

2.46 PM. DANISH KING PRESENTS NEW COLOURS.

A CROWD OF OVER 7,000 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BUFFS (ROYAL EAST KENT REGIMENT) GATHERED ON THE COUNTY CRICKET GROUND AT CANTERBURY TODAY SAW THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF OF THE REGIMENT, KING FREDERIK OF DENMARK, PRESENT THE NEW COLOURS TO THE FIRST BATTALION. THE KING DROVE THROUGH THE DECORATED STREETS LINED WITH CHEERING PEOPLE TO THE CRICKET GROUND WHERE ON HIS ARRIVAL THE DANISH FLAG WAS BROKEN AND HE WAS GREETED WITH THE ROYAL SALUTE AND THE DANISH NATIONAL ANTHEM. A NUMBER OF BEEFEATERS, ALL BUFFS, PRECEDED HIS MAJESTY TO THE DIAS. THEY REPRESENTED THE REGIMENT'S HISTORIC CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF LONDON.

AFTER THE KING, ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR GENERAL V. BOUCHER, COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT, HAD INSPECTED THE PARADE, THE OLD COLOURS, WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THE BATTALION IN BURMA IN 1932, WERE TROOPED AND FINALLY MARCHED OFF THE GROUND.

THEY WILL BE LAID UP IN THE WARRIORS CHAPEL OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL TOMORROW MORNING.

THE NEW COLOURS WERE PLACED ON PILED DRUMS, CONSECRATED BY THE CHAPLAIN GENERAL CANON V. J. PIKE, AND THEN PRESENTED TO THE BATTALION BY HIS MAJESTY.

ADDRESSING THE BATTALION, THE KING EXPRESSED PRIDE AT TAKING PART IN THAT CEREMONY AND RECALLED THAT DURING THE WAR MANY OF HIS COUNTRYMEN FOUGHT IN THE RANKS OF THE BUFFS.

FINALLY THE NEW COLOURS WERE CARRIED IN THE MARCH PAST AT WHICH THE SALUTE WAS TAKEN BY THE KING.

LATER HIS MAJESTY WITH WHOM WAS PRINCE GEORG OF DENMARK WAS THE GUEST AT LUNCH AT THE BUFFS DEPOT.