Official Programme of the Victory Celebrations
8th June 1946
HIS MAJESTY'S PROCESSION

The King, accompanied by the Queen, the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret, will drive in a State Landau. The Royal Carriage will be escorted by a Column's Escort of the Household Cavalry with Standard.

ROUTE

Buckingham Palace 10.10
Marble Arch 10.25
Oxford Street
Charing Cross Road 10.35
Northumberland Avenue 10.40
Wigmore Street 10.46
Whitehall
The Mall (Saluting Base) 10.57

CHIEFS OF STAFF'S PROCESSION

The Chiefs of Staff at VII Day and VI Day, together with the Supreme Allied Commanders, will proceed the Mechanised Column, leaving theCHANGE Gate in Regent's Park at 9.15 a.m. and arriving at the Saluting Base at 10.20 a.m.

MARCH PAST

The Mechanised and Marching Columns will follow the routes given below, joining at Parliament Square and pressing together up Whitehall, the Mechanised Column leading. Between the arrival of His Majesty at the Saluting Base and the commencement of the March Past, the Massed Pipes of Scottish and Irish Regimental bands will march and counter-march in The Mall. The head of the Joint Column will pass the Saluting Base at 11.20 a.m. At the conclusion of the March Past, Squadrons of the Royal Air Force, together with Squadrons of the Naval Air Arm, will fly past the Base.

MECHANISED COLUMN

ROUTE

Regent's Park 9.30
(Change Gate) 9.40
Park Square West
Marylebone Road 9.25
Brentford Road
Putney Bridge
City Road
Old Street 9.45
Hackney Road
Cambridge Heath Road 10.05
Whitechapel Road
Whitechapel High Street
Aldgate High Street
Mansefield Street 10.11
Royal Mint Street
Shoreditch Street
Tower Hill
Euston Road
King William Street
London Bridge 10.19
Borough High Street
Edgware Road
Marylebone Road
Regent's Park 11.50

ORDER OF MARCH

Police Motor Cycle Patrols
1. ALLIED COMMANDERS

Despatch Riders of the Royal Navy
2. ROYAL NAVY COMMANDERS

Despatch Riders of the Army
3. ARMY COMMANDERS

Despatch Riders of the Royal Air Force
4. ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMANDERS

Despatch Riders of the National Fire Service

5. ROYAL NAVY

Amphibious Jeeps
Wessex
DUKW's
Mobile Wireless Telegraphy Units
Aircraft Refuelers
Mobile Sick Bays

6. ROYAL AIR FORCE

Reconnaissance Cars
Light Ambulances
Radar Vehicles
Despatch Rider Letter Service
Special Ambulance
Aircrews
Tenders
Recruiting Van
Pre-heater Vans
Freighters
Aircraft Rudder mounted on 10-ton Tenders
Breakdown Tender
Fire Tenders
Fire Crash Tender
ROYAL AIR FORCE—continued

