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The ceremony will be held immediately in front of the tank museum. Details of the German Army representatives attending may be obtained from Lieut-Colonel A.G. Kraus, the military attache at the German Embassy in London.

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Nos requiring luncheon

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Signature

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