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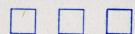
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LT.-COL. K. W. SAVORY, D.S.O.

FOREWORD

For the past three years the First Veterans Battalion has served the City of Vancouver. During 1936, it worked in conjunction with the Civic Golden Jubilee Committee in presenting a series of Military Displays and repeated in 1937 and 1938 under the auspices of the Vancouver Tourist Association.

The Battalion is proud, in presenting this year further displays on the occasion of the history-making visit of their most gracious Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth. We extend our loyal greetings and homage to The King and Queen of Canada.

Here, at this great crossroads of the Empire—the City of Vancouver—and in beautiful Stanley Park, the Veterans' Battalion again offers, as its contribution to the celebration of the occasion, this CORONATION ALDERSHOT TATTOO and GRAND MILITARY DISPLAY.

The Battalion has endeavoured to present, as nearly as the resources at its command will permit, a replica of the world-famous Aldershot Tattoo, which is attended annually by Their Majesties, the King and Queen, and members of the Royal Family.

The performance itself is unique, as it is believed to be without precedent in Canada, and the only one of its kind on this side of the Atlantic. It is hoped that its presentation here will meet with your approval.

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1. Fanfare—

By the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, by courtesy of Major G. Y. L. Crossley, O.C. 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade, R.C.A.

2. The Ceremony of Trooping the Colour—

By the 1st Veterans' Battalion (Vancouver). This is the oldest and most dignified ceremonial in the British Army, and is presented here in the same form as the ceremony carried out on the Horse Guards' Parade, London, by the Brigade of Guards, in honour of the King's Birthday.

The Colour, the gift of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Battalion, was officially presented by The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Percy Vincent, on August 20th, 1936. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Division, C.E.F., are represented together with the Imperial Army and Naval Forces.

3. Provincial Recreation Centres' Gymnastic Display,

Arranged by Provincial Chief Instructor Jerry Mathisen, by kind permission of Ian Eisenhardt, Provincial Director

Mat and Springboard Tumbling
Eric Martin, Master of Ceremonies

4. The American Legion—

Drum and Bugle Corps under the leadership of Harold Stevenson.

Presentation of New Colours by the American Legion, Bellingham Post to the American Legion Vancouver Post.

5. Exhibition Drill—

A squad of men of the 1st Veterans' Battalion under the Regimental Sergeant-Major, R. T. Marrow, M.M., will perform various drill and rifle exercises in both slow and quick time, showing the method used in training British troops on the Barracks Square.

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6. The Drummers and Trumpeters of the 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade R.C.A.—

Enter playing "The Military Patrol", in charge—Drum Major T. Pakenham. *Courtesy of Major G. Y. L. Crossley, O.C.*

7. Gymnastic Display—

High Box Vaulting. Arranged by Chief Instructor Jerry Mathisen.

8. Torchlight Tattoo Formations—

The Massed Buglers will sound "First Post", and the Arena will be darkened, with the exception of a single light on the Union Jack on the Flagstaff. The Torch bearers will enter the Arena, and after forming in Column, will go through various evolutions which will include the Circle, the Maze, the Cross, the Wheel, the Double Maze, etc., ending in "V" formation facing the Grandstand.

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9. The Grand Finale—

(a) The Trumpeter will sound "Assembly", and all torches will be extinguished.

(b) The Arena is lighted up, showing the assembled Troops in "V" formation, with the Massed Bands and the Colour Party in the centre, flanked on either side by the Officers with drawn swords.

(c) Massed Buglers sound "Last Post" and the Arena is again darkened.

(d) The Massed Bands play one verse of "Abide With Me", during which an illuminated Cross will appear in the background. (The audience is specially invited to join in the singing of the hymn).

(e) Kipling's "Recessional" will be recited by the Rev. George Biddle, Chaplain of the 1st Veterans Battalion.

(f) Massed Buglers will sound "Reveille", and the Arena will be illuminated. The parade will present arms, and Colours will be lowered in a "Royal Salute," while the Band plays

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

The Troops will then disperse, the Band playing a medley of popular wartime tunes.

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The Battalion appreciates the support given us by our many friends during the past 3 months to make this Display possible.



All arrangements for programmes under the supervision of Sgt.-Major Arthur Gordon.