

London: Birthday homage ~~to the Queen~~ as Queen

Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret take two excited Royal children ~~to the parade~~ - to watch the Trooping

the Colour <sup>ON HORSEGUARDS PARADE</sup> ~~at the Horse Guards~~

~~The~~ Threatening skies were forgotten - as loyal cheers greet Her Majesty the Queen - riding out on Winston, the famous Police horse - to receive the homage of the Brigade of Guards - on this - her official birthday.

<sup>wears</sup> The Queen ~~is wearing~~ a scarlet tunic as Colonel-in-Chief of the Coldstream Guards - with the Regiment's distinctive plume topping her tricorne hat. <sup>ON THE PARADE GROUND THE INSPECTION BEGINS</sup>

<sup>BEHIND</sup> ~~Her Majesty~~ ride the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Edinburgh...

~~By the happy coincidence that the Queen's husband, too, for Prince Philip was~~

<sup>This was a</sup> real birthday parade for the Queen's husband, too, for Prince Philip was celebrating his 33rd anniversary. He was wearing, for the first time, the full dress uniform of a Colonel of the Welsh Guards.

~~Following the parade the Queen and the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Edinburgh are joined by the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret and the Queen's children.~~

~~The~~ this year, it was not a full-scale trooping ~~to the Horse Guards~~. A reminder that the

~~Guards are trained to active service as well as ceremonial duties.~~

At a window overlooking the Parade - Prince Charles and Princess Anne - eagerly watch all that happens. ~~The day is a beautiful one and the~~

~~would have been a very good day for the Trooping the Colour.~~



~~THE QUEEN ENTERS THE PALACE TO JOIN HER FAMILY~~

~~As~~ Only then - as the crowds swept through the police cordon to pay further tribute to Her Majesty - did a heavy shower mar the occasion.

~~To~~ To round off this day of homage - jet aircraft of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force roar overhead - Britain's volunteer airmen making their first fly-past over the Palace...

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~~THE~~ A modern tribute <sup>joining</sup> ~~to~~ a century-old tradition in a Royal birthday celebration...