

Camp Borden Units Give Fine Display In Adverse Weather

Promptly at three o'clock last Friday afternoon, at the moment Barrie's great Victory Loan parade marched off from the Arena, a thunderous downpour sent hundreds of spectators along the route of march scurrying into doorways for shelter. Nearly a thousand persons had congregated in the vicinity of the Post Office Square and they crowded into stores and every available corner out of the rain.

However, the parade had been scheduled for 3 p.m. and the marchers set off in spite of the downpour.

Leading the parade, the Barrie Legion color party was given a big hand from the crowd as they stepped along in the drizzle marching to the martial strains of the RCASC Band from Camp Borden.

Major-General A. C. Spencer, CBE, ED, took the salute on a platform erected in front of the First Great War Memorial at the Post Office Square. At the saluting base General Spencer was accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lt. T. H. Worthington; K. N. M. Morrison, Simcoe West Chairman for the 9th Loan; C. L. Chittick, Barrie Chairman; and Mayor Peter Sinclair.

Following the RCASC Band was a platoon of Nursing Sisters, a detachment of CWAC's, and members of the A-33 CAC TE and the A-10 CITC wearing battle dress, led by Lt. Col. H. M. Bevis. Each of these units marched six abreast.

Two flights from No. 1 SFTS, RCAF, Camp Borden, preceded the boys and girls of the BCI Concert Band. The summer red and white uniforms of the BCI Band were not designed for a rainstorm but the crowd applauded the students for their stirring music.

Marching behind the school band, the BCI Cadets looked smart in their new khaki uniforms. The Sea Cadets and Air Cadets also had a fine representation in the parade and presented a good appearance.

The Girl Guides, including a large troop from Ovenden College wearing bright scarlet blazers, also braved the rain.

Then followed several heavy and light military vehicles provided from Camp Borden. These included a Sherman Tank, Scout Car, Jeep, Universal Carrier, a Tank Transport, and others.

Marching behind the vehicles were several packs of Wolf Cubs and Barrie Boy Scout troops.

The parade was brought up by a squad of motorcycles driven by Military Police from Camp Borden.

During the 20-minute parade the rain slackened to a drizzle but the skies continued heavy and dark.

The parade proceeded along Elizabeth and Dunlop, up Mulcaster to the Market Square, along Collier and down Bayfield to the Five Points and back to the Arena. The police had done a thorough job of clearing the streets of traffic and parked cars and a good view was available all along the route of march.

The parade, arranged by Major J. R. Dudley, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was a preview of the Camp Borden display in Toronto this week.

APPENDIX "A"

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