

ROYAL CEREMONIAL.

The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, paraded in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace (Princess Anne watching) as Major Lithgow, Commanding Officer presented the Queen with a regimental brooch. The name 'King's Troop' was conferred by George the 6th, thirteen years ago, though the unit was formed, as the Riding Establishment, in Eighteen-0-Two. The Royal Horse Artillery, elite of gunners, takes the Right of the Line. All but the King's Troop is mechanised, but many who see these pictures will recall the horse-drawn guns of past years and the noble part they played in the First World War.

The Queen thanked the Troop for its present and praised the men in their soldierlike bearing. Then they left the Palace for Hyde Park to fire a salute, for the 39th Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Another royal residence, Windsor Castle, was the stately setting of the Installation Service of Knights of the Garter. Four new Knights had already been invested by the Queen, in the Throne Room of the Castle. All now made their way to St. George's Chapel for the Service.

Instituted by Edward 3rd more than 600 years ago, the Most Noble Order of the Garter is England's oldest order of chivalry. Like Windsor Castle itself, the Garter bears witness to centuries of valour in arms, and wisdom in times of peace. In it the Royal Family associate with subjects worthy of their esteem. Monty and Alanbrooke were together again. Sir Anthony Eden was there. And how fitting that Field Marshal Sir William Slim, a Viscount in the Queen's Birthday Honours, now wears the Garter. A memorable day, at Windsor, in the history of the Order.