It was a perfect summer morning when Her Majesty drove from with the Palace to withess Trooping the Colour/ The Duchess of Gloucester, Princess Margaret and little Prince William. U.S. airmen had front row places. For the first time the King was accompanied by Princess Elizabeth, gracefully riding side saddle. Eleven hundred men of the Brigade or Guards were on Horse Guards Parade, as His Majesty, the Princess and the Duke of Gloucester arrived. The King wore service dress of Colonel in Chief, Coldstreams, his daughter a specially designed uniform in dark blue, as Colonel of the Grenadiers. Many onlookers regretted that in keeping with the austere times Trooping the Colour was performed in battle dress.

(balcony) Be the times what they may much of the glamour and spectacle of this ceremony held in honour of the King's official birthday was recaptured. Not since 1939 has His Majesty inspected his guards, lining the square for Toropping the Colour. The colour selected was that of the 2nd battalion, Coldstream Guards, who mounted the King's Guard of the day. After the inspection the King returned to the saluting base. Since the Horse Guards last resounded to the marching and melody of this traditional pageant the Brigade of Guards have adued lustre to their unrivalled reputation. Vistories have been won on battlefields throughout the world.... The Regimental Sergeant major carried the colour to the ensign of the escort.

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At the conclusion of the ceremony the King **wede** off the parade ground to load of Frigade of Guards in the W marchedlast him at the saluting base at Buckingham Palace. Trooping the Colour this day marked, not the return to the world of 1939, but the advance, determined and purposeful, to brighter years ahead.

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