

JEWISH LADS BRIGADE - DIAMOND JUBILEE DISPLAY - 22nd NOVEMBER 1954

COMPERE'S SCRIPT

GUARD OF HONOUR TO ASSEMBLE

TO BE INSPECTED

MARCH OFF

BUGLERS SOUND REVIELLE

COMPERE...Just over sixty years ago, a certain Colonel Goldsmid,
of the Indian Army, the father of our President returned
to England from active service. At that time the Boys
Brigade had recently been formed, and Colonel Goldsmid
was invited to attend a display in Cardiff. So enthu-
siastic was he with what he saw, that he determined to
found a Brigade for Jewish Boys, and with that end in
view he put that proposition before the Maccabean Society
who heartily endorsed his suggestion. In October 1894,
the first company of the Jewish Lads Brigade was
founded at the Free School.....

STAGE TABS OPEN to show tableau 1894....taps close.

COMPERE...During sixty years the Brigade has seen many changes,
modernised its training from time to time and altered
its appearance on more than one occasion. Always,
however, it has remained steadfast to its objects which
are now, as then..TO TRAIN ITS MEMBERS IN LOYALTY, HONOUR,
DISCIPLINE AND SELF RESPECT.....

STAGE TABS SLOWLY OPEN to show tableau 1954 as Compere continues
without break.

THAT THEY SHALL BECOME WORTHY AND USEFUL CITIZENS, AND
A CREDIT TO THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR COMMUNITY.....

TABS SLOWLY CLOSE as Compere continues without break.....

WITH WHAT SUCCESS WE SHALL LEAVE IT TO YOU THIS
EVENING TO JUDGE.

GAMES

COMPERE...One of the obvious changes in training is depicted
in the games you are about to see. We will show you
firstly the type of games popular in the earlier days,
when equipment was poorer and brute strength the
objective. Even so, sportsmanship and team spirit
were developed.....

ON GAMES 1.....as going off Compere continues:

COMPERE...In the modern games which follow the emphasis is on
agility and nimble wittedness. Yet the boys of today
enjoy themselves no less.

ON GAMES 2

BRIGADE ON
THE MARCH

COMPERE...Service in the Brigade naturally leads to service to the country...this has been demonstrated amply in two world wars; on the Memorial at Brigade Headquarters are the names of over six hundred officers and lads who did not return from world war one.....

SPOTLIGHT ON THREE FIGURES IN UNIFORM

COMPERE...In this Jubilee year it is fitting that we pay tribute to those who serve :- We proudly present a representative contingent of our own old comrades of the 1914 war.

CONTINGENT MARCHES THROUGH HALL

COMPERE...Twenty one years later no less did the Brigade play full part in every field of activity in World War II

SPOTLIGHT ON THREE FIGURES IN UNIFORM

COMPERE...And it is with equal pride that we present some of our younger old comrades who served King and Country on active service.

CONTINGENT MARCHES THROUGH HALL

COMPERE...In peace the basic training of the Brigade helps its members to play their full part in the wider duties of British citizenship. Discipline, inculcates self-discipline. So now we present the boys of today, showing you one of the methods by which we help them to attain this end.

DRILL SQUAD MARCH ON, PERFORM, MARCH OFF

COMPERE...Times but not our objects will of course change -- Who knows what we will look like in A.D. 2000 ? At any rate this is our version.

BOYS MARCH THROUGH HALL

FIGURE MARCHING

COMPERE...Gradually we see the development of the young lad at work and play, and quite naturally his proficiency becomes greater with time and practice. Here boys show their ability in team work and precision.

ITEM ON AND OFF

BOXING

COMPERE:..The art of self defence has always been encouraged in the Brigade. I would remind you that the Brigade in London and Manchester were awarded the Prince of Wales Boxing Shield for Annual Competition between units throughout Great Britain no fewer than ten times in eleven years between the 1920's and 1930's. Although the Prince of Wales competition does not now take place inter-battalion boxing teams meet annually for the regimental shield. The four boys you are about to see are the finalists at their weight at this years competition

ON, ITEM, OFF

CLUB TABLEAUX

COMPERE...Every boy has his own special interests and the Brigade had endeavoured to give him every facility to develop those interests. So let us open the door of one of the Brigade clubs and see what is happening.

AD LIB COMMENTARY WHILST LIGHTS PICK UP FOLLOWING ITEMS

1. Canteen
2. Lecture
3. Discussi.
- Group 4. Woodwork
5. Billiards
6. Table Tennis
7. Weightlifting
8. Cricket
9. Football.

COMPERE...All good evening come to an end - here's the ten o'clock bell (sound bell)

CHANUKAH LIGHTS

COMPERE...The religious side of Brigade life is never forgotten. Chanukah, the feast of lights, which so typifies the spirit of the Jew and therefore of the Brigade, will be celebrated in a few weeks time. Here then in representation, is the lighting of the candles, a ceremony to be repeated in homes and synagogues throughout the world.

CAMP TREK

COMPERE:...One of the main activities of Brigade life - I might almost say ~~THE~~ main - and to which boys most look forward, is the annual summer camp. May years ago, when transport was not as efficient as it is now, and the South Eastern and Chatham Railway slowly served the silvery seaside, the Brigade produced a squad who marched from London to Deal for their summer camp - it took them three days. Some are still marching and here they are

AD LIB

OBSTACLE RACE

COMPERE... One of the principle characteristics of camp is the neatness and tidiness and bedding. Camp is the boys home for ten days - life however is full of obstacles - so we show you figureatively these obstacles in material form. Teams from the first and second London Battalions will compete, to deliver their blankets from the start to an orderly finish

AD LIB

MASS PHYSICAL TRAINING

COMPERE...At the annual 'Open' Day of camp, one of the most spectacular sights is the mass physical training in which boys are brought together from all over London and the provinces for this special occasion and in ten days are welded into a team. In presenting a similar item tonight, we have brought together boys from all over London, whose training has originated on Company parades and who are being welded together 'before your very eyes'.

HANDBALL

COMPERE...It mustn't be thought that camp life is all training and discipline. Time off for recreation !!! One of the most popular games is handball with special J.L.B. rules, and here again the two teams in the arena are representative of the London Battalion

GYMNASTICS AND AGILITY

COMPERE...None of the work that you have seen would be possible without good instructors. Here now boys show what can be done with practice and good coaching, and the instructors show the standard they are aiming at. This is the first time we have mentioned coaching; the lads throughout the Brigade are given the best training possible and all credit must be given to the Brigade's instructors.

RETREAT

COMPERE...The day starts with reveille - the day's work has been done, it ends with the sounding of retreat.

THE FINAL ASSEMBLY

COMPERE...We have taken you through six years of the life of a boy, and sixty years in the life of the Brigade. The boy has received his training, has learnt to command, accepted rank and responsibility. He, in turn has been able to put back into the Brigade some of his knowledge and enthusiasm. His bearing and sense of confidence is characteristic of leadership; his quiet good behaviour, the hallmark of a decently brought up lad. He is a worthy citizen and therein lies the strength of the Jewish Lads Brigade, stronger today than ever before.

THE BRIGADE MARCHES ON.
