

## Adelaide Fire Brigade 1943

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Fire Brigade's New Ladder



THE S.A. FIRE BRIGADE'S new turntable extension ladder, just arrived from America, is shown in these pictures. TOP—Inside front view of the apparatus, which is 42 ft. 6 in. long overall. The driver's seat is on the left (not shown in the picture). The seat on the right is for the officer in charge. The engine is between the seats; there is no projecting radiator. Station Officer H. A. Potton is at the turret head control. The ladder is raised hydraulically by pulling forward a lever. In the centre foreground is the base of the ladder. On the windscreen is a combined siren and red warning light. The light keeps flickering as the apparatus goes through the streets. LEFT—The ladder. It is 100 ft. long, when fully extended.



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#### New Fire Appliance

A new three-ton fire appliance, which carries half a mile of hose, a 500-gallon-a-minute pump, and 12 men, was delivered to Fire Brigade Headquarters today. It is the fifth appliance of its type obtained under the American Lend-Lease Agreement.

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#### FIREMAN OVERCOME BY FUMES

##### £1,500 Damage By Fire At Norwood Bag Factory

A fireman was overcome by fumes, two persons were slightly injured, and damage estimated at nearly £1,500 was caused by a fire at the bag factory of Mrs. E. M. Brine, Donegal street, Norwood, shortly after 9 a.m. yesterday. More than 20 firemen from Adelaide and Norwood worked on the outbreak for an hour and a half. The manager (Mr. R. Brine) reported that the factory was only partly insured. More than an hour after the fire began, Fireman H. Gascoigne was operating a hose in the centre of the building when he was overcome by fumes. Before collapsing he called for help, and District Officer Davis and Station Officer Farthing forced their way through heaps of burning bags and thick smoke and dragged Gascoigne into the open air, where he revived. An employe, Bruce Ian Elliott, 16, of North terrace, city had his head cut by flying glass. He was treated at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Mr. Brine had a thumb badly lacerated while he was trying to force away some galvanized iron to get at the fire. Firemen were able to prevent the blaze from spreading to the adjoining factory of R. J. Nurse, builder and contractor, one of the biggest of its type in the State, where there were thousands of pounds worth of valuable timber and equipment. These premises were partly flooded by water from the hoses. Water pressure was low until pumps were connected to the

mains Approximately 36,000 bags, several bag-reconditioning machines and office equipment were either damaged or destroyed. Supplies of bags to essential users, particularly flour millers, will be interrupted.

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**BIG C.D.F. DISPLAY AT OVAL**

**Many Features At Next Saturday's Carnival**

A spectacular non-stop display, embracing football, cycling, tug-of-war, wheelbarrow race, unarmed combat, basketball, musical ride on bicycles, relay race, fire-fighting, rescues under "raid" conditions, and a march past of 5,000 personnel, will be staged on the Adelaide Oval next Saturday afternoon by the Civil Defence Force, in collaboration with men and women of the fighting services, the police, and the SA Women's Basketball Association. Planned at the instigation of the Commonwealth Department of Home Security to commemorate the big blitz on London and the heroism of the CDF in England, the display will aid five patriotic bodies—the Red Cross POW, FFCF, Salvation Army and YMCA field services, and the Legacy Club. The Lord Mayor (Mr. Walker) will take the salute outside the CDF headquarters in King William street, during a procession of Civil Defence vehicles and equipment, which will leave Wright street at 12 15 p.m. and move north to the Memorial Drive. Among the exhibits in this parade will be some actual unexploded bombs dropped by the Japanese at Port Moresby, and a full-scale model of an 8,000-lb. "block-buster." Later in the afternoon, the Governor (Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey) will take the salute at the oval of the march past of 5,000 CDF personnel. RAAF and Navy teams will provide a curtain raiser with a football match beginning at 1 p.m., and the main events will follow the grand parade, which is timed to reach the oval at 2.45 p.m. and last for half an hour. The most realistic feature will begin at 3.35 p.m., when boys from the emergency communication at Burnside will go into action and summon essential services on hearing "bombs" whistling down. The rescue section will bring casualties down from the grandstand, first aid posts will receive "direct hits." and mobile units will be called in to attend to the "casualties." Veterans of the Middle East campaign who will stage an unarmed combat display and girls from the AWAS, WRANS, and WAAAFS will be seen in competition for the first time in a relay race. They will also partner service men in a wheelbarrow race. The SA Women's Basketball Association will provide ten teams of girls who will play matches simultaneously. Fire services will stage a spectacular finale. It was announced yesterday that Col. Ellison, of SA L of C area HQ had given a pennant to be presented to the best group in the CDF march past. The marchers will be grouped into companies of about 50, irrespective of branches.

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The Lancaster bomber swooping low in the course of thrilling aerobatics at the ARP display at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

#### BOMBER THRILLS AT OVAL

Brilliant Display By C.D.F.

