



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE PARADE

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Sunday November 15th, 1953 • Horse Guards Parade Ground • Whitehall • London

Inspecting Officer

FIELD MARSHAL THE RT. HON. EARL ALEXANDER OF TUNIS,
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Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis (Minister of Defence) will be the Inspecting Officer at the annual Remembrance Parade of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women on the Horse Guards Parade Ground, Whitehall on Sunday, November 15th.

Contingents will travel from all parts of Scotland, Wales, Ulster and England to join those from the London area. From assembly points in London, headed by bands of Household regiments, the Guards, Royal Marines and R.A.F., they will arrive at the Horse Guards Parade Ground at 2 p.m.

The Chief Rabbi (the Very Rev. Israel Brodie), assisted by the Rev. I. Levy, O.B.E., Senior Jewish Chaplain to the Forces, will conduct the Service.

A Wreath Party including Lieut. T. Gould, V.C., R.N.V.R., will place a wreath on the Cenotaph when the contingents march past the Cenotaph after the service and inspection.

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BACKGROUND TO A.J.E.X.

1. AJEX is the familiarly-known abbreviation for the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women.
2. The Association has been in existence for the past 26 years.
3. Its inception was due to the initiative shown by 12 Old Comrades of the Jewish Regiment (the "Judeans") who served under General Allenby in World War I.
4. AJEX now has 59 Branches throughout the British Isles, with a membership of over 10,000.
5. The Association is run on democratic lines, with a National Council, whose members are elected at an Annual Conference by delegates representing each Branch.
6. The President of AJEX is Lord Morris of Kenwood, and the Chairman is Mr. Gordon Goring.
7. Membership of the Association is open to all Jewish Ex-Service men and women who have served with H.M. Forces or the Allied Forces, and with the British Mercantile Marine
8. AJEX, although non-political in essence, makes a firm stand to counteract racial and religious intolerance in any form and has, for long, raised an active voice against the resurgence of Nazism in Germany, and the release of Nazi War Criminals.
9. Welfare is one of the main activities of the Association, which has assisted scores of needy Jewish ex-Service men and women throughout the country. It works in close co-operation with the Jewish Board of Guardians in this direction, and also with the British Legion and other ex-Service organisations.
10. Funds for its work are raised through various functions held during the year, and also by members' subscriptions, which are nominal and vary from Branch to Branch
11. Branches of the Association engage themselves in social and cultural activities and continually seek, through their functions, to foster and maintain a "good-neighbour" policy with other organisations (Jewish and non-Jewish) in their respective areas.
12. The Annual Remembrance Parade is the highlight of the AJEX year. 1952 we were honoured by having as the Inspecting Officer H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T.
Inspecting Officers in other years have been :
 - 1951 General Sir Frederick File, Bart., G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
 - 1950 Air Marshal Sir William Forster Dickson deputising for Sir John Slessor indisposed on that day (now Chief of Air Staff)
 - 1949 Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B.
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Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women throughout the United Kingdom muster for their Annual Remembrance Parade on the Horse Guards Parade Ground, Whitehall, this afternoon, Sunday November 15th.

Field Marshal: The Rt. Hon. Earl Alexander of Tunis, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C. is the Inspecting Officer at the Parade, an honour of which Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women are particularly proud.

Scotland, Wales and Ulster have sent their organized contingents to join those from every city and town in Britain. They met at pre-arranged points in London and formed in battalions led by the Bands of the Irish Guards, the R.A. (Woolwich), the Scots Guards, the Royal Marines, the R.A.F. and the Glasgow Pipe Band march to the Horse Guards Parade Ground.

The Remembrance Service is conducted by the Chief Rabbi the Very Rev. Israel Brodie, assisted by the Rev. I. Levy, O.B.E. Senior Jewish Chaplain to H.M. Forces.

On parade are holders of every medal for valour from the V.C. downwards, while veterans include men who have fought in Britain's cause from the Egyptian Campaign of 1882, the Matabele Campaign 1893, South African War 1899-02, and the two World Wars.

A remarkable record among the veterans on Parade is that of W/Comdr. Lionel Cohen, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C. whose war service covers not only the two World Wars but the Matabele and South African Campaigns. He won his D.F.C. in the last war when he was 69 for flying in 70 operational missions as Airgunner-Observer.

Lt. T. Gould, V.C., R.N.V.R. who won his medal serving in the Submarine Service in the last war is in the Wreath Party, as is also W/Comdr. Cohen. Others in the Wreath Party are Major Sir J. Brunel Cohen, K.B.E., Lt. Col. L. M. Dale, D.S.O., M.C., Major Edmund de Rothschild, T.D., Col. Marcus Sieff, O.B.E., His Honour Judge Cohen, M.C., T.D., and Ex-Cpl. H. J. Reece (South African War and "Old Contemptibles"). In charge of the Wreath Party is Brig. E. F. Benjamin, C.B.E., who commanded the Jewish Brigade in Italy in the last war.

