

QUEEN PRESENTS COLOURS TO GRENADIERS

Rarely have both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, Grenadier Guards, paraded on the lawn of Buckingham Palace. Today, they were receiving new Colours from the Queen. The old Colours were trooped off, to the tune of Auld Lang Syne.

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The Duke of Edinburgh appeared ~~in the uniform of Field Marshal~~ in the undress uniform of Field Marshal. Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadiers, wore a blue-grey taffeta fully-flared coat. She presented four colours, all of them very richly embroidered, each battalion receiving both a Queen's and a Regimental Colour. The new banners were emblazoned with the ~~Regimental~~ battle honours of 300 years. Some of the officers and men on parade of both battalions were at Dunkirk and fought later with the Guards' Armoured Division to the final victory in Germany. When the four ensigns had received the colours the battalions marched past the Royal Colonel-in-Chief to the most famous military tune in the world.