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HOME GUARD ANNIVERSARY.

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The King, as Colonel in Chief of the Home Guard, at the big display in Hyde Park.

Part of the country wide celebrations marking the 3rd anniversary of splendid service. Over five thousand citizen soldiers drawn from every command in Britain marching with all the bearing of well-trained soldiers - that they are! Fully equipped battalions with the defence of our homeland in their keeping.

Three years ago it was bowler hats, cloth caps, sporting guns and clubs. The Local Defence Volunteers have grown from rough and ready beginnings, into Home Guardsmen well versed in the use of modern weapons.

We Britons often smile at ourselves when we start being part-time soldiers in civilian dress, but it's the cause that counts, and when we change from raw recruit to fully trained soldier it's on days like this that we can see ourselves as others see us - and we look well.