

ROYAL FAMILY IN SCOTLAND

Jedburgh, with its historic Abbey, was among the famous Border towns visited by the Royal Family during their ten-day tour of Scotland. Founded as an Augustinian priory in the twelfth century, the Abbey was ruined in fifteen forty-four by the English invasion of the reign of Mary. However, the royal engagement, not history, fills the minds of people today, and the ^{welcome} cheering was all the more enthusiastic by reason of the presence of the Princess and Lieutenant Mountbatten. Galashiels, also in the beautiful Border country,

Galashiels, also in the beautiful Border country, was visited, and here the King and Queen signed the Town's book of distinguished visitors. For centuries the Lowland hills have produced a race of warriors. The war memorial perpetuates the memory of men who gave their lives in the two world wars, but ~~before the union of Scotland and England the men of the Border country fought in countless battles, big and small, with their hereditary enemies of the south.~~

At Perth the Black Watch paraded for their Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty the Queen. The Lord Provost, with Field Marshal Wavell, greeted the royal colonel. The freedom of the city was conferred on the famous regiment and on the Field Marshal, who served with the Black Watch in the South African War.

The Lord Provost handed to the Queen the Scroll of Freedom which entitles the regiment to march ^{at city} on ~~on~~ ^fceremonious occasions

with banners flying and fixed bayonets, ~~through the city.~~

Her Majesty acknowledged the honour.

Lord Wavell, renowned in a regiment famous for great
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soldiers, was ~~was~~ worthy recipient of the City's highest
honour. His resounding victory in the desert campaign
won him a place in the company of great commanders. The
ceremony was among the most pleasing of the Royal Tour.