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Queen Mother receives Freedom-

June 25th. '54.

Dundee-- Drawn up in the Square- a Guard of Honour of the Black Watch- to welcome Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who was officially ~~greeted~~ greeted ~~received~~ by Lord Provost William Hughes.

Her Majesty had come to receive the Freedom of the City, and also to accept the Freedom on behalf of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of which she is Colonel-in-Chief.

~~But~~ First an inspection of the Guard of Honour. And the Queen Mother did not allow this formal occasion to pass without ~~making enquiries about the welfare of the men of her own Regiment~~ stopping from time to time to enquire about the welfare of the men of <sup>the</sup> her own Regiment.

Before ~~entering~~ the ceremony in Caird Hall, there was gracious acknowledgment -ledgment of the loyal welcome that came from thousands of Scottish throats.

Inside the Hall, the Lord Provost presented the Queen Mother with the burgess ticket and scroll, which conferred upon the Regiment the right of entry into the city on special ceremonial occasions.

Then the Lockit Book was duly signed, ~~and the Royal appreciation with~~ Royal thanks on behalf of the Regiment

After handing the scroll to the C.O. of the Regiment, <sup>for safe keeping,</sup> Her Majesty accompanied the Lord Provost to the saluting base for a Grand March-Past of the Black Watch.

Royal recognition of the glorious traditions created by a distinguished Regiment in many fields of battle. Not forgetting, too, the historical association of the Regiment with the City of Dundee.

<sup>ALSO</sup> ~~and~~ on parade were veterans of two world wars, "Old Comrades" who ~~deserve well of a grateful Nation--~~ ~~received~~ had come to pay their own tribute to a much-loved Scottish lady.

And the Queen Mother's friendly good-bye will ever remain a treasured memory in the hearts of the people of Bonnie Dundee.