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POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Newest entrant to a select and honoured company is Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder. Driving to the famous Guildhall, he is to receive the Freedom of the City of London. Mr. and Mrs Attlee were among the many guests, welcomed in ceremonial fashion by Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Davis. In honouring Lord Tedder, the City of London pays tribute to his work as Deputy Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force until the defeat of Germany.

The traditional customs observed, Lord Tedder signs the roll of fame, adding his name to those recorded since the war ended - among them Field Marshal Montgomery and Lord Tedder's former chief, General Eisenhower. A token sword, in place of the one being made for him, serves as a memento of the occasion.

Now Chief of the Air Staff, Lord Tedder puts his faith in the youth of Britain - a safeguard of our air future.

Oak leaves symbolize the tree that sheltered Charles II from Cromwell's troopers, and Chelsea's Royal Hospital puts on the pomp and circumstance for its Founder's Day Parade. Called Oak-apple day, every Chelsea Pensioner gets a leaf of King Charles' favourite tree. The veterans ranks are thin, but their medals tell many stirring tales to inspecting-officer General Lloyd. Their campaigns are old and almost forgotten but each man's decorations are witness to a fine record.

254 years have gone by since Charles II founded Chelsea Hospital. Numerous battles have been won and lost since then. Even in retirement war wouldn't let the Pensioners alone. 20 of them were killed in London's blitz - but they still parade with all the pride of unbroken tradition.

Interest-point for socialites was the wedding of Captain Elphinstone and Mrs Vicary Gibbs at St. Margaret's Westminster. Princess Elizabeth was a bridesmaid - the bride was the Princesses Lady-in-Waiting. Wearing a green dress and with flowers in her hair Princess Elizabeth made the wedding a magnet for London crowds, waiting to cheer the departures of the royal guests. Glamour comes back to St. Margaret's on this brilliant royal occasion.