

Paramount



PRESENTATION OF COLOURS

to the

ROYAL MARINES BARRACKS, EASTNEY

by

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, K.G.

CAPTAIN GENERAL, ROYAL MARINES

GALE & POLDEN LTD
Nelson House, Edinburgh Road
PORTSMOUTH



Eastney

23rd April, 1956

NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ARRIVE ON PARADE AT 11.15 O'CLOCK

Spectators are asked to stand and gentlemen to uncover on the following occasions:

THE ARRIVAL OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

From the appearance of His Royal Highness on parade until the end of the National Anthem.

TROOPING THE OLD COLOURS

When the Old Colours are marched off.

THE CONSECRATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE COLOURS

From the beginning of the Consecration Service until the end of The National Anthem after the Colours have been marched into their position in the line.

MARCH PAST

When the Colours are actually passing.

ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER AND DEPARTURE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

From the beginning of the National Anthem until three cheers have been given and His Royal Highness has left the parade.

CONCLUSION

When the Colours are actually passing.

All ranks in uniform stand to attention while the National Anthem is being played. Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers salute.

When the Old Colours are marched off, all ranks in uniform salute while the Guards present arms.

All ranks in uniform salute the Colours when they pass during the march past and when being marched off parade.

Captain General

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, K.G., K.T., G.B.E.

Commandant General

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL C. R. HARDY, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Honorary Colonel Commandant

MAJOR-GENERAL H. T. NEWMAN, C.B., C.B.E.

Major-General, Royal Marines, Portsmouth

MAJOR-GENERAL J. L. MOULTON, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.

Commanding Officer, Royal Marines Barracks, Eastney

COLONEL E. A. BROWN, O.B.E.

ON PARADE

Parade Commander

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. E. JOHNS, M.B.E.

Second-in-Command

MAJOR P. R. MATTERS

Adjutant

CAPTAIN P. le S. HARRIS

Regimental Sergeant-Major

R.S.M. R. D. WARNER

No.1 Guard

CAPTAIN J. AGNEW

LIEUTENANT A. J. DONALD

No. 3 Guard

MAJOR I. S. HARRISON

CAPTAIN B. E. DARBY

COMMISSIONED SERGEANT-MAJOR E. R. DURSTON

No. 2 Guard

MAJOR P. BEEMAN, D.S.C.

CAPTAIN G. A. M. RITSON

CAPTAIN J. R. D. SEARS

No. 4 Guard

MAJOR H. A. DIGBY-BELL

CAPTAIN J. N. BISHOP

CAPTAIN J. D. SHALLOW, M.C.

The Band and Drums of Portsmouth Group, Royal Marines

Director of Music

CAPTAIN K. A. MCLEAN, L.R.A.M.

Drum-Major

DRUM-MAJOR R. G. KNOX

Field Officers for handing the New Colours to His Royal Highness

MAJOR P. R. MATTERS MAJOR H. A. DIGBY-BELL

Old Colour Party

LIEUTENANT D. L. QUESTED

LIEUTENANT D. J. BREWSTER

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT C. H. SHOESMITH

COLOUR-SERGEANT H. E. GANNER

COLOUR-SERGEANT F. W. HARVEY, B.E.M.

New Colour Party

LIEUTENANT D. G. ALEXANDER

LIEUTENANT J. F. MOTTRAM

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT J. G. POLLARD

COLOUR-SERGEANT R. W. D. JAMES, M.M.

COLOUR-SERGEANT A. W. HILL

Quartermaster-Sergeants for bringing the New Colours on to the parade

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT G. D. PALMER

QUARTERMASTER-SERGEANT J. D. McELHONE

THE COLOURS

Colours have been carried in the Corps since the first marine regiment was raised in 1664. This was The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot which held a variety of Colours, though all based on the yellow of the uniform. Replicas of them are being used to decorate the parade today.

For succeeding regiments the Colours were altered with the times and to suit changes in the facings of the uniforms. A blue Regimental Colour was first adopted in 1811, after the Corps had been styled Royal. The earliest Colours of the present pattern were presented in 1827 to all Divisions of Royal Marines, and H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence, in making the presentation, gave this account of their design:

"The greatness of the number of actions to be considered and the difficulty of selecting amidst so many glorious deeds such a portion as could be inserted in this space, determined His Majesty King George IV to direct that *The Globe encircled with Laurel* should be the distinguishing badge as the most appropriate emblem of a Corps whose duties carry them to all parts of the Globe, in every quarter of which they had earned laurels by their valour and good conduct, and also His Majesty has given them the most peculiar and honourable distinction—a badge of his own Cypher; and further, His Majesty directed that whatever King and Queen they might serve under hereafter, though the Cypher of the reigning Sovereign must appear on their Standard, still in those of the Royal Marines, the Cypher G.R.IV was forever to appear."

In the Officers' Mess is a portrait of H.R.H. The Duke of Clarence, Lord High Admiral and General of Marines, which has as a background to the figure a mortar of the type now mounted on the seaward side of the parade. This mortar reminds us that, as Eastney was the Royal Marine Artillery barracks and artillery regiments do not carry colours but hold their guns in similar esteem, colours were not carried here until 1923, when, on the amalgamation of the Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, Eastney succeeded Forton as the Headquarters of the Portsmouth Division. In the meantime, two further stands of Colours had been presented to the Division: in 1858 by the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth; and in 1894 by Her Majesty Queen Victoria to a battalion of Royal Marine Light Infantry at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, when a battalion of Royal Marine Artillery was also on parade.

