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(5). TITLE:- "THE DIC HARDS".

Picture.:- The Prince of Wales is Colonel-in-Chief of "The Dic Hards"; so, it goes without saying--

--that there must be no hitch in the ceremony, when His Royal Highness visits Colchester to present--

--new colours to the Regiment. XXXX Hence this rehearsal. XXXX First a kind of "good-bye" is said to the old colours. XXXX They are handed over to the escorting officers.

After a salute from the escort itself, the glorious old "bits of rag" are marched in slow--

--time down the ranks of the Regiment. XXXX This part of the ceremony--

--is what is known as "Trooping the Colour". XXXX

As the escort reaches the end of the long line, it drops into its allotted place,--

--faces front, and then, as though it were "goodbye" reverently salutes the colours. XXXX Now the actual--

--presentation ceremony is rehearsed. XXXX The new colours are handed--

--over, and the famous old regiment comes into possession of something which will, unquestionably mean--

--as much to every man as did the old colours. XXXX The Dic Hards have a wonderful record - they won no less than five Victoria Crosses in the Great War. XXXX "Long Live the Dic Hards !"