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TITLE.:- MILITARY CONCENTRATION.

Picture.:- It is the greatest mobilisation of the British Army since those never-to-be-forgotten days of August 1914. ... There is, however, a difference ! ..... Whilst the mobilisation of seventeen years ago prefaced the spending of money on a scale never paralleled in the world's history, --

--this great assembly of military might is for the purpose of examining --

--the effect, if any, of proposed reduction in stores and equipment; so it is really an economy parade - with the Scots there to give a helping hand !

When the First Guards Brigade, (at full war strength), are on --

--parade, General Sir Charles Harrington takes the salute.

He is, of course, the Commander-in-Chief of the Aldershot Command. .... His --

--inspection of the infantry is the first of its kind since pre-war days. .... The big --

--assembly of cavalry makes an effective display, as it "falls in" at Jubilee Hill.

Other brigades had to be "drawn un" to bring the Guards Brigade up to strength for this test.

In these days an army must move very much quicker than it did before the War, so they are going to try to lighten the load Tommy has had to carry, without putting him, or his mount, to any sort of disadvantage. ....

The divisional cavalry regiment is also inspected by the --  
--Commander-in-Chief. .... He acknowledges the salute on arrival, and then proceeds to --

--gather data with a view to discussions on the measures to reduce impedimenta, and curtail transport.

This will take a load off the mind of Tommy Atkins, as well as off his shoulders and the hindquarters of his horse. .... By the way, we've heard a lot about the mechanisation of the army; but I can't help thinking it will be a pity when our cavalry is mounted on motor-bikes !