Roaring over the Adelaide Oval at a height of little more than 100 ft., and often barely skimming the grandstand roofs, the giant Lancaster bomber thrilled a crowd estimated at 22,000 at the Civil Defence gala on Saturday afternoon. The Lancaster first appeared while the last of the 7,000 CDF personnel were taking part in an impressive march past, at which His Excellency the Governor (Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey) took the salute. The bomber had the crowd amazed as it went through a 15 minute display of aerobatics, and then signalled the finish of its performance with the firing of two Very lights. The second—a pink ball of flame trailing wisps of blue smoke—landed on the oval. The Lancaster was the first of several "thrills" in a first-rate programme. Three RAAF bombers later flew over the ground at a low level to signal the beginning of a "raid," following which boy and girl dispatch riders showed how messages were sent through the various channels. A charge of gelignite which shook the ground indicated that a bomb had fallen, and there were two further ear-shattering explosions

when "direct hits" were made on first-aid posts. Mobile first aid units, in converted delivery trucks, raced on to the oval and took over, while demolition and rescue squads featured spectacular rescues with flying foxes from two of the stands. "Patients" were brought down from the roofs in Clarke stretchers, and treated by Red Cross aids and other personnel waiting to receive them in the emergency hospitals. A spectacular event was provided by the emergency fire services. The huge extension ladder of the Fire Brigade was taken on to the oval, and while the chief of the brigade (Mr. J. J. Whyte) gave a commentary over the amplifiers, emergency firemen, in charge of a Fire Brigade officer, showed how the ladder could be extended and then revolved. The giant hose was run up, and gallons of water propelled by mobile pumps cascaded on to the oval. In lighter vein were a musical ride by boy and girl dispatch riders from Port Adelaide, a display of physical exercises and unarmed combat by 20 cadets from PAC, St. Peter's, and Scotch colleges, basketball games by the SAWBBA, women's services' relay, services' wheelbarrow race, and a tug-of war, the final of which was quickly won by Army Provosts against the Police Force.



Civil Defence personnel passing the saluting base in the display at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday. The Governor (Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey) took the salute.

#### Mile-Long Procession

A mile-long procession of 55 vehicles, featuring all aspects of Civil Defence preparedness, left Wright street on the sounding of the "All Clear" over the siren network at 12.15 p.m., and proceeded along King William street to mark the opening of the gala. The salute was taken outside the State Savings Bank by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Walker), and hundreds of city workers lined the route. Mounted police cadets headed the column. Following a curtain raiser foot-ball match on the oval between Naval and Air Force teams, 7,000 CDF personnel, including many women, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and boy and girl dispatch riders, who had assembled on the Parade Ground, entered the oval gates and began to circle the oval, passing in front of the George Giffen stand, where the Governor took the salute. It was probably the longest and most impressive parade yet featured on the Adelaide Oval, and the huge crowd warmly applauded each unit as it swung by to music provided by the Salvation Army and the SA L of C area bands. Banners were carried to indicate the various services. Among those in the official party were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey) and Lady

Muriel, the Premier (Mr. Playford) and Mrs. Playford, the District Naval Officer (Cmdr. S. R. Symonds), the Commander SA L of C (Brig. H. C. Bundock). Wg-Cmdr. J. A. Broadbent. the Commissioner of Civil Defence (Lt-Col. G. D. Shaw), the deputy commissioner (Mr. A. C. Gordon), the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Commander of the VDC (Brig-Gen. R. L. Leane), and Mr. F. T. Morgan, of the training and inspection branch of the CDF representing the Minister of Home Security. Mr. Morgan, who expressed himself as being most impressed with the display and with the smartness and efficiency of the men and women taking part, broadcast a message from the Minister for Home Security during the after-noon. The financial result of the gala will not be known for a few days. About 22,000 tickets were distributed among CDF personnel, and it is understood that many people who bought tickets did not attend. Thousands of spectators paid at the gates. Collections taken at the oval realised £70. Of this amount members of the WANS, who earned flags and collecting tins, were responsible for £44 16/2. An Australian terrier, dressed in nurse's costume, collected £16 7/10. proceeds will be divided among the Red Cross POW, FFCPF, Salvation Army and YMCA field services, and the Legacy club. Following are results of the various events: —March past (pennant given by the Premier. Mr. Playford), WANS section of road transport, 90 points; Red Cross Aids 85; girl dispatch riders (red sashes), 83. Women's services' relay— WRANS, AWAS, Ack-Ack, Canteen, Tug-of-war, Army Provosts d. Police (25 sec. and 8 sec.). Wheelbarrow race, Navy, Ack-Ack, Dispatch riders' cycle race (final), M. Corcoran (Burnside), C. A. Sloman (Walkerville), L. Quinn (Payneham).



