

QUEEN AND DUKE VISIT CARLISLE:

The Royal Train drew into Carlisle station. Interrupting her holiday in Balmoral, the Queen came to fulfill a long awaited engagement in this historic city. She and the Duke were received by the Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland, Sir Robert Chance, and the Mayor, Councillor Irving Burrow. The Queen and Duke were to have come here on July the 8th, but were prevented by the sinus infection, from which Her Majesty suffered in the early summer. Outside the station a large crowd saw the Queen mount the dais before which paraded the guard of honour, provided by the Fourth Territorial Battalion, the Border Regiment, under the command of Captain Gordon Duff.

The Royal Party then proceeded by way of Court Square and English Street to the Town Hall.

It was a proud day for Carlisle. This Royal visit commemorating the Octo-Centenary of the City. Her Majesty unveiled a plaque, putting the day on record for all time. Carlisle, of course, traces its history far longer than that, for there was a town here in Roman times. The Mayor presented to the Queen the Alderman, Councillors and other dignitaries. In a pleasant, informal ceremony the Queen was presented with a bouquet of flowers by little Pauline Farish. Michael Corry gave a button-hole to the Duke.

The Queen and Duke then accepted the Mayor's invitation to sign the distinguished visitors book, Her Majesty also autographing a photograph of herself. The next place visited was the Market Hall. There the Royal Visitors were cheered to the echo by the children of Carlisle.

Singing by the children formed an item on the programme much appreciated by the Queen.

At three fifty-five, the Royal visitors proceeded with their tour of the city, which ended at the Cathedral.

After listening to an anthem, the Queen and Duke left the Cathedral, said goodbye to the Dean and drove to the station. The never-to-be-forgotten Royal visit to Carlisle was over.