After the Service and Inspection the Wreath will be placed on the Cenotaph and the whole parade, led by the Bands, will march past the Cenotaph. Contingents will bring with them their Standards, of which about 150 will be on Parade. The Parade Commander is Col. George Bean, O.B.E. who has as his Chief of Staff Major R. Bernstein, D.F.C.

Field Marshall Earl Alexander will be received by Lord Morris of Kenwood, President of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, Mr. Gordon Goring, Chairman of the Organization and of the Parade Committee.

For the Rally in the evening at the Empress Hall the Speakers will include The Secretary of State for War, The Rt. Hon. Antony Henry Head, C.B.E., M.C., M.P., and Mr. Christopher Mayhew, M.P. The accommodation at the Hall of nearly 10,000 is likely again to prove inadequate for all who would wish to attend.

LORD MORRIS of Kenwood. President of AJEX. Conducting Officer today, with Mr. Gordon Goring, the National Chairman. Enlisted in the ranks in 1914/18 war and rose to Captain. Rejoined as a Sergeant in the last war, and rose to Lieut.-Col. M.P. 1945/50. Raised to the Peerage in June, 1950, for political and public service.

The CHIEF RABBI, the Very Reverend Rabbi ISRAEL BRODIE. Served as Chaplain to H.M. Forces (1917/19) in France in the First World War. He was the first Chaplain to land with the B.E.F. in France in 1939; then he was transferred as Senior Jewish Chaplain to the R.A.F. in the Middle East, and was later called home to take over the position of Senior Jewish Chaplain to the Forces from 1944/48.

The Reverend, I. LEVY, O.B.E. Senior Jewish Chaplain to H.M. Forces; saw service as Chaplain to Middle East Forces and British Army of the Rhine. Awarded the O.B.E. in the Coronation Honours List.

Brigadier E.F. BENJAMIN, O.B.E. Is a Canadian who became a regular (R.E.'s) in the British Army. He has served in Malaya, Madagascar and Middle East, and commanded the Jewish Brigade Group in Italy in the last war. Is in Command of the Wreath Party this year.

Lieut. T. GOULD, V.C., R.N.V.R. Served in submarines in the last war. Awarded the V.C. when a Petty Officer in Submarine Thrasher in 1942. As his damaged submarine lay on the surface in enemy waters and with every prospect of having to dive to avoid heavy enemy attack, Gould, with an officer (also awarded the V.C.), removed two unexploded bombs from gun casing, a position which would have given no chance of escape if the submarine had submerged. The bombs, too, were of a type which might have exploded on being removed. In Wreath Party.

Major EDMUND L. de ROTHSCHILD, T.D. A joint Trustee of AJEX, who was a most energetic chairman of the Remembrance Parade Organising Committee 1946/49. Served in Royal Bucks Yeomanry, Field Rgt. R.A. 1935/9. When war broke out was at Territorial Camp, went to France with B.E.F. and later saw service in North Africa and Italy. In Wreath Party.

Lt.-Colonel L.M. DALE, D.S.O., M.C. Saw active service in Western Desert and Italy, took part in the assault landing at Salerno and Anzio; was wounded at Salerno. He got his M.C. for holding a position at the bridge at Battipaglia. Awarded D.S.O. for action on the Anzio beachhead when his company attacked from three sides incessantly for 48 hours. Dale, then acting Major, led counter-attack after counter-attack throwing the enemy out from its actual company position. For several years Chief Staff Officer of our Parade. In Wreath Party this year.

Colonel MARCUS J. SIEFF, O.B.E. A Trustee of AJEX and frequently member of Wreath Party, in which he takes his place again this year. Served in London Ack-Ack, subsequently served in the Mediterranean, operationally and staff. Awarded the O.B.E. for services in connection with the Sicily assault and was twice mentioned in Despatches, once in connection with operation in Tripoli and the other in Italy.

W/Cdr. LLONEL COHEN, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., Awarded the D.F.C. for service as air-gunner observer on active operational service at the age of 69. The citation stated "He set a magnificent example to all by his untiring energy and courage." Flew in 70 operational missions, including attacks on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau when the German warships were at Brest in 1941. When 18 he served in the Matabele Campaign in 1893; he was in the South African War 50 years ago, and he won his D.S.O. and M.C. in German East Africa in the 1914/18 War. In Wreath Party.

