

The R.A.F. pays tribute. ~~An honour guard of four Air Vice-Marshal~~ ^{stood guard at} the lying-in-state of its first great leader, Lord Trenchard...

Outside the Air Ministry, a piper ^{PLAYS} ~~plays~~ a lament - to honour the man who left the Royal Scots Fusiliers to become the first Marshal of the RAF - the Prime Architect of an air power that ^{has} helped, so largely, to preserve freedom for mankind.

~~With~~ With state ceremony, his ashes were being carried for interment amid an illustrious company in Westminster Abbey.

~~Following the funeral cortege~~ ~~the new Lord Trenchard~~ ~~walked in company with the Duke of Edinburgh (representing the Queen).~~ ^{THE MANY AWARDS OF THE DEAD LEADER,} ~~Behind them came~~

Among the many Service Chiefs paying tribute was the First Sea Lord - Admiral Earl Mountbatten.

~~And all 3 Services joined~~ ~~Besides representatives of the Three Services~~ ~~and contingents~~

~~had the homage of many foreign~~ ^{Boys} ~~contingents~~ ~~to~~ ~~represent their~~ ~~Communities~~ ~~-~~ ~~A detachment of the Metropolitan Police - a reminder that Lord~~

~~Trenchard instituted many reforms during his years as Commissioner.~~ ~~So to Westminster Abbey. There, in the Memorial Chapel,~~ ~~was the man~~

~~who raised an infant service into a crusading giant - to earn the~~ ~~proud title - "Father of the R.A.F."~~ ^{A VERY GREAT MAN WHOSE PROUDEST TITLE WAS}

The Metropolitan Police too, remember with affection their former Commissioner - a very great man, whose proudest title was "Father of the R.A.F."