Dental Caravan towed by Air Traffic Control
Towing Car Mechanical Horse
Cooking Tender Bomb Tenders (Londed)
3-ton Tender with Propeller Transporter Mobile Canteen
Educational and Vocational Office Tender
Training Van
Purchase Drying Tender Porchume Servicing Vehicles
Tipping Tender Truck
Water Tender (1,000 Gallons) Patrol Tender (2,000 Gallons)
Airfield Freighter Aircraft Transpofter
Airfield Floodlight Aluminium Beam towed by 3-ton Tender
Mobile Workshop Power Plant 20 K.V.A.
Radar Vehicles
Light Truck Aircraft Transporter
Mechanical Horses with Torpedo Carriers Motor Transporter lorry carrying Elevator
Armament Carriers
Runaway Sweeper
Airfield Snowplough Radar Vehicles
Balloon Winch with Hydrogen Cylinders
Heavy Ambulance Air Traffic Control
Air Passenger Coaches
Trench Carriers
Ftan Informaton
Petrol Tender (2,500 Gallons) Aircraft Salvage Tender
FIRE SERVICES
Petrol Cars
Control Vans
Towable Ladders (200 ft.)
Turnable Ladders (60 ft.)
Endowed Fire Pumps
Auxiliary Towing Vehicles with Trailer Pumps
CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES
Civil Defence Reserve Reserve Vehicles
Light Rescue Vehicles (London)
Heavy Rescue Vehicles (London)
Rescue Vehicles
Rescue and War Debris Cranes
Rescue and War Debris Tippers with Shelves
AGRICULTURE
Land Drainage Equipment Farm Tractor and Binder
London Buses followed by Provincial Buses 6-ton Mechanical Horses
6-8-ton Articulated Vehicles Mechanised Transport Corps
Cruiser Cranes Cars
Insulated Meat Vans
PUBLIC UTILITIES
Mobile Coast Radio Station Mobile Telegraph Office
Mobile Gas Compressor Gas Lorry and Purging
Machine Trailer
Standard Electric Motor Repair Units
Tractors with Trailer Moistening Electrically-Driven Water Pumps
GENERAL SERVICES
Y.M.C.A. Mobile Canteens Salvation Army Mobile Canteens
Church Army Mobile Canteens National Savings Vans
ARMY
ROYAL ARMED CORPS
Comet Command Tank followed by Churchills
Scout Cars Shermans
Armoured Cars Crocodile
Claffies (Light) Tanks Crocodile
Cromwells Flails
Coasters Bridge Laying Tanks
ROYAL ARTILLERY
Jeep followed by
Self-propelled 25-pdr.
Towed 25-pdr.
Towed 6-pdr. Guns
Towed 7-9-in. Howitzer
Self-propelled 17-pdr.
7-9-in. Howitzer (Air Transportable)
ROYAL ENGINEERS
Jeep followed by
Armoured Vehicles Royal Engineers
Shovel Equipment on Tractors towed by Matador Tractor
Arks
Class 1 Angledozers on Trailers
Trench Pumps (Super C) with 12-yard Scrapers
Motor Graders 153-h.p. Diesel Tank Engine on Trailers
Survey Printing Lories
MECHANISED COLUMN

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS
- Jeep
- Cars drawing Signals Trailers
- 3-ton Wireless Lorry
- 3-ton Cable Laying Lorry
- Command Vehicles
- Half Tracks

INFANTRY AND ARMY AIR CORPS AND SPECIAL FORCES
- Half Tracks
- M.A.C. Carriers
- Universal Carriers
- Jeeps
- Windsor Carriages

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS (including Royal Army Medical Corps)
- Jeep
- Jeeps with Trailers
- Weasels
- Track Carrying Lorry
- Water Lorry
- Bulk Petrol Lorry
- Machinery Lorry
- 3-ton Lorry towing Generator Trailers
- 10-ton Lorry towing Bakery Equipment Trailers

ROYAL ORDNANCE CORPS (including Army Film and Photographic Unit)
- Jeep
- Blasted Stores Trailer and Boot Repair Trailers
- Blasted Stores Lorry and Mobile Office
- Mobile Crane and Breakdown Lorry
- Water Tow Truck
- Mobile Oxygen Plant and Mobile Inert Gas Plant
- Clogging Repair Trailer and Mobile Laundry/Boiler/Trailer

WAR CORRESPONDENTS
- Jeep

ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY FORCE INSTITUTES AND FIRST AID NURSES TRANNIST
- Mobile Commissariat

ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
- Jeep
- 20-ton Tank Transporters
- 40-ton Tank Transporters carrying Cradles
- Heavy Breakdown Tractors
- 3-ton Machinery Lorry
- Jeeps

ARMY FIRE SERVICES
- Fire Tender Lorry (towing Trailer Fire Pumps)

MARCHING COLUMN

ROUTE
- Marble Arch 10:30 a.m.
- Oxford Street 10:42
- Charing Cross Road 10:58
- Trafalgar Square 11:08
- Northumberland Avenue 11:16
- Embankment 11:22
- Parliament Square 11:30
- Hall Wharf 11:45 p.m.
- The Mall (Saluting Base) 12:05
- Constitution Hill 12:05
- Hyde Park Corner 12:13

ORDER OF MARCH

TALLIED FORCES
- Bands
  - United States of America (followed by Czechoslovakia, Mexico)
  - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (followed by Poland, Bulgaria, Egypt, Turkey, Palestine, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, Greece, Denmark, Sweden, Sweden, Iceland, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Portugal, Italy, Spain, France, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, Newfoundland)

DOMINIONS
- Bands (followed by Union of South Africa, South Australia, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, Newfoundland)

INDIA
- Royal Indian Navy (followed by Indian Army, Indian Air Force)
- Royal Indian Artillery (followed by Indian Engineers, Indian Signal Corps)
- Royal Indian Engineer Corps (followed by Band of Royal Gurkha Rifles)

BURMA
- Burma Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
- Burma Army
- Burma Volunteer Air Force
THE COLONIAL COLUMN