Colonel GEORGE BEAN, O.B.E. Today's Parade Commander Chairman of AJEX since 1950. One of the "Desert Rats" served with 7th Armoured Division and 10th Corps, awarded M.B.E. and mentioned in Despatches. From North Africa to Italy where he reached rank of Colonel while still under 30, and awarded O.B.E.

His Honour, JUDGE COHEN, M.C., T.D. Chairman of Middlesbrough and Stockton Branch. Recently appointed Judge of the same court as that in which his father is Clerk of the Court. In the Wreath Party.

GORDON GORING, Esq. National Chairman of AJEX, and Conducting Officer. Saw service in North Africa and Italy with the R.A.F. Fighter Controller in Q's Room, then on radar controlled interceptions. Assisted in air-sea rescue in Adriatic. /Contd.

Major R. BERNSTEIN, D.F.C. This year's Parade Chief Staff Officer. On Ajax National Executive, brings vitality of South Wales to its counsels. A gunner officer in the last war, was awarded D.F.C. for spotting from the air.

Major Sir J. BRUNEL COHEN, K.B.E. Fought with the B.E.F. in France in 1914 and was severely wounded at Ypres in 1917. When M.P. from 1918 - 31 he was a great champion of the cause of ex-servicemen in Parliament. A former treasurer of the British Legion for nearly 25 years. Created Knight Bachelor in 1943 and K.B.E. in 1948. In Wreath Party.

Corporal HECTOR JOHN REECE. Enlisted in the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment in 1897 and served in Regular Army for 23 years. Fought throughout Boer War 1899-1902 and was one of the Old Contemptibles at Mons in 1914. Saw severe service in Flanders battles. In the Wreath Party.

Major LIONEL S. ROSE, M.B.E. Joined Territorial Army 9th Btt, Middlesex Regt. Commissioned 1942. Served Middle East and in Italy (Anzio) with 5th American Army. Promoted Major, Staff Officer, and awarded M.B.E. He is a joint vice-chairman of Ajax and has rendered signal service to the community in Anti-Defamation work.

S/Ldr. MALCOLM GARVIN, F.C.A. Served 5½ years in the Accountants Branch and on the Staff of Transport Command Headquarters, Royal Air Force. Rose to rank of Squadron Leader. A Vice-Chairman of Ajax, he has been financial adviser to the Association for five years, in which capacity his advice has been invaluable.

Major A.W. BERMAN. Treasurer of Ajax, saw six year's service. Enlisted as driver in R.A.S.C. and was commissioned in 1941. A master of detail, is a fitting treasurer of this organisation.

DAVID WIGMAN, Esq., Joint Hon. Secretary of Ajax. Had six year's service, being for five years on Army Personnel Selection. He gives every spare moment to Ajax duties. As Chairman of Welfare Committee he never spares himself in the cause, and from a wide experience shows tact, sympathy and practical handling of human problems.

Major H. DIAMOND. Joint Hon. Secretary of Ajax. Saw six year's service, 5½ years in Middle East. East Africa and N.W. Europe. Commissioned 1944 in East Africa. Prosecuting Officer British War Crimes Commission. Chairman Southport Branch of Ajax, 1949-50.

Commander F. ASHE LINCOLN, Q.C., R.N.V.R. Joined R.N.V.R. at start of last war; served in minesweepers and minelayers. Became expert on mines and was mentioned in despatches for work on early German magnetic mine. Served with Marine Commandos in Sicily and Salerno (second mention in despatches), was in landings in Normandy and was flown to Remagen to defend seized bridge on Rhine crossing against river mines. Chairman of Ajax for two years (1948-50).

S/Ldr. BERNARD B. GILLIS. After war service with R.A.F. Operational Control, became chairman of Ajax 1946-48. He was chairman of Remembrance Parade Organising Committee for two years 1950-1. Now a Vice-President of the Association.

Major J. WEBER. Life member of National Executive, Vice-President, founder member of Ajax. Served in 1914-18 war being commissioned from the H.A.C. Saw service in France and Palestine. In last war commanded company of Home Guard in East London. He was chairman of Ajax 11 years, 1935-46, and has continued giving devoted service.

L. SARNA, Esq. A first World War veteran and a founder member of Ajax in 1926. Hon. Secretary of the organisation 1926-51; Vice-President since 1951. 26 years of selfless service for Jewish Ex-Service men - a proud record.

Major S.C. SPEEDMAN. On Ajax National Executive. His work in co-operation with advertisers has made possible this brochure and the raising of substantial sums for the Ajax Welfare Fund. Joined Territorials prior to 1939 as private, served with 69th Searchlight Regt. (Royal Fusiliers); commissioned 1941, and later interpreter in P.O.W. Camp. Rejoined T.A. after war, was second-in-command of a L.A.A./SL. Regt. until retirement due to ill-health.