

MARINES GUARD STORY

The Royal Marines --His Majesty's Jollies, soldier and sailor
too-- and now, for a period, personal guard to His Majesty's
household. The weather has-----

---done its worst but ~~amusement~~ it can't take the kick out
of a ceremony like this. It is the first time in the regiment's
history that it---

---has provided the Palace guards. While the main column
continues its march towards the courtyard of St James's Palace
sentries at Buckingham Palace are posted. The crowd, many of
them old soldiers, watch the proceeding with reminiscent interest
interest -----

-----They know the orders, anyhow. -----

----- Then, with automatic smartness, white helmets of Marine
replaces black bearskin of Coldstream Guard.

At St James's Palace, steaming crowds welcome the marching---
---column of Marines. Their colour staff surmounted by a f-----
---golden crown, denotes that this is a ----
---Kings regiment--the Royal Marines-----
---The Drum Major dominates the column. He is John Dacombe
a champion athlete -----
---of the three Services-----
---Officer of the Old guard now pretends to give the castle
keys to the officer of the New guard. There are-----
---of course, no keys passed, but to----
---put a stout Marine before a door is safer than locking it.
---On the silken folds of the Colour is displayed but one
word "Gibraltar". To put-----
---all the battle honours of - ---
---this regiment's three hundred years of service would require
a square about the size of the-----
---courtyard. EFFECTS-----

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And so the Royal Marines, Britain's sea regiment, rapidly
~~shoulder their rifles and responsibility,~~
shouldering their rifles and responsibility, take over.
