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Local - South

Duke of Norfolk at Eastbourne

May 15th. '56.

Service

A ~~military~~ spectacle launched the summer season in Eastbourne's Town Hall, when the Duke of Norfolk (Lord-Lieut of Sussex), came to present No 3618 Fighter Control Unit with its Unit Badge.

On arrival, the Duke inspected the parade, ~~which~~ composed of two Flights, which ^{will} take their place in the front ranks of Britain's Volunteer Air Force.

Then came the ^{Duke's} presentation of a painted replica ~~which~~ of the badge (which bears the signature of the Queen) by Britain's ~~Premier Duke~~ to the Commanding Officer of the Unit- Wing-Commander D.F. Perrens.

The badge incorporates a symbolic bird with an upright sword superimposed on the design.

Crowning event of the day took place outside the Town Hall, when the Duke of Norfolk - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ accompanied by the Mayor- took the salute at an impressive march-past.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ^{Then,} afterwards, a parade through the ~~streets of the town~~ by the men and women who devote so much time in serving their country brought a touch of colour ^{FOR EASTBOURNE'S} to early visitors.