

DOUBLE HONOUR FOR CORNWALL A.T.C.

For the first time in its history the Air Training Corps is to provide a Royal Guard of Honour for the Sovereign. This signal honour has been conferred on Cornwall Unit A.T.C. by the receipt of instructions from the Lord Lieutenant (Lt. Col. Sir Edward Bolitho) and authority from the A.O.C. No.62 (Southern) Group, R.A.F. Home Command, to mount a Royal Guard of Honour at Launceston on May 9th when Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, visits the Borough at 5.40 p.m. Wing Commander Norman Macmillan, M.C., A.F.C., commanding Cornwall Wing A.T.C., will conduct Her Majesty to the Saluting Base after he is presented by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Guard of Honour will be mounted in the Guildhall Square under the command of Flight Lieutenant P.G. Francis, the Commanding Officer designate, of No.1559 (Launceston College) Squadron, in place of Squadron Leader B. Wilmott, who retires at the end of May.

The other officers on parade will be: Flying Officer F.J. Pearce of No.1432 (Bude) Squadron and Pilot Officer R.J. Bedford of No.1387 (Liskeard Grammar School) Squadron. Sixty cadets have been selected from these three squadrons and from No.77 (Redruth Grammar School) Squadron, the maximum number that can be deployed in the Square.

This is a double honour for the Cornwall Wing and those selected for this duty because, apart from the fact that it is the first time that the Air Training Corps will have provided a Royal Guard of Honour for a Sovereign, it is also understood that it will be the first time that a Royal Guard of Honour will have been mounted in Launceston, the former ancient capital of Cornwall.

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