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ROYAL MARINES PRACTICE.

FOR LONDON GUARD DUTIES.

Picture:- The Royal Marines, at Eastney Barracks, Southsea, are busy training

for guard duties at the Royal Palaces in London towards the end of August.

Two pennants represent the gate-posts of Buckingham Palace, and between these the Marines march by way of rehearsal for the guard-mounting ceremony. Londoners will rub their eyes at the unusual sight of Soldiers

of the Sea performing Public Duties in London, for the

Marines have been selected for these duties for the first time in the two-hundred

and-seventy years of their existence. They are justly proud that this

honour should have fallen to them in Jubilee Year. This part

of the ceremony represents handing over of the keys by the officer of the old guard to the new.

The next duty is the posting of the

sentries of the new guard. (Pause).....

The Royal Marines share with the

H.A.C., the

Grenadiers, Buffs, and the City of

London regiment, the privilege of Marching Through the City with bands playing, bayonets

fixed, and colours unceased.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor of London they will exercise this privilege when they come

to London to mount guard for the first time.

MUSIC TO END OF STORY.