

Her Majesty the Queen is Captain-General of the Honourable Artillery Company --- and the H.A.C. is the senior Corps of the Territorial Army. This inspection of the Guard of Honour at their London Headquarters, was preliminary to the presentation of new Colours -^A replacing the old, which are now being marched off and which were presented in 1928, by the Prince of Wales.

The Colours tell the story of the Battle Honours won by this ancient Company --- whose title of Artillery goes back through the centuries, to the Royal Charter sealed by Henry VIII, in 1537. This is the first time that Colours have been presented to the H.A.C., by a reigning monarch. In her speech, the Queen paid tribute to the Company --- and then spoke of ^{ALL} the men of the Territorial Army.

Then followed the unique cheers which are known as "Regimental Fire."

During the course of the parade, Her Majesty also inspected the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers --- who bring to the ceremonies of the present day, a picturesque reminder of their famous past.