

THE QUEEN IN SCOTLAND.

Kilmarnock welcomes the Queen during her Ayrshire tour, which of course, includes a visit to Robert Burns' cottage at Alloway. The Queen and the Duke spend a quarter of an hour in the poet's birthplace, scene of what some consider his finest poem "The Cotter's Saturday Night"

In Edinburgh, the royal couple are greeted at Prince's Street Station by the Lord Provost, Sir John Banks, who presents Her Majesty with the Keys of the city, and delivers a speech of welcome. She formally returns the keys to the Lord Provost, before meeting some of Edinburgh's leading personalities.

The Royal Scots Greys provide the Guard of honour.

The Queen and the Duke leave the station for Holyroodhouse. In the Meadows, the Queen attends the Royal Company of Archers, annual shooting event for the "Edinburgh Arrow" and makes the presentation of the Arrow and the Queen's Prize.

The "Edinburgh Arrow" is won this year by Major J.C.S. Gemmill, who receives the coveted trophy from Her Majesty.

The "Queen's Prize" is won by Major A.C. Blair.

In the Palace gardens, the Royal Scots Greys parade to receive a new guidon from Her Majesty, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. On this occasion, only the colour party is mounted. The old guidon - a red pennant trimmed with gold, and carrying on both sides, the Regiment's many battle honours - is escorted from the regimental lines and borne solemnly off the parade for the last time.

The oldest battle honours of the Royal Scots Greys - or Second Dragoons, are Blenheim, Ramillies and Oudenarde. The latest, which appear on the new guidon which the Queen is presenting to the Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant, are El Alacrin, Nofilia, and Salerno.

The march past ends a great occasion, in the history of a proud regiment.