

WINCHESTERTHE KING VISITS THE K.R.R.C.

Keeping a long-standing promise, the King arrives at Bushfield Camp. There to welcome His Majesty as a former rifleman is the Mayor of Winchester as men of the 1st battalion the King's Royal Rifle Corps parade for inspection by their Colonel-in-Chief. Also on parade are men of the K.R.R.C. and Rifle Brigade depots.

The battalion has a distinguished record. When Italy declared war, they were in the desert with the 7th armoured division, wearing the desert rat badge. And it was in North Africa that the King last inspected them in warm desert sunshine.

These are one-day old soldiers who haven't drawn their uniforms yet. They've got a long way to go yet - as he could tell them - and every yard at the rifleman's extra quick march.

Pensioners came down from Chelsea for the day to parade with the old mob once again. It's 50 years and more since some of them joined, but, like old soldiers in the song, old associations never die, and the old links bring them on parade for the Colonel-in-Chief.