 years of it,