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QUEEN HONOURS A.T.S.

Special parade of over two thousand A.T.S. to mark the fifth anniversary of the formation of the service. Behind their own band, march representatives from every army command in the United Kingdom.

Six abreast, they march up the Mall to Buckingham Palace. Two days of special instruction by Scots Guards N.C.O.'s is reflected in their splendid bearing. The birthday parade has a real snap finish.

At Buckingham Palace the Queen, as Commander-in-Chief, takes the salute. Alongside her are the Princess Royal, the Deputy-director Whateley. The column, with every head smartly turned to the right, swings by, to a march played by the Band of the Royal Artillery.

It's the biggest A.T.S. parade ever held. How the Auxiliary Territorial Service grew from a modest beginning, is another of those typically British stories in which a few civilians formed the nucleus of a force which ultimately earned the admiration of the world.