The Colours which are being carried on parade for the last time today were presented to the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines, by H.R.H. Prince George at Eastney on 3rd December, 1931. These were the Colours carried by the Royal Marine London Battalion for Public Duties in 1935, when guards were mounted on Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace. Notable occasions on which they were carried were the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V; the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI and his Funeral; and the Coronation of Her Majesty The Queen. They will be laid up in St. Andrews Church in the barracks with the Colours of 1858 and 1894.

THE NEW COLOURS

THE QUEEN'S COLOUR



THE REGIMENTAL COLOUR



ORDER OF CEREMONY DRILL MOVEMENTS

The four Guards with the Old Colours march on to the parade.

The Non-Commissioned Officers Commanding Guards march to the saluting base.

The Officers fall in.

The Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers march to their Guards.

H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General of the Royal Marines, is received with a Royal Salute.

His Royal Highness inspects the Guards.

The Band and Drums troop to the Colours in slow time and return in quick time.

The Lieutenant of No. 1 Guard assumes command of the Guard as Escort for the Colours.

The Escort for the Colours marches to the Colours.

The Escort to the Colours receives the Colours.

The Old Colours are trooped.

The Old Colours are marched off parade for the last time.

The Guards form hollow square, drums are piled and the New Colours are brought forward.

The Colours are consecrated by the Chaplain of the Fleet.

His Royal Highness presents the New Colours and addresses the Parade.

The Commanding Officer replies and the Guards re-form line.

The Colours are received with a General Salute and are marched to their position in line.

The Guards march past in slow and quick time.

The Guards advance in review order.

A Royal Salute is given to His Royal Highness, followed by three cheers.

His Royal Highness receives a Royal Salute and leaves the parade.

The Guards with the New Colours march off.

ORDER OF CEREMONY MUSIC

Quick March	"The Thin Red Line"	<i>Alford</i>
The Regimental March of the Royal Marine Artillery	"The Soldiers Chorus"	<i>Gounod</i>

Quick March—Drum Beating

Quick March—Drum Beating "Assembly"

Slow March	"The Tudor Maiden"	<i>Arranged Dunn</i>
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The National Anthem

Inspection Music	"Solent"	<i>McLean</i>
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Slow March	"By Land and Sea"	<i>Alford</i>
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Quick March	"Murray Firth"	<i>Mackenzie</i>
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The Drummers' Call

Quick March	"British Grenadiers"	<i>Traditional</i>
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The National Anthem

Slow March	"The Grenadiers March"	<i>Traditional</i>
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Slow March	"The Trumpet Voluntary"	<i>Clarke</i>
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Slow March	"Auld Lang Syne"	<i>Traditional</i>
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The National Anthem

Regimental Slow March	"The Globe and Laurel"	<i>arranged Dunn</i>
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Quick March	"Her Majesty's Jollies"	<i>Alford</i>
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Regimental March	"A Life on the Ocean Wave"	<i>Russell</i>
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Quick March	"British Grenadiers"	<i>Traditional</i>
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The National Anthem

The National Anthem

Quick March, "Mechanised Infantry"		<i>McBain</i>
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Quick March—Drum Beating, "Point of War"		
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CONSECRATION OF THE COLOURS

BY THE CHAPLAIN OF THE FLEET

THE VENERABLE F. N. CHAMBERLAIN,
C.B., O.B.E., M.A., F.K.C., Q.H.C.
Archdeacon of the Royal Navy

attended by

The REVEREND O. ROEBUCK, C.B.E., Q.H.C., Royal Navy
Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland and The Free Churches

THE RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNOR W. H. D. SHEPHERD
V.G., O.B.E., Royal Navy
Senior Roman Catholic Chaplain

THE REVEREND B. R. BEASLEY, O.B.E., M.A., Royal Navy

THE REVEREND C. H. S. BUCKMASTER, Royal Navy

The Commanding Officer will say:

Venerable Sir, on behalf of the Royal Marines, Portsmouth, we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours.

The Chaplain of the Fleet:

We are gathered here to consecrate these Colours, the solemn symbol of our loyalty, and with them ourselves, our service and our life. May these Colours never be unfurled save in the cause of justice, righteousness and truth.

Let us Pray

Our help is in the Name of the Lord

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you

Answer: And with Thy Spirit.

The Chaplain of the Fleet, laying his hands on the Colours, will say:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we do consecrate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and our country in the sight of God. Amen.

Let us Pray

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord who rulest over all things, accept, we beseech Thee, our service this day. Bless what we have blessed in Thy Name. Let Thy gracious favour rest upon those who shall follow these Colours now about to be committed to their trust. Give them courage that rests on their sure confidence in Thee. May they show humanity in victory, and patience in adversity. To those who command give wisdom, and those who follow obedience. And, finally, we beseech Thee, give them all such a sense of Thy mercy, as may engage them to a true thankfulness, as may be shown in their lives by a humble, Holy and obedient walking before Thee all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Chaplain of the Fleet give this Blessing:

May God who has called you to this Service enable you to fulfil it; may the Father make you strong and tranquil in the knowledge of his love; may the Lord Christ bestow upon you the courage of his gentleness and the steadfastness of his brave endurance; may the Holy Spirit grant you that self-control which comes from the gift of his wisdom; and may the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you now and always. Amen.