

The City of Winchester received the Royal Charter eight hundred years ago --- and to-day's children in the Pilgrim's School Playing Fields, cheered the Queen when she arrived for the anniversary ~~celebrations~~ celebrations, of that great event of bygone centuries.

Her Majesty made presentations of medals to boys of Winchester's famous College --- the School founded by William of Wykeham, in the year 1382.

The Queen then drove to the Guildhall; and after being conducted to the dais by the Mayor, touched the Mace --- the symbol of civic authority, delegated ~~to the Mayor and Corporation~~ to the Mayor and Corporation.

Inside the Guildhall, Her Majesty inspected the two charters, granted by King Henry II, ~~in the year 1155~~. Then followed an inspection of the King's Royal Rifle Corps --- marking another anniversary. ~~It was just two hundred years ago, that this famous regiment was founded.~~ It was just two hundred years ago, that this famous regiment was founded.

After the inspection ~~the~~ ^{the} march past.

This was the Corps in which Sir Anthony Eden saw service in the First World War --- and the Prime Minister and Lady Eden were also present. It was during this visit, that Sir Anthony reported to Her Majesty on the Conference at Geneva --- which he reviewed in a spirit of sober confidence.