

THE QUEEN AT WOOLWICH.

The Queen, as Captain-General of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, visits Woolwich, where the R.A. was founded 242 years ago. The Gunners have come a long way since the days of the old muzzle-loaders, like this one captured at Blatpoc; but the traditions of the past are maintained on ceremonial occasions by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery. This is an important year for the Gunners; for the Royal Regiment - the largest regiment in the Army - is having a major re-organisation. Units with long and glorious histories are being disbanded and regrouped, to meet the needs of the Rocket Age.

The Royal Artillery carries no colours; a Gunner's colours are his guns, every one of which bears the Royal cipher. And since they are in every battle, their battle honours are summed up by their motto - "Ubique" - which means "Everywhere".

The R.A. Still have guns, of course - but guided missiles like the "Corporal" are rapidly replacing field artillery, while the ground-to-air "Thunderbird" typifies the weapons of the modern ack-ack gunner. Since the Tudors first made artillery a Royal monopoly, to crush the power of the barons, the Royal Regiment has grown to be the biggest Regiment in the Army - the Right of the Line. In every group of civilians - including you who are watching this newsreel - you will find ex-Gunners. For during the last war, one soldier in three wore the Gunners' cap-badge. The weapons change, but the tradition remains - and the motto - "Everywhere".