Military Matters

Knook

NEW CEREMONIAL DRILL

From Our Military Reporter

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The Duke of Edinburgh has spent this unpleasantly wet day with the 1st Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburg's), of which he is Colonel-in-Chief. In the fore noon he was at the camp at Knook, about three miles from here, and this afternoon was out in the mud and the sodden grass of the demonstration areas on Salisbury Plain used by the School of Infantry, to which the battalion at present is attached.

The Duke arrived in a Royal Navy helicopter, which landed beside the parade ground at Knook Camp, where a guard of honour from the battalion was mounted. He was wearing battledress with the regimental flash at the shoulder. The guard were armed with new F.N. self-loading rifles and used the new ceremonial drill to receive the Duke with a royal salute.
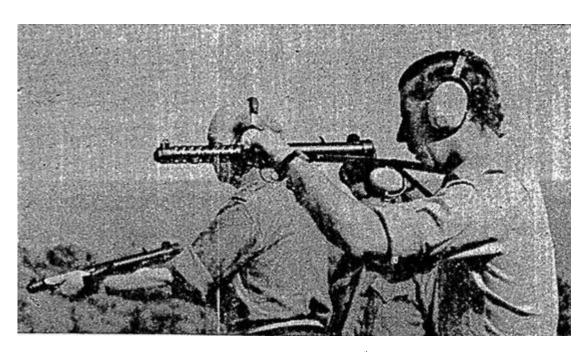
On Battlesbury Hill afterwards, eh saw demonstrations of field firing with the infantry weapons, including the new 120mm. B.A.T. recoiless anti-tank gun. Finally he watched, in drenching rain, a striking demonstration, with fully simulated battle effects, of a company attack with tanks in close support.

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The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, at Knook Camp, Salisbury Plain, on June 11.

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The Prince of Wales taking part in a firing exercise yesterday with the 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, at Knook Camp, Salisbury Plain. He is Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment.

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TODAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth, opens Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Show, Builth Wells, 10.30; as Colonel Grenadier Guards visits 1st Battalion, Knook Camp, Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire, 3.50

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