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ROYAL DIARY:

In the quadrangle of Windsor Castle nearly a thousand scouts are inspected by Her Majesty the Queen during the annual St. George's Day parade of Queen's Scouts. Princess Anne watches from a window.

In the parade are overseas scouts and twelve representatives of Britain's handicapped members of the Movement.

A special word to the spastic and crippled scouts and then the Queen and the Duke watch a march past of the whole parade.

The Queen's obvious pride in her scouts is justified by this fine turn-out.

Travelling in a helicopter for the first time, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arrives at Biggin Hill from Windsor in a Royal Naval "Whirlwind". The journey took twenty minutes a third of the time it would have taken by car.

Her Majesty comes to inspect two Royal Auxillary Air Force Squadrons of which she is honorary air commodore - the 600 (City of London) and the 2600 Light Ack Ack Squadron. The Adjutant, Flight Lt. Lingford, presents her with a red rose in honour of St. George's Day.

Now the Queen Mother sees teams of the 2600 squadron get their light anti-aircraft guns into action at high speed. Mobile Bofors are used by these auxillary airmen to provide protection for the airfield against low-flying aircraft.

Pilots of the 600 squadron speak to Her Majesty before taking up their 'planes for the fly-past. As do the regular squadron at the famous war-time fighter base, the fully operational auxillaries fly Meteor jets.

And so aboard the "Whirlwind" once more - and back to Windsor.

Although this is her first helicopter flight, The Queen Mother may make many more to and from her public engagements.

