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The honour of mounting guard at Buckingham Palace was fittingly conferred on the Home Guard, on the first anniversary of its formation. The band of the Grenadiers led the civilian soldiers into the forecourt, and as they swung along, relatives pressed up to the railings to see them take over. The Home Guard have put in hours of drill preparation - the reason why they were as smart and soldier-like as the crack troops they relieved.

His Majesty watched the change-over and acknowledged the salute of the officer commanding the Scots Guards. The Home Guard came to the present, as the men whose place they took slow-marched away from the Palace.

Captain Charles Brown is in command of the new Guard. Military personalities present included General Nation,

Sir Jerry Collins and Colonel Mallison, and Brigadier Whitehead.

In thus honouring the Home Guard His Majesty expresses the admiration his whole people have for the two millions who took arms when the danger was at its height. In the Elizabethan tradition of the Train Bands they answered the call. The country salutes the men of the Home Guard.
