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## DOMINION DAY IN OTTAWA

Her Majesty the Queen was in residence in Ottawa for the celebration on July 1 of Canada's 92nd anniversary as a federation. At noon she made a television broadcast to the nation from Government House.

Early in the afternoon, at an impressive ceremony, Her Majesty unveiled the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial at Green Island, where the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers meet. The Memorial, constructed by the Imperial War Graves Commission, is in honour of 798 Commonwealth fliers who lost their lives in the Second World War, in Canada, in the United States and neighbouring lands and seas, and who have no known graves.

The central feature of the Memorial is a sculptured bronze globe of the world, 10 feet in diameter, supported by three bronze beavers and surmounted by a bronze eagle with outspread wings - the emblem of the Commonwealth Air Forces. Two low, curved stone walls on either side of the globe contain tablets listing the names: 454 from the RCAF, 246 from the Royal Air Force, 32 from the Royal Australian Air Force, 19 from the Royal New Zealand Air Force and one from the former Royal Indian Air Force. Also recorded are the names of five civilians who served with the wartime Transport Command, 22 who served with the Ferry Command, and 19 who served with the civilian technical corps.

The Queen recalled in her speech that this was one of five such Air Force memorials, commemorating in all some 30,000 names, and

that she had already opened two of them at Runnymede and Malta. The others are at El Alamein and Singapore.

Commonwealth Air Force Detachments were present from Great Britain, Australia and Canada, as well as relatives of those who were commemorated, and Air Force personnel who had served with them. Airmen held aloft 11 flags representing Commonwealth or former Commonwealth countries.

As the RCAF band played "O Canada", five T-33 Silver Star jets flew in from the Ottawa River trailing white smoke. They pulled into a vertical climb immediately over the Memorial and broke into a fleur-de-lys.

After the religious service, the Queen placed the first of 17 wreaths at the Memorial.

### PRESENTATION OF COLOURS

Later in the afternoon, in a scene of pageantry and beauty, Her Majesty presented new Colours to the Canadian Grenadier Guards, the 48th Highlanders of Canada, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, of which regiments she is Colonel-in-Chief.

The Massed Bands and Corps of Drums of the three regiments marched through the main gates of the Parliament Buildings, followed by the men of the Canadian Guards, the Governor-General's Foot Guards and the Canadian Grenadier Guards, with Colour parties. The 48th Highlanders and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were represented by colour parties

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