

ROYALTY GOES NORTH

Princess Margaret, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Highland Light Infantry, inspects the 2nd Battalion prior to accepting the Freedom of the City of Glasgow on behalf of that famous regiment.

The crowds around George Square give the young Princess a sympathetic welcome, for most people sense that this first unaccompanied visit is one of great nervous strain.

As the Lord Provost hands her the casket and the scroll of freedom, Princess Margaret manages a smile. It seems as if the Colonel-in-Chief has won her first battle. Her voice is clear and confident.

Royal visitors are received too in Newcastle. Lining the streets, Tyneside citizens cheer the Queen, as she makes a ten mile tour of the western half of their town.

Crossing Tyne Bridge, the Queen visits Gateshead to fulfil a promise made before the war that she would officially open the Queen Elizabeth hospital at Sherriff Hill.

Her Majesty - wearing a new flowerbedecked spring hat - is accompanied by Mayor Barron as she walks around the hospital that bears her name. Although the building is still incomplete, it has been in continuous use since 1944. In the women's ward (where lots of light and fresh air chase away the sickroom atmosphere) the Queen speaks to young mothers whose babies were born here. For them this is a day of hospital life made pleasantly memorable.