

DUMFRIES

FREEDOM OF CITY FOR K.O.S.Bs

Crowds gather at Whitesands, Dumfries to greet Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester. On behalf of the Royal Burgh of Dumfries, Provost Bell welcomes the Duchess. Her Royal Highness is the Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Detachments of the Regiment are on parade today to receive the Burgh's greatest honour - the freedom of entry into Dumfries.

The inspection over, the freedom ceremony begins. The Provost invites Her Royal Highness to accept the scroll which confers upon the K.O.S.Bs the right to enter Dumfries on ceremonial occasions and march through the streets with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed.

On behalf of the regiment, the Duchess of Gloucester signs the Burgess Roll and the ceremony of conferment draws to a close.

Now, with bayonets fixed and colours flying, the King's Own Scottish Borderers (many of whom have given such gallant service in Korea) march through the centre of the Royal Burgh.

Past the Duchess of Gloucester swing men of the K.O.S.Bs upon whom Dumfries has conferred its most coveted privilege.