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R.A.F. REGIMENT AS PALACE GUARD.

The Royal Air Force celebrates the 25th Anniversary of its foundation by mounting guard at Buckingham Palace. A detachment of the R.A.F. Regiment headed by their band marches to the Palace, where for 48 hours it takes up station as the King's Guard.

Though this is the first occasion on which the R.A.F. has mounted guard at the Palace, we recall the occasions when its aircraft have defended it from attack. The Regimental Guard is now passing through the main entrance into the Palace forecourt for the Changing of the Guard.

The usual crowd of sight-seers lines the Palace railings to see the Coldstream Guards hand over to the relieving guard. The King and Queen watch the ceremony as the sentries take up station.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal and Sir Archibald Sinclair head a long list of high officers attending this signal honour conferred upon the young regiment. The excellence of the Regiment's appearance calls for the highest praise. A particularly impressive moment occurs when the R.A.F. Guard come to the salute as the Coldstream Guardsmen march from the Palace forecourt on slow time.

Later the same day the R.A.F. pays tribute to the memory of the fallen. Those who made the supreme sacrifice in this and the last war. Sir Charles Portal places a wreath at the feet of the Cenotaph where the R.A.F. ensign flies for the first time.

A day of glorious remembrance, in which those who went before share the honours of today.