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*State Library of South Australia - Planes at Parafield Airport [PRG 1757/3/3], Planes at Parafield Airport, including a Lancaster Bomber. Approximately 1943. Part of Parafield Collection. [Possibly for the above parade – Ed]*

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#### Man Held When Fire Alarm Broken

Seeing a man break a fire alarm at the corner of Gray street, and North terrace, City, this afternoon, a passer-by held the man while police were called. At the City Watchhouse the man, a 54-year-old laborer, was charged with having interfered with the alarm.

**Times and Northern Advertiser, Peterborough, South Australia (SA : 1919 - 1950), Friday 1 October 1943, page 4**

### A Great Day For The Fire Services

The Labour Day Holiday, October 11th, will be a Red Letter Day for Adelaide in more ways than one. It will be a real Fire Brigade Red. The Permanent Brigade and the Emergency Fire Service are combining in a unique gala and competition, to be held on the Norwood Oval.

All Emergency Fire Services will compete in spectacular pump competitions. There will be thrilling Fire Fighting Displays. Firemen will actually walk through blazing petrol fires. Men will go into smoke filled cubicles which would instantly kill an unprotected person. The 100ft. ladder will be seen in action. There will be many novelty features in which a number of Adelaide's outstanding athletes will take part. Never before has Adelaide had an opportunity of seeing such an instructive, spectacular, and thrilling Fire Demonstration.

A procesion led by the Scottish Pipers Band, and comprising many of the latest and novel fire appliances, and including nearly 1,000 Permanent and Emergency Firemen will leave the Parade Ground, Adelaide at 11.55 a.m. and march via King William Road and King William Street to S.A.F.B. Headquarters in Wakefield Street. At 1.30 p.m. the procession will reform at the corner of the Parade and Kensington Terrace, Norwood and at 1.45 will proceed to the Norwood Oval.

The total proceeds of the Gala are in aid of the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund, the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund, the Missions to Seamen and the Port Adelaide Seamen's Mission.

**Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 9 October 1943, page 6**

#### 1,000 FIREMEN IN MONDAY'S MARCH

The chief fire officer (Mr. J. J. Whyte) said today that the display to be presented by permanent and emergency firefighting services in aid of patriotic and charitable funds at Norwood Oval on Monday would be one of the most outstanding exhibitions seen here. Before the display, at 11.55 a.m., 1,000 men with 75 firefighting appliances will march from Torrens Parade Ground along King William street. At 1.30 the parade will assemble again at Kensington terrace and march to the Norwood Oval.



*State Library of South Australia - Fire Brigade march [B 7798/203], Fire Brigade personnel marching in King William Street, Adelaide, followed by various fire vehicles. 11 October 1943. Part of Album and Contemporary Life Collection.*

**Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 14 October 1943, page 4**

COUNTRY LOAN ALLOCATIONS

March Through City Tomorrow

The Deputy Director of War Loans (Mr. H. Bellby) yesterday released the allocations to some country towns, and the amounts already subscribed by them in the Fourth Liberty Loan. These were:— Amount Subscribed. Quota. £ £ P.e. Kimba . 510 4,000 13 Naracoorte .. 16,940 40,000 42 Nuriootpa . . . 1,400 12,500 44 Owen . . . 1,210 5,000 24 Pt. Lincoln .. 1,560 25,000 6 Orroroo .. 1,120 9,000 12 Loxton 2,420 10,000 23 Lameroo . 1,850 10,000 18

The "Why We Fight" war films, "Divide and Conquer," and "Battle of Britain," will be exhibited at the Adelaide Town Hall next week as follows:—Monday afternoon and evening; Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday afternoon; Thursday evening; Friday afternoon and evening. No charge will be made for admission. Tomorrow there will be another lunch-hour procession through city streets in support of the loan. Mounted police and the police bugle band will head the procession, which will leave Victoria Drive at 15 p.m. The Lord Mayor (Mr. Walker) will make an appeal for funds for the loan, and will take the salute at the Town Hall. Members of women's organisations will march, including 300 from the Red Cross Emergency Services, with a band of 20 players, 180 from the Women's National Service, 150 Cheer up Society workers, 40 from the Women's Air Training Corps, and 20 from the Girl Guides' Association. The AWAS pipe and drum band, of 20 players, and members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment air training corps, 60 junior constables, and the No. 4STT RAAF bugle and drum band will also march, while the Fire Brigade will parade three fire engines and the Civil Defence Services five fire engines and three decontamination squads. The route will be King William road, North terrace, and Pulteney, Rundle, and King William streets.

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11 Calls Made To Fire Station Today

The City Fire Brigade today received 11 metropolitan calls, including one false alarm. Most of the outbreaks were grass and rubbish fires, and calls were received from Port Adelaide, Woodville, Thebarton, Unley, Pirie street, City, and South Welland. The most serious was at Frederick street, South Welland, where six properties were involved. Three and a half acres of grass and 124 yards of fencing were damaged. Poor pressure of water kept the firemen engaged for 1½ hours. The false alarm call came from Brown street, City.