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Her Majesty the Queen is at Windsor Castle to present a new colour to the Queen's Company the Grenadier Guards. First comes the inspection. All the Guards are at least six foot three tall.

The Ensign, Second Lieutenant the Viscount Boynes, receives the new Queen's Colour from Her Majesty, who is Colonel in Chief of the Regiment. For nearly three hundred years, every British monarch has maintained the tradition of presenting a colour to the Sovereign's Company of the Grenadiers. The ceremony ends with three cheers for Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, inspects a guard of honour mounted by naval cadets, during his visit to the dockyard at Devonport.

On board "H.M.S. Devonshire" (a training cruiser for young cadets). The Duke is to present prizes to those who have distinguished themselves in various grades of their course.

The Queen's Sword is awarded to N.G. Rees of Carmarthenshire as the year's best "all round" cadet.

At Dumbarton Castle thousands of Scots gather to welcome the Queen and the Duke. Many ancient customs associated with a sovereign's visit are revived for the occasion, including the traditional challenge.

The keeper of the Castle, Major General Telfer Smollet, brings the key of Dumbarton Castle for Her Majesty to touch in token of acceptance.

Her Majesty, followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, enters the gateway to inspect the historic castle where four centuries ago Mary Queen of Scots stayed before sailing to France to marry the Dauphin. The royal couple prepare to continue their journey.

At John Brown's Yard, on Clydeside, the four thousand ton royal yacht is ready for launching by Her Majesty. It was at this same yard that the Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, launched the battleship "Vanguard" in 1944. Three years later she named the "Coronia," but this is the first launching ceremony she had attended since her accession. Thousands of dock workers, many of whom helped to build the royal craft, give the Queen a warm reception as she walks past them to inspect the yacht. In the

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event of war, it can be converted quickly to a hospital ship. For many months there has been speculation about the name of the new yacht and there is an air of expectancy as Her Majesty steps forward to perform the actual launching ceremony.

Her Majesty releases the traditional bottle, not of champagne this time, but of Empire wine.

Soon the "Britannia" will become a home for the Queen, the Duke and their children.