

TROOPING THE COLOUR:

Undaunted by threat of rain, the Queen rode from Buckingham Palace, for the celebration parade of her Official Birthday, that unique military ceremony, Trooping the Colour. The Sovereign and her escort formed a brilliant spectacle, in stately Royal Procession along the Mall. Preceding them, riding in a barouche, were the Queen Mother and Princess Anne.

The Duke of Edinburgh and Gloucester were in attendance as the Queen arrived on Horse Guards Parade. Her Majesty, Colonel in Chief of the Household Brigade, today wore the uniform of the Grenadier Guards. She was a beautiful and commanding figure, as she inspected the guardsmen - nearly 600 of them - drawn up on parade.

Now began that feast of sound and spectacle, the slow march of the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards.

The Queen was mounted on the police horse, Imperial. The colour of the 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, was conveyed by the R.S.M. to the Ensign, a moment of ordeal of a young officer.

Trooping over, now the march past in quick time.

In jingling contrast, the trot-past of the Household Cavalry.

The ceremonial of Horse Guards Parade was over. The massed bands march off, preceding the Queen herself.

What a view it made, even on this dull day, from the roof of the Palace. Many times we have filmed Trooping the Colour, but this is the first time we have brought to the screen IN colour.

Members of the family (Earl Mountbatten on the left) watched, as Her Majesty took the last salute of her 1960 Official Birthday Parade.