WEST AFRICA
Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Sambia, British Somaliland

ADEN
Aden Protectorate Forces

BERMUDA
Bermuda Militia Artillery, Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps, Bermuda Volunteer Engineers

CEYLON
Ceylon Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Army Service Corps, Ceylon Garrison Artillery, Ceylon Engineers, Ceylon Light Infantry, Ceylon Signal Corps, Ceylon Army Service Corps, Ceylon Medical Corps, Ceylon Railway Engineer Corps, Ceylon Corps of Military Police, Ceylon Electrical and Mechanical Corps, Ceylon Pioneers, Auxiliary Territorial Service

CYPRUS
Cyprus Regiment, Cyprus Volunteer Force, Royal Air Force

PALESTINE
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, Palestine Regiment, Palestine Police

ST. HELENA
St. Helena Regiment, Merchant Navy

SEYCHELLES
Seychelles Pioneer Corps

SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSION TERRITORIES
Bophuthatswana, Bophuthatswana, South African High Commission Territories Corps

MALTA
Royal Navy, Royal Malta Artillery, Royal Engineers, Corps of Signals, King's Own Malta Regiment, Army Service Corps, Army Medical Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Army Pay Corps, Malta Pioneer Group, Royal Air Force, Malta Police, Civilian Services
MARCHING COLUMN

BRIGADE OF GUARDS
Band of the Brigade of Guards
Corps of Drums of the Brigade of Guards
Grenadier Guards
Coldstream Guards
Scots Guards
Irish Guards
Welsh Guards

INFANTRY OF THE LINE, ARMY AIR CORPS AND COMMANDOS

Band
The Queen's Royal Regiment
The Buffs
The King's Own Royal Regiment
The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
The Royal Warwickshire Regiment
The Royal Fusiliers
The King's Regiment
The Royal Norfolk Regiment
The Lincs Pomorze Regiment
The Devonshire Regiment
The Suffolk Regiment
The West Yorkshire Regiment
The East Yorkshire Regiment
The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment
The Lancashire Regiment
The Green Howards
The Loyal Fusiliers
The Cheshire Regiment
The Gloucestershire Regiment
The Worcestershire Regiment
The East Lancashire Regiment
The East Surrey Regiment
The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
The Border Regiment
The Royal Surrey Regiment
The Hampshire Regiment
The South Staffordshire Regiment
The Dorsetshire Regiment
The South Lancashire Regiment

followed by
The Essex Regiment
Honourable Artillery Company
The Cambridgeshires Regiment
The London Regiment
The Surrey Regiment
The Herefordshire Regiment

Park
The Sherwood Foresters
The Royal Regiment
The Northamptonshire Regiment
The York and Lancaster Regiment
The Essex Regiment
The King's Own Royal Regiment
The Queen's Own Royal Regiment
The Middlesex Regiment
The Wiltshire Regiment
The Manchester Regiment
The North Staffordshire Regiment
The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
The King's Shropshire Light Infantry
The Durham Light Infantry
The King's Royal Rifle Corps

INFANTRY OF THE LINE (continued)
Pipes and Drums Band
The Royal Scots
The Royal Scots Fusiliers
The King's Own Scottish Borderers
The Cameronians
The Black Watch
The Highland Light Infantry
The Seaforth Highlanders
The Gordon Highlanders
The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Lorne Scots
London Scottish
Liverpool Scottish

followed by
The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
The Royal Ulster Rifles
The Royal Irish Fusiliers
London Irish Rifles
The Royal Welsh Fusiliers
The South Wales Borderers
The Welsh Regiment
The Monmouthshire Regiment
Glider Pilot Regiment
Parachute Regiment
Special Air Service Regiment
Commonwealth
Jewish Brigade

CORPS AND SERVICES
Royal Army Chaplains Department
Band of the Royal Army Service Corps
Royal Army Service Corps
Band of the Royal Army Medical Corps
Royal Army Medical Corps
Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Royal Army Pay Corps

followed by
Royal Army Veterinary Corps
Army Education Corps
Army Dental Corps
Corps of Military Police and Military Provost Staff Corps
Pioneer Corps
Intelligence Corps
Army Physical Training Corps
Army Catering Corps
Army Welfare Service

HOME GUARD

Detachment of Home Guard

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENTS

Band

AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE

FIRST AID NURSING YEOMANRY

CIVILIAN SERVICES (SECOND CONTINGENT)

