

CITY OF MELBOURNE

PARADE OF UNITS OF VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS
SATURDAY, 17TH JULY, 1943.

Number concerned in Parade will be approximately 5000/6000. Assembly will commence at about 2.30 p.m. in Linlithgow Avenue and Birdwood Avenue, east and west of entrance road leading to Government House Gates.

Linlithgow Avenue and Birdwood Avenue to be closed to traffic at Alexandra Avenue, St. Kilda Road, and a point near the Herbarium, at 2 p.m.

Parade to move off past control point at 2.55 p.m. to Government House Gates and thence to grounds.

Guests arriving by car to proceed from a southerly direction to Herbarium gates, and alight, continuing thence on foot. Cars to be disposed of as Police direct.

Barriers to be provided sufficient to close the roads named at the points indicated. Police Department will see that barriers are safely stacked on lawns after departure of personnel, where they can remain until Monday morning, if desired.

Barriers to be provided in Government House Grounds to requirements of Government House staff.

Tramway Board to arrange for the provision, if necessary, of extra trams to take personnel after dispersal from approximately 4.30 p.m. onwards.

H. S. WOOTTON,
Town Clerk.

*Attended to same
for exit at Hills
No loading
Imp. Sec. Officer
17. 7. 1943*

10th July, 1943.

COPY.

*Mistaken
for your information*

24th Btn. V.C.D. Vic.
Ordnance Factory,
MARIBYRNONG. W.3.

Traffic Superintendent,
Melb. & Metro. Tramways Board,
616 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

On Saturday 17th July, 1943, the State Governor, Hon. Colonel of V.D.C., intends to inspect a parade of the whole Metropolitan Group V.D.C. at Government House, and a number of the 24th (Munitions) Btn. V.D.C. will be attending after end of shift work at noon on that date. Number approx. 60.

These men will be rationed at 1230 hours and will have to proceed to S.Yarra to Government House Assembly Area about 1300 hours (1.0 p.m.) to arrive there by 1400 hours. (2:0 pm)

It is desired to know if a Special Tram could be arranged to convey these 60 (approx.) to Domain Road, South Yarra, from Terminus, Ordnance Factory, Maribyrnong, at 1300 hours 17th July 1943 also the cost of transport. Such an arrangement would materially assist these men who will be employed on National work during the morning and are required to participate in the parade at 1400 hours at Government House.

Handwritten

*Kindness at help
for attention.*

(Sgd) L. FURZE-MORRISH, (Capt.)
ADJT. 24th Btn. V.D.C., Vict.

*Special to run for or Rossendon before
no return.*

Please return this memo

12/7/43

McCarthy

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS
METROPOLITAN GROUP VICTORIA

Order No. 2/43

Copy No. **79.**

by

Brig. Gen. J.C. Stewart, CMG, DSO, VD

Commanding Metropolitan Group

7 Jul 43

- 1. Special Parade To commemorate the third anniversary of the Volunteer Defence Corps His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Major-General Sir Winston Dugan KCMG, C.B, DSO has expressed his desire to be received on a parade as the Honorary Colonel of the Corps in Victoria.

A parade of units in the Metropolitan area is to be formed up in the grounds of Government House by 1530 hours 17 July 1943 and after His Excellency has inspected and addressed the parade he will take the salute at a march past of units in column of route in fours.
- 2. Command Commander of Parade, Brig. Gen. J.C. Stewart, CMG, DSO, VD.
- 3. Units to Parade

