

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, SOUTHERN
COMMAND

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT AT GLOUCESTER
26 APR 52.

The ceremonies will start with a civic luncheon in the Assembly Room at Guildhall at 12.45 p.m. on 26 April, when the guests will include Lieut. General Sir Edward Wetherall, KBE. CB DSO. MC., Colonel of The Gloucestershire Regiment, and Lieut. Colonel D. B. A. Grist, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.

For the parade in Spa Park the battalion will form up in Reservoir Camp in time to move to the park by motor transport.

On parade in Spa Park will be four guards of the battalion, each of three officers and 76 other ranks. Each guard will be formed up in threes with two Sergeants in the supernumary rank.

The old Colours, cased and carried by the Ensigns and escorted by three Colour Sergeants or Sergeants, will be in rear of No. 2 guard. The new Colours, cased and carried by two Company Sergeant Majors with the Quartermaster in charge, will be in rear of the old Colours. The Colour party and the Quartermaster's Colour party will be accompanied by a drummer to carry the cases when Colours are uncased. The band of the Battalion will be formed up at the head of the Battalion in Spa Road.

At 2.15 p.m. the guests from the civic luncheon will go from Guildhall by motor coaches via Eastgate Street, Barton Street and Wellington Street to the entrance to the Park, where they will alight from the coaches and proceed to their places.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire and Lord High Steward of the City (The Duke of Beaufort, KG. PC. GCOV.), and the Duchess of Beaufort, will be received at the city boundary in Stroud Road, Tuffley by the Mayor and Mayoress of Gloucester (Councillor and Mrs. W.J. Smith), the Sheriff of Gloucester (Mr. P.D. Clarke, MBE.) and Mrs. P.D. CLARKE, the City Recorder (Mr. Raglan H.E.H. Somerset, QC.), the MP for Gloucester (Mr. M. Turner-Samuels, QC) and the Town Clerk, (Mr. L.O. Need).

Prior to the arrival of the Duke and Duchess the battalion will have received the Colonel of the Regiment with a general salute, and the old Colours will have been marched off the parade for the last time.

There will also have taken place a fly past of a squadron of Vampires of the 501 (County of Gloucester) Squadron, R.F., under the command of Squadron Leader P.J. Simpson, DSO, DFC.

At the Park the Duke and Duchess will be received by Lieut. General Wetherall, and the battalion will receive the Duke with a Royal Salute.

/After....

After the inspection of the battalion, and the consecration of the new Colours by the Chaplain-General to the Forces (Canon V.J. Pike CBE. MA. KHC.), the Colours will be presented to the Battalion by His Royal Highness. The Colours will then receive a General Salute and take their place in the centre of the Battalion.

The Duke will then take the Salute at the March Past.

The Duke and Duchess, accompanied by Lieut. General Wetherall and other guests, will proceed to the Regimental "At Home" in a marquee on the Spa Cricket Ground.

The 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment under the command of Lieut. Colonel D.B.A. Grist, will march with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed, in accordance with the right granted by the Council of the City of Gloucester on the 28th February, 1945, to The Gloucestershire Regiment, via the following route:-

Wellington Street, Barton Street, Clarence Street, King's Square, The Oxbode, Northgate Street, Southgate Street and Spa Road.

SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1952.

- 2 p.m. The 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment assemble in King's Square and march to the Cathedral via The Oxbode, Northgate Street, Westgate Street and College Street.
- 2.10 p.m. The Mayor and Corporation and other distinguished guests assemble at Guildhall.
- 2.35 p.m. Civic procession leaves Guildhall in Stage for the service at the Cathedral.
- 2.57 p.m. Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant and Lord High Steward and the Duchess of Beaufort, arrive at the West Door of the Cathedral where they will be received by the Dean of Gloucester (Dr. H. Costley-White).
3. p.m. At the service the old Colours will be laid up.
- His Royal Highness will unveil the County War Memorial for the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 Wars. The Memorial will be dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester, who will also give the address.
- The service will conclude with thanksgiving for the safe return of the Battalion.
- At the conclusion of the service the Duke and Duchess will leave the City via College Street, Westgate Street, Southgate Street and Bristol Road.

/The.....

The civic procession will return to the Guildhall where the Mayor will take the salute at the March Past of the Battalion, which will proceed via College Street, Westgate Street, Eastgate Street and Brunswick Road to St. Michael's Square .

On Monday 28 April will take place a luncheon given by the Mayor and Corporation of Gloucester to the whole Battalion, in the Wagon Works canteen loaned by the directors of the Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co, Ltd.

On Tuesday 29 April the Battalion will visit Bristol and march through the city and on Wednesday 30 April the Battalion will march through Cheltenham and Tewkesbury.

The Battalion will return to Knook Camp, Warminster on Thursday 1 May 52.

23 Apr 52