

Local  
Royal Tour-

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July 12th. '57.

Arriving at Chester- that lovely walled city- the Queen and Prince Philip were greeted by the Lord Lieutenant- Viscount Leverhulme. Later there was a warm civic welcome at the Town Hall from the Mayor of Chester- Councillor the Rev E.J. Lawson.

A balcony appearance was, of course, the signal for a tremendous outburst of loyal acclamation-- graciously acknowledged by the Queen and her husband.

Then- on to the "Roodee", for the presentation of new colours to the 1st, 4th, and 7th Battalions, the Cheshire Regiment.

Looking for those army biscuits, a couple of interlopers joined the parade. Two more defaulters ~~xxxxxx~~ for the Orderly Room!

On parade, too, were members of the Old Comrades Association. They enjoyed a few words with Her Majesty and the Duke.

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On to the Chester Royal Infirmary- for a tour of the wards. And a talk with several of the inmates of this hospital, which is celebrating its bi-centenary this year.

The next engagement was at <sup>Chester's</sup> ~~xxxxxxxx~~ new County Hall - beside the River Dee.

Her Majesty- wearing a blue coat over a white-pattered silk dress- formally opened the door of the building and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

As a token of her visit, the Queen was presented with a handsome silver and enameled cigarette box-- a treasured souvenir of her visit to Deeside.