

# QUEEN & DUKE AT CENOTAPH SERVICE

## TV BROADCAST

The Remembrance Sunday service from the Cenotaph on Sunday week is to be televised and broadcast again this year. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will watch the service from windows overlooking the Cenotaph.

Detachments of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, the Army and the Royal Air Force, including the women's branches, will march via Birdcage Walk, the Horse Guards Arch and Whitehall to the Cenotaph. They will arrive by 10.35 a.m.

The north side of the square will be formed by columns of men and women who served in the forces and in the merchant navy during the two wars. Guards' Bands will play until 11 a.m.

### GUN TO MARK SILENCE

Shortly after 10.50, the Choir of the Chapel Royal will take up a position on the eastern side of the Cenotaph. It will be followed by the Bishop of London, Dr. Wand, who will conduct the service.

On the first stroke of 11 by Big Ben, the two minutes' silence will start, marked and ended by the firing of a gun from the Horse Guards' Parade. At the end of the silence the "Last Post" will be sounded by R.A.F. trumpeters.

The Queen will then lay a wreath. Wreaths will also be laid by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Gloucester, and on behalf of the Queen Mother. At the end of the service the Queen and the Duke will return to the Home Office.

After the march past the Cenotaph, official deputations and the public will lay their wreaths.

There will be a special service at Westminster Abbey from 10.30 to 11.10 a.m. The Board of Admiralty, the Army Council and Air Council will be represented, as will the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets.

The public will be admitted to the Abbey at 11.20. The doors will remain open until 8 p.m.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 1953

The arrangements for the celebration of Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, have now been completed and have been approved by Her Majesty The Queen.

Representative detachments of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army, the Territorial Army, the Home Guard, the Royal Air Force (including the Women's branches of those services), and the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, will march via Birdcage Walk, the Horse Guards Arch and Whitehall to the Cenotaph, where they will arrive by 10.35 a.m. and form a hollow square. The north side of the square will be formed by columns of ex-Servicemen and women, organised by the British Legion, who served in the Armed Forces and in the Merchant Navy during the two wars. The west side will be formed by detachments of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force, the Women's Services of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, and the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets. The east side of the square will be formed by detachments of the Household Cavalry, the Royal Artillery, the Brigade of Guards, the Women's Services of the Army, the Territorial Army and the Home Guard, and a representative contingent of members of the Civil Defence Services, while the southern side will be formed by the bands of the Brigade of Guards, together with bands of the Royal Marines and Royal Air Force. A selection of music will be played by the Bands of the Brigade of Guards between 10.35 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Shortly after 10.50 a.m. the choir of the Chapel Royal will leave the Home Office and take up a position on the eastern side of the Cenotaph. The choir will be followed by the Bishop of London who will conduct the Service.

On the first stroke of 11 a.m. by Big Ben, the Two Minutes' Silence will be observed. Its commencement and conclusion will be marked by the firing of a gun from the Horse Guards' Parade. At the end of the Silence the "Last Post" will be sounded by Trumpeters of the Royal Air Force.

Her Majesty The Queen will then place a wreath on the Cenotaph. Wreaths will also be laid by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Gloucester, and subsequently on behalf of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother; and of Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth; of the Colonies and Protectorates; and of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets and Civil Defence.

When all the wreaths have been laid, the hymn "O God our help in ages past" will be sung, accompanied by the bands of the Brigade of Guards. A short service will follow, consisting of a special Collect, the Lord's Prayer and a Blessing. The "Reveille" sounded by Buglers of the Royal Marines and one verse of "God Save the Queen", sung by the congregation and accompanied by the bands, will complete the ceremony. Free copies of the Order of Service will be distributed by Boy Scouts to the public in Whitehall, and it is earnestly hoped that all will join in the singing.

The Service will be broadcast and televised by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

At the conclusion of the Service, Her Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Gloucester will return to the Home Office. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and other Members of the Royal Family will witness the ceremony from windows overlooking the Cenotaph.

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Before the troops leave Whitehall, the columns of ex-Servicemen and women present on parade will march past the Cenotaph. The Service and Civilian Detachments will then march off and the official deputations bearing wreaths and the general public will be marshalled into streams moving from Whitehall towards Westminster so that they may place wreaths on the Cenotaph as they pass, while arrangements have been made so that those who so desire may pass through Westminster Abbey before the Grave of the Unknown Warrior. It is specially requested that all wreaths and flowers be placed at the Cenotaph and not at the Unknown Warrior's Grave.

All movement in Whitehall will be from North to South only - that is, from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Street - and members of the public who attend the Service are requested to disperse in a southerly direction after the troops have marched off.

The Two Minutes Silence will be observed throughout the United Kingdom and it is hoped that church services will begin at such hour as may be convenient in order to ensure that there shall be everywhere a pause in the Service at 11 a.m. when the Silence will be observed. Local authorities are asked to arrange beforehand for the synchronising of all public clocks with Greenwich time. The Greenwich Time Signal will be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation on Saturday, 7th November, at 10.0 a.m. in the Light programme and at 11.0 a.m. in the Home Service. It will be broadcast again on Sunday, 8th November, at 8 a.m. in the Home Service and 9 a.m. in the Light programme.

The commencement of the Two Minutes' Silence will be marked in the Central Metropolitan Area by the firing of a gun from the Horse Guards Parade simultaneously with the first stroke of Big Ben as it sounds the hour at 11 a.m. At 11.2 a.m. a second gun will be fired to denote the conclusion of the Silence. In Outer London similar notifications will be given by the discharge of maroons from selected police stations. It is specially requested that no hooters, sirens, bells or other form of sound signal be utilised within the Metropolitan Police District or the City of London as the signals which have been authorised should, in ordinary circumstances, be audible over the whole Metropolitan Area.

At all ceremonies arranged to mark the celebration of Remembrance Sunday war medals and decorations may appropriately be worn with civilian dress by all ex-officers and ex-Servicemen and women, members of the Nursing Services and other women to whom they have been awarded, while the holders of war medals and decorations awarded to deceased relatives have full permission to wear such medals and decorations on the right breast.

Details of the arrangements in the United Kingdom have been forwarded to all parts of the Commonwealth. It is hoped that there will be such general co-operation in the Celebration of Remembrance Day as there was in observance of Armistice Day in previous years.

#### SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

There will be a special Service at Westminster Abbey on Remembrance Sunday commencing at 10.30 a.m. and concluding at 11.10 a.m. at which the Board of Admiralty, the Army Council and Air Council will be represented. Representative detachments from the Fighting Services, the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets will also attend.

Such seats as will be available in the Abbey after setting apart the places reserved for residents in the Commonwealth and Colonies, representative detachments and the British Legion, will be open to the public without tickets. It is, therefore, particularly requested that no applications for tickets should be addressed to the authorities of the Abbey.

The general public will be admitted to the Abbey at 11.20 a.m. and the doors will remain open until 8 p.m. at which hour the Abbey will be closed.

HOME OFFICE, WHITEHALL.