Holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross were conspicuous in the bemedalled ranks of the Royal Society of St George --- who held their annual parade in Trafalgar Square in London. The Duke of Devonshire as President, and General Sir Charles Loyd, the Inspecting Officer, also did honour to the patron saint of England.

At Windsor Castle, Her Majesty the Queen met scouts from overseas, on the St George's Parade of nearly a thousand Queen's Scouts and holders of awards for gallentry. She had a special word for those who were disabled.

This annual ceremony is an occasion on which Scouts pay tribute to the founder of their movement --- Lord Baden Powell

And --- also celebrating St George& s Day --- the Duke of Edinburgh travelled by helicopter, to present new Colours to the Royal Marines at Portsmouth. The Duke holds the rank of Captain-General of the Marines. The new Colours replace those which were presented by the late Duke of Kent in 1931. St George's Day is always kept in special remembrance by this famous corps; for it was on this day in 1918 --- during the First World War --- that the fourth battalion played such an outstanding part in the unforgettable raid on the Mole at Zeebrugge.