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Searchlight Tattoo

5th July 1955

At the White City, a U.S. Honour Guard saluted General Gruenther, the Supreme Allied Commander, when the opening of the Searchlight Tattoo - coincided with American Independence Day.

One of the highlights of the tattoo (which raises funds for the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families association) was the Massed Band - ~~which~~ ^{composed of} ~~eighteen~~ ^{an} eighteen bands from the three Services. SOUND.

The Arrival of a flying saucer, ~~the~~ ^{an} R.A.F. contribution, delighted the many young ^{space-travel} enthusiasts ~~of space travel~~.

The Battle of Toyland - the war of a bygone age between 'Redland' and 'Blueland' - featured the enlisted boys of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. A "TOYLAND CAVALRY CHARGE" PRECEDED THE GRAND FINALE.

~~So to the grand finale of a service occasion in support of the Association~~ ^{Show supporting an Association} that has served Britain's fighting men and their families - for ~~over~~ seventy years.