

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

To the Grand Quadrangle of Windsor Castle comes the Queen, to inspect the Grenadier Guards on her birthday. Ten years ago she was appointed their colonel, in place of the Duke of Connaught. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, with Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, watches, as her daughter makes her last inspection of the Grenadiers as their colonel. The Guards wear capes to protect their scarlet dress tunics. Thirty officers and 480 men of the serving battalions, 80 men of the band and drums and 200 old comrades are on parade.

Princess Anne is now with the Duke of Cornwall as the Queen goes to the dais to address the parade.

① ["This parade originates in an event which is very near to us all, whereby, on the death of the King my father, it falls to me, a sovereign, to assume the Colonelcy-in-Chief of all five regiments comprising the brigade of Guards. I know that I cannot do better than to follow in his footsteps, for nobody was more proud of his foot-guards than the King. And I am proud indeed to become Colonel-in-Chief of this great fraternity.]

The Duke of Cornwall waves to his mother. And so Her Majesty's first ceremonial occasion comes to an end and another great function is recorded in the long history of the Royal Castle at Windsor.