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TITLE:- ROYAL COLONEL.

Picture:- The Prince pays his promised visit to the Middlesex Regiment. XXXX Every man--

--is proud of the fact that His Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief--

--of the Regiment. XXXX To-day is a red-letter--

--day for them all ! XXXX The object of the Prince's visit is to present new colours to--

--the First Battalion. XXXX The inspection is no cursory affair, for the Prince of Wales is nothing if not a soldier!

The famous regiment has a long and splendid record of service to King and country. XXXX It came into being a hundred-and-seventy-six years ago - as the 59th Foot. XXXX The presentation over,--

--the Battalion, proudly headed by the new colours, march--

--past their Colonel-in-Chief. XXXX His Royal Highness can hardly fail--

--to be impressed by the splendid bearing of the--

--men. XXXX Everybody agrees that "the Guards" themselves couldn't put up--

--a better show. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Well, now they've got their new colours. XXXX I was going to say they are their proudest possession, but they might be forgiven if they put them in second place after pride in their Colonel-in-Chief. XXXXXXXX The grand march-past over, and--

--the troops give the Prince a real "soldier's farewell", (but not the kind some--

--if we old soldiers gave the jolly old sergeant Major when we were demobilised ! )

As a finale His Royal Highness consents to--

--a photograph with the regiment's officers. XXXX Thank you, Sir !

We, also, are grateful to you !