City of New Mestminster British Columbia

# "Civic Welcome"

to



# The First Battalion The Mestminster Regiment

LIEUT. COLONEL G. C. CORBOULD, D.S.O., E.D.

Upon Their Return From Obersens

AT THE QUEEN'S PARK OVAL NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

SATURDAY, JANUARY NINETEENTH NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX

LT. COL. F. J. SIMPSON, V.D. GENERAL CHAIRMAN

# PROGI

### PART I.

Arrival of the First Battalion, The Westminster Regiment (Motor), C.P.R. Depot, Front Street.

The Parade will be formed up in the following order, facing West:

- (a) Members of First Battalion arriving off train
- (b) Members of First Battalion already here
- (c) Members of Westminster Regiment Association.

#### PARADE ROUTE:

Columbia Street to McBride Boulevard (Saluting Base at City Hall) McBride Boulevard to Queen's Park

# PART II.

#### CIVIC RECEPTION IN THE OVAL

Chairman—His Worship Mayor W. M. Mott

O' Canada

Introduction by Chairman of Guests on platform

Introduction of Major General F. F. Worthington, C.B., M.C., M.M., G.O.C. in C. P.C.

Welcome from Pacific Command by G.O.C. in C. P.C.

Introduction of Major General B. M. Hoffmeister, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

Welcome from Major General B. M. Hoffmeister

Introduction of Brigadier J. E. Sager, E.D.

Welcome from Brigadier Sager

# RAMME

Welcome from City by Mayor Mott to Battalion and Presentation of Freedom of the city to Lt. Col. G. C. Corbould, D.S.O., E.D.

Reply by Lt. Col. G. C. Corbould

Benediction—Chaplain Hon. Capt. J. Burton Thomas

God Save the King

Unit Dismissed by Lt. Col. G. C. Corbould, D.S.O., E.D.

# PART III. ARENEX

Members of the First Battalion, The Westminster Regiment (Motor), friends and relatives, are invited to adjourn to the Arenex for refreshments under the supervision of the Women's Auxiliary to the First Battalion, The Westminster Regiment (Motor).

# GENERAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the procedure established in the Civic Welcome to Units who have preceded the First Battalion, The Westminster Regiment (Motor), on their return to their home town from Overseas Service, and to ensure that this famous Unit will receive a fitting welcome, the Committee urges the relatives and friends of the men to proceed direct to the Oval, Queen's Park, where seats will be available.

All to be seated prior to the arrival of the Unit. By co-operating in this way, everyone will be assisting in making this Reception a huge success and in keeping with this auspicious occasion.

Front Street, at the Canadian Pacific Railway Depot, will be barricaded to permit the Unit to detrain and form up as expeditiously as possible, without interruption. The Battalion will march off immediately and the G.O.C. in C. Pacific Command will take the Salute outside the City Hall, while the Battalion will continue along the line of march until they arrive at the Oval, entering by the East gate.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- An endeavour has been made to make the programme as short as possible, considering the importance of the occasion, and the anxiety of the relatives and friends to be reunited with their loved ones once again.
- Relatives and friends are requested to sit in the spaces marked with the letter representing the initial letter in the surname of their men, who will have previously been advised to look for their families accordingly, as soon as the Battalion has been DISMISSED for the last time by the Officer Commanding, Lt. Col. G. C. Corbould, D.S.O., E.D.
- At this stage the men and their families are free to go where they desire, but the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary to the Westminster Regiment (Motor), assisted by ladies of other organizations, have prepared refreshments to be served in the Arenex and soldiers and relatives are free to partake of these refreshments, while enjoying the long looked for re-union.
- Personal baggage of the men will be picked up at the train by members of the Second Reserve Battalian, The Westminster Regiment (Motor) and will be transported to the Drill Hall and taken care of until the soldier calls for same. This baggage will be claimed by the soldier upon presentation of a baggage check previously issued to him on the train.
- For the comfort and convenience of those who desire transportation to their homes, Mr. Wm. Matthew and members of the A.R.P. Organization will be available for this purpose, assisted by transport from the Second Reserve Battalion and cars from the neighboring municipalities.