Band of the National Fire Service

TRANSPORT SERVICES

Railways
Tramways
Dומaines
Road Haulage

followed by
Air Transport Auxiliary
Dock
Cunard
MARCHING COLUMN

CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES (THIRD PART)
Industrial Civil Defence Services
Fire Guard and Raid Spotters

POST-Raid SERVICES
Administrative and Information Centres
Emergency Information
Rest Centres
Mortuary Service
Emergency Food Service
Lend-Lease Meals Service
Port of London Authority
River Emergency Service

PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES
Gas, Electricity and Water Undertakings
Road Repairs

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS (FIRST PART)
Aircraft Industry
Boot and Shoe Trades
Brickmaking
Building Trades
Cannery and Catering
Chemicals Manufacture
Gestional Staff
Clothing Workers

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS (SECOND PART)
Containers
Fishmongers
Food, Drink and Tobacco Manufacture
Glass and Pottery
Household Workers
Hotel Domestic Staff
Iron and Steel Workers
Non-Ferrous Metal Workers

Y.M.C.A.
Y.W.C.A.
Church Army
 Salvation Army
Toc H
Church of Scotland Halls
Methodist and United Board Churches
Catholic Women’s League

CHANNEL ISLANDS AND ISLE OF MAN

TALLIED AIR FORCES

United States of America (Army and Naval)
United States (followed by)

Czechoslovakia

France

Norway

Belgium

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Bomber Command
(Groups No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Pathfinder), 26 (Signals), 91, 92 (O.T.U.), 93 and 100)

Fighter Command
(Groups No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 50 (Signals), 70, 81, 82 and 88, Balloon Groups 24, 25, 33 and 43)

Coastal Command
(Groups No. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20 and 247)

British Air Forces of Occupation, Germany

Air Command, South East Asia

Groups No. 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233 and 238)

Mediterranean and Middle East Command

Groups No. 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219 and 220)

 messed Cranwell, Royal Air Force Regiment and No. 1 Regional Bands

Transport Command
(Groups No. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 300)

Flying Training Command
(Groups No. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 46)

Technical Training Command
(Groups No. 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56)

Maintenance Command
(Groups No. 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54)

Iraq Levis
Royal Air Force Regiment
Royal Observer Corps
Princess Mary’s Royal Air Force Nursing Service
Voluntary Aid Detachment
Women’s Auxiliary Air Force Band
Women’s Auxiliary Air Force

CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE

INSTITUTES
FLY-PAST
Hurricanes
Sunderlands
Lancasters
Mosquitos
Sea Mosquitos
Beaufighters
Firebrands
Seafronts
Spitfires
Pistoles
Tempests
Meteors
Vampires

AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENTS
HYDE PARK (AT THE, COCKPIT)
p.m.
3.0 to 3.10 Nautical Orchestra.
3.10 to 3.30 Display of Folk Dancing by a team of children from London Schools.
4.0 to 4.20 Community Singing accompanied by the Orchestra.
5.0 to 5.30 Children's Ballet.
5.30 to 5.45 Nautical Orchestra.
5.45 to 7.30 Military Band Concert with sessions of Community Singing.
7.0 Scottish Pipers and Dancers.
*From 3 to 6 p.m. two Punch and Judy entertainments will play at hourly intervals.

HYDE PARK (HANDSTAND)
3.0 to 3.45 Salvation Army Regiment Hall Band, with sessions of Community Singing.

GREEN PARK
3.0 to 3.10 Symphony Orchestra.
3.10 to 3.30 Children's Ballet.
4.0 to 4.30 Display of Folk Dancing by a team of children from London Schools.
5.0 to 5.20 Community Singing accompanied by the Orchestra.
5.30 to 5.45 Symphony Orchestra.
5.45 to 7.30 Military Band Concert with sessions of Community Singing.
6.30 Scottish Pipers and Dancers.
*From 3 to 6 p.m. two Punch and Judy entertainments will play at hourly intervals.

ST. JAMES'S PARK
3.0 to 3.10 Metropolitan Police Central Band.
3.10 to 3.30 Community Singing accompanied by the Orchestra.
4.0 to 4.20 Children's Ballet.
5.0 to 5.20 Display of Folk Dancing by a team of children from London Schools.
5.30 to 5.45 Metropolitan Police Central Band.
5.45 to 7.30 Military Band Concert with sessions of Community Singing.
6.0 Scottish Pipers and Dancers.
*From 3 to 6 p.m. two Punch and Judy entertainments will play at hourly intervals.