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| Met. Gp. No. 1 Bn. | Lt.Col. D.R. Dunoon. |
| 2 Bn. | Lt.Col. C.A. Denehy, DSO, VD. |
| 3 Bn. | Lt.Col. C.W. Robinson, OBE. |
| 4 Bn. | Lt.Col. L.P. Elsum. |
| 5 Bn. | Lt.Col. W.F. Robertson. |
| 18 Bn. | Lt.Col. A.B. Lodge DSO. |
| 24 Bn. | Major M.R. Hinton. |
| S.E. Gp. No. 10 Bn. | Lt.Col. P. Madden. |
- 4. Assembly Area Birdwood Ave., Linlithgow Ave., on North and South side of main approach to entrance gates of Government House in Bn. Areas as shown on Appx A.
Assembly 1430 hrs. Parade ready to move 1450 hours.
- 5. Move to Assembly Area Personnel will move to Ln. R.V. under own or Unit arrangements.
- 6. Formation Bns. will form up in allotted areas in column of route in fours.
- 7. Start Point and time The Starting Point will be intersection of Government House Rd., Birdwood Ave., Linlithgow Ave., Control Point marked on Appx. A. Signal to start will be given by Marshal at 1455 hours.
- 8. Order of March The march to parade ground will be by battalions in col. of route in fours, in following order No's. 18,4,5,3,2,1, 24 and 10.
All Bns will advance into the area previously held by the forward Bn. as each in turn moves to Government House Road.
- 9. Distances Moving to Parade Area, 10 paces between Bns; Coys will be closed up.
- 10. Parade Area For Markers see Appx C.
Bns will move to allotted areas as shown in Appx B. dress from the Left or Right, as case may be and close up as much as possible; "Stand at ease".
The Commander will be received at 1520 hours.

11. Ceremonial

The Honorary Colonel will be received at 1530 hours. On the approach of His Excellency, the Parade Commander will give the orders "Slope Arms" -- "Royal Salute -- "Present Arms" ---- "Slope Arms" -- "Order Arms", when the parade will be handed over to His Excellency.

His Excellency will then inspect and address the parade. On completion of the address the Parade Commander will give the orders "Attention" --- "Slope Arms".

His Excellency will move from parade ground to the Saluting Base in front of portico on west side of Government House.

The Parade Commander will then give the command "Parade will march past - No. 18 Bn leading".

Bns will move to the saluting base in following order, No's 18,4,24,10,1,2,3, and 5. Command, "Eyes Left" will be given by Bn. Comds, & in turn by Coy. and Pl. Comds.

12. Dispersal

Route to original Bn. Assembly areas and move to side of road. No dismissal before all Bns. have arrived at respective areas.

13. Bands

Victoria Lines of Communication Area Band
Royal Australian Air Force (Ascot Vale) Band.

Separate instructions will be issued direct to Captain E. Shugg, Bandmaster Vic. L. of C. Area.

Position of bands will be shown in Appx B. Bands to be in readiness at 1450 hours, one band at head of troops marching in and the second in its parade position. The second band will commence to play as the first band reaches the parade area and continue until that band is in parade position.

When His Excellency moves to the Saluting Base bands will take up new positions facing the saluting Base.

14. Dress

Officers - Officer Pattern Uniform, Caps. No gloves or sticks. Gaiters will not be worn.
Other ranks - Drill Order, rifles, Owen Guns will be carried. Owen Guns to be grouped in one Pl. in each Bn. Gaiters (issue) will be worn.
Green Uniform. All personnel wearing green uniform will be grouped in each Coy. and march together.

15. Parade States

To be handed to Marshal at C.P. 1450 hrs (2 copies)

D. H. Leith Capt.,
Ede. Major.,
Metrop. Group V.D.C.

Dist.

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Met. Gp. V.D.C.
No. 1 Bn.
No. 2 Bn.
No. 3 Bn.
No. 4 Bn.
No. 5 Bn.
No. 13 Bn.
No. 24 Bn.
No. 10 Bn.
Comd. S.E. Gp.
H.Q., V.D.C., Vic.
Pte. Secretary to the Governor.
7 Melb L of C Sub Area
H.Q., Vic L of C Area.
Town Clerk Melbourne.
Melb. Tramway Board.
Director Public Relations
A.P.M.
Commr. of Police.
Capt. Shugg.
R.A.A.F. Band.
Directorate V.D.C.
Inspector General of V.D.C.
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War Diary.
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Spares.