



# THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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## "FESTIVAL OF BOYHOOD"

**PUBLICITY.** Every Officer and Boy is asked to make himself an advance agent for Wembley, and to play his part to fill the Empire Stadium. Make full use of the handbills and small posters enclosed - more can be supplied on application. A supply of a larger poster will be sent to all Companies next month.

**COMPANY DISPLAY PROGRAMMES.** Companies are asked to announce the "Festival of Boyhood" in their own Company Display Programme. A limited number of line blocks of the Wembley sign (size  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{7}{8}$ " ) are available free of charge on application to the London Secretary.

**OPENING PARADE AND PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS TO LONDON.** This will consist of a representative Detachment of 1 Officer and 50 Boys (seniors in dark suits) from each of the London Battalions, who will make their own arrangements as to how this party will be selected. Orders for the parade will be sent to Battalion Secretaries.

**BOYS IN MORE THAN ONE ITEM.** As many Boys as possible should have the honour of appearing at Wembley, and it would be ideal if each Boy took part in only one item.

Owing to the sequence of the items, and the distance between dressing rooms, assembly ground, and arena, it will not be possible for a Boy to appear in the Massed Bands as well as the Physical Training item or the Vaulting Display. It will, however, be possible for a Boy to be in both the P.T. and the Vaulting, **providing he is NOT in the Massed Bands.**

The Boys in the Tent Pitching must not be in any other event. The Boys concerned in any of the items mentioned above will be able to take part in the Opening Parade.

**TENT PITCHING.** Battalion Secretaries are asked to advise the London Secretary as soon as possible the Company which will be representing their Battalion in this event.

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REHEARSALS.

The rehearsal on Saturday, 12th June, will be at Wembley Stadium. The massed Bands will rehearse first at 3.30 p.m. followed by the massed P.T. Vaulting and Tent Pitching will not be rehearsed on this day, but the leaders of each Vaulting squad and the N.C.O. in charge of each Tent Pitching team will be required to be present to receive their final instructions. Full details will be issued to all concerned later.

It is suggested that as far as possible public transport be used on this occasion (Wembley Park is less than 30 mins. from Charing Cross). Fares will be met and should be claimed after the rehearsal by Battalions, or Companies in the case of Brass Bands, from the London Office.

MASSED BANDS. Brass & Bugle Bands will rehearse on Wednesday, 26th May, at a venue to be announced.

Drum-Major K. Wynne of the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards has been engaged to give the final polish to the Bands, and he will attend both rehearsals, and be present at Wembley on 19th June.

PHYSICAL TRAINING. In addition to the rehearsal on 12th June, there will also be an evening rehearsal on Tuesday, 1st June, at a venue to be announced.

DUTY. 100 Officers, Warrant Officers and Staff-Sergeants will be required to assist the Wembley Stadium Stewards with seating, in addition to Officers required for other duties. All on duty will be required to report by 2 p.m. Offers must be made on the enclosed form by 30th April.

INTERNATIONAL RELAY (440 Yds x 220 Yds x 440 Yds x 220 Yds). London must field its strongest team for this event. Captains are asked to advise the London Secretary of outstanding Boys over these distances, giving their best times. A trial of the fastest will be held in May.

It is now certain that there will be a great crowd at Wembley. The B.B. will be on show as never before, and it is up to us all to see that the whole Display is worthy of such a vast audience.

Encl.

R.W. HEWSTONE.  
London Secretary.