LONDON



DISTRICT

WEMBLEY STADIUM DISPLAY, JUNE 19th, 1954,

at 3 p.m.

Preliminary Announcement

This great Display will be one of the main events in the year of celebration for both the London District and the whole Brigade.

It is a big undertaking and its success will only be achieved by the wholehearted co-operation of every Battalion and Company in London. It is expected that over 4,000 Boys will be in the Display and every Company—including yours—will have an opportunity to take part in one of the items.

The Wembley Display Committee has decided that the programme will include, amongst other items, an Opening Parade and March Past, in which every Battalion will be represented; a massed Bugle Band; a massed Brass Band; a Physical Training Demonstration by 500 Boys; and a Vaulting Display by 25 Vaulting Teams. The Boys being selected from every Battalion and unattached Company in the London District.

The London Physical Training and Band Conveners will shortly be contacting Battalions giving details of the requirements, so that these may be borne in mind when making arrangements for next Session's programme.

The Stadium holds 100,000! Every Boy in your Company and Team will want to be there. Talk about "Wembley" NOW to all you meet, so that Old Boys, Parents, Friends, Church Members, local Civic Heads and all having an interest in youth, are there to see the B.B. at its best. It must be the responsibility of every Officer and Boy to make this historic event known to as many as possible so that the occasion will be a worthy tribute to the memory of our Founder.

With all good wishes,

R. W. HEWSTONE,

London Secretary.

ABBEY HOUSE, WESTMINSTER, S.W. I. July, 1953.

(Distribution :- Captains and Battalion Secretaries)

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To: Captains of Companies. Battalion P.T. and Gymnastic Conveners.

> ABBEY HOUSE, WESTMINSTER, S.W.I September, 1953

Wembley Stadium Display 19th JUNE, 1954

Dear Sir,

As you are aware from the preliminary notice issued by the London Secretary, arrangements are being made to present at WEMBLEY massed items of Physical Training Free Standing Exercises, and Vaulting. In the following pages you will read how these items will be produced.

The scheme will be worked through Battalion P.T. Conveners, who will make arrangements within their Battalion for the number of Boys and Teams for which the Battalion will be responsible; assist if necessary in training, and later to advise for inspection of the Teams.

Demonstrations of both the P.T. and Vaulting Exercises will be arranged so that Instructors whose Teams are likely to take part can see the exercises.

The success of these items will depend on the loyal co-operation of you all in helping to make these massed items the highlight of the Wembley Display.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. CARMICHAEL, London P.T. Convener.

Wembley Stadium Display

MASSED BUGLE



and

BRASS BAND ITEM



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ABBEY HOUSE, WESTMINSTER, S.W. I. November, 1953.

DEAR SIR,

There will be one massed Band item at Wembley consisting of about 300 Buglers and Drummers and 250 Brass Band players.

The Bugle and Brass sections will play separately, and then combine for a final piece. This will be the largest massed Band item that the B.B. has ever staged, and it will only be a success if every Battalion and Company gives its active co-operation.

The selection of the Band will be made as follows :----

BUGLERS AND DRUMMERS

Each Battalion will be asked to provide 12 Buglers and 3 Side Drummers. Nominations will be made through Battalion Band Conveners, who will be responsible for seeing that the Boys are the most efficient in the Battalion. Each Boy must know the March "Drum Major," as well as this session's competition piece, which will be announced on 1st January.

Dark suits are essential, and uniform and equipment must be of the highest standard. Boys must be prepared to attend a number of group rehearsals.

Companies who consider that they have efficient Boys should notify their Battalion Band Convener by 8th January. A Meeting of all Battalion Band Conveners will be held in the London Office Abbey House on Monday 18th January when Conveners will report the number of Buglers and Drummers available from their Battalions.

Staff-Sergeants are not eligible for the bugle and drum sections of the massed Band.

Mace Bearers and Bass Drummers. These will be selected during the stages of this session's Devonshire Cup Competition.

BRASS BANDS.

All Brass Bands entering this session's competition will be expected to take part in this item. The music will include "Sussex by the Sea"; and "Tudor Rose" (March with bugles by Trayton Adams, from Boosey & Hawkes) and this year's test march, which will be announced on 1st January. Staff-Sergeants will be eligible as instrumentalists only. Members of Brass Bands not entering the Competition will be accepted providing they are of the required standard.

Rehearsals. Group Battalion rehearsals will be arranged by Battalion Band Conveners after the Royal Albert Hall Display. A massed rehearsal of the complete Band will be held in central London on Wednesday Evening 26th May and Again on Saturday Afternoon 12th June in conjunction with other massed items.

Combined Bugle and Brass Band March. Arrangements for the playing of the combined march will be announced later.

This will be the largest item in the whole display—let us also make it the best!

Yours sincerely

R. CLARK,

London Band Convener.

(Distribution-Captains of Companies and Battalion Band Conveners).