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.

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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