REGENT'S PARK
AT THE OPEN AIR THEATRE
3.0 "As You Like It"—(Shakespeare)—presented by Robert Addins Ballad Side Players.
(Admission Free—Chairs 6d.)

ON GLOUCESTER GREEN
5.45 to 7.30 Military Dance Bands for public dancing.
EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS

7.30 to 9.30 Dancing in St. James’s Park, Green Park, Hyde Park (near the Serpentine Bridge) and Regent’s Park, to the music of Military Dance Band.

10.45 to 11.45 Searchlight, astatic and fireworks display centred on the stretch of the River Thames between Hungerford and Vauxhall Bridges.

10.00 Arrival at the Houses of Parliament of His Majesty the King who will travel by water from Clithon. SalUTE by the searchlights of the Anti-Aircraft Command and 41 arial cannons, and by the playing of the National Anthem from 50 loudspeakers, followed by national music.

10.20 Floodlighting of the surface of the River and Westminster and Lambeth Bridges; coloured water display by 800 jets from 8 fireboats and 20 specially equipped barges, manned by the National Fire Service, and from special equipment on either side of Westminster and Lambeth Bridges. Commencement of a concert specially arranged in conjunction with the British Broadcasting Corporation, and including excerpts from Handel’s Water and Fireworks music.

10.30 Firework display by Messrs. C. T. Bock & Co., opening with the discharge of 200 rockets.

10.45 Searchlight display, accompanied by astatic fireworks and illuminated fireboats from fireboats.

10.55 Arrival of R.A.F. aircraft caught in the beams of searchlights.

11.0 Interlude for fireworks, including set pieces from 10 barges moored opposite the Victoria Tower Gardens and the Houses of Parliament.

11.15 Arrival of further aircraft, with running commentary between B.B.C. observers in the aircraft and at the river side. Water display with fireworks from the temporary bridges beyond Westminster and Lambeth Bridges.

11.30 Concludes fire from the temporary bridges and a Devil’s Tattoo, accompanied by the coloured water display. Short concert of popular music on the loudspeakers.

11.45 Display ends with the firing of 50 magnesium shells and the playing of the National Anthem.

DECORATIONS AND ILLUMINATIONS

The procession route from Parliament Square to Buckingham Palace will be decorated by the Ministry of Works. Starting from a special feature in Parliament Square, all the public buildings in Whitehall will be decorated with large flags representing both the Fighting and Civilian Services. Nelson’s Column will be decorated with lines of flags. Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery and the Admiralty Arch will also be decorated. The Mail will be decorated with 1233 flags bearing the flags of the Services, Foreigners, Colonies and Fighting Allies; each mast will bear the name of the Service or country represented. The Saluting Base will be situated opposite Marlborough Gate. From 10 p.m. until midnight, and on successive nights up to and including Saturday, 15th June, the following buildings in the London area, amongst others, will be floodlit:—

Buckingham Palace
St. James’s Palace
Hampton Court Palace
Windsor Castle
Houses of Parliament
Westminster Abbey
St. Paul’s Cathedral
Lambeth Palace
Tower of London
Mansion House
Royal Exchange

War Office
Horse Guards
Surrey House
National Gallery
Admiralty Arch
Nelson’s Column
Royal Naval College
Greenwich
Royal Mint
Bethnal Green Museum
County Hall, Westminster

Many of the flags forming part of the decorations in Whitehall will be floodlit, and also the lake in St. James’s Park and the fountains in Trafalgar Square. The gardens at Hampton Court will be floodlit and there will be a water display on the River Thames there.

The Admiralty are illuminating some of His Majesty’s Ships, which will be berthed as follows at:

Greenwich . . . H.M.S. Diadem and H.M.S. Bellona (Cruisers)
Woolwich . . . H.M.S. Myosotis, H.M.S. Zanabari, H.M.S. Zet and H.M.S. Zealand (Destroyers)
Deptford . . . H.M.S. Stork (Sloops) and H.M.S. Bamberough Castle (Covettas)
London Docks—
Shadwell New Basin H.M.S. Token and H.M.S. Thermopylae (Submarines)
Upper Pool . . . 4 Minewepers

The public will be able to visit these ships on Whit Sunday, 9th June, and Whit Monday, 10th June, between 12.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. During the same period, Motor Torpedo Boats will be moored on the River Thames at Chelsea, Vauxhall and Charing Cross and near H.M.S. President.