

QUEEN PRESENTS COLOUR TO QUEEN'S CO.

Grenadier Guardsmen parading in the castle quadrangle to await Her Majesty combined martial and ceremonial dignity in keeping with the occasion. The young and beautiful Sovereign came to present a new colour to the Queen's Company. As she herself was to remind them the custom was instituted by Charles 11. Every Sovereign since that day has had a King 's Company, or Queen's, and presented a colour soon after accession.

Charles 11 chose the first company of his first regiment of Guards, and today it is still the Grenadiers.

~~the Queen's Company of Grenadier Guards was formed in 1656 by Charles II, who was then Duke of York, and was the first of the three companies which formed the Grenadier Guards. The Queen's Company was the first to be formed, and was followed by the Grenadier Company and the Grenadier Company.~~

Had the parade been a few days later the cheers of the Queen's Co. would have mingled with the good wishes of all subjects on Her Majesty's 27th birthday.

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"I am very pleased to present the new colour of my company here today.

..... has been given by successive sovereigns to their own company.

I am proud to carry on this tradition which has been maintained for nearly 3 centuries by my predecessors."