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PROGRAMME

Saturday, 21st November, 1953

10.30 a.m. The Mayor and Corporation and other distinguished guests will assemble at Guildhall.


10.45 a.m. The Officers and Men of the Battalion, with Lieut. Col. Carne at the head, will march to the Cathedral via Barton Street, Eastgate Street, The Cross, Westgate Street and College Street.
11.5 a.m. Distinguished guests will leave Guildhall by motor-cars for the Cathedral.

11.12 a.m. The Civic Procession in State will leave Guildhall for the Cathedral.


11.26 a.m. The High Sheriff of Gloucestershire (Brigadier Alan A. M. Durand, M.C.) and Mrs. Durand, with the County Under-Sheriff (Anthony A. Scott, Esq., T.D.) will arrive at the South Porch of the Cathedral.

11.28 a.m. H.M. Lieutenant for Gloucestershire and Lord High Steward of the City (His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O.) and Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort will arrive at the South Porch of the Cathedral where they will be received by the Dean of Gloucester (the Very Reverend Seiriol J. A. Evans, M.A., F.S.A.).

11.30 a.m. The Thanksgiving Service will be conducted by the Dean, assisted by the Reverend S. J. Davies, Chaplain to the 1st Battalion in Korea.

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Gloucester (Dr. C. S. Woodward, M.C.) will give the Address.

During the Service the Dean will, at the entrance of the Sanctuary, receive from Major E. D. Harding, supported by Capt. A. H. Farrar-Hockley, M.C., and R.S.M. E. J. Hobbs, and accept on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter, a Stone Cross made by Lieut. Col. Carne whilst in captivity and used at religious services in one of the Prison Camps.

12.15 p.m. At the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Service H.M. Lieutenant for Gloucestershire and Lord High Steward of the City and Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort, followed by the Civic Procession and distinguished guests, will leave the Cathedral by the South Porch and proceed by motor-cars or coaches to the Wagon Works Assembly Hall, Bristol Road for the Civic Luncheon.

The Officers and Men of the Battalion, with Lieut. Col. Carne at the head, will then leave the Cathedral and march via College Street, Westgate Street, The Cross and Southgate Street to the Wagon Works Assembly Hall.

12.25 p.m. Fly past of a squadron of Vampires of the 501 (County of Gloucester) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force under the command of Squadron Leader G. B. Mercer.

12.30 p.m. LUNCHEON given by the Mayor and Corporation in the Wagon Works Assembly Hall kindly made available for the occasion by the Directors of The Gloucester Railway Carriage & Wagon Co. Ltd.

2.40 p.m. Guests will return by motor-cars or coaches to Guildhall for the ceremony of the presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the City to Lieut. Col. Carne.

3.30 p.m. The Members of the Council and guests having taken their seats in the Assembly Room at Guildhall, LIEUT. COL. CARNE will enter the room, accompanied by the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Alderman A. G. Lea), H.M. LIEUTENANT FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE and LORD HIGH STEWARD OF THE CITY (His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O.), the CITY RECORDER (Mr. Raglan H. E. H. Somerset, Q.C.), the CITY HIGH SHERIFF (Mr. Arnold Alcock, M.B., B.S.), the CITY MEMBER (Mr. M. Turner-Samuels, Q.C., M.P.) and the TOWN CLERK (Mr. L. O. Need).

THE MAYOR will refer briefly to the purpose of the Meeting and request the TOWN CLERK to read the Minute of the Council conferring the Honorary Freedom of the City, in pursuance of
Section 259 of the Local Government Act, 1933, upon Lieutenant Colonel James Power Carne, V.C., D.S.O., as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment at the time of the Battle of the Imjin River, Korea in April, 1951.

THE MAYOR will express the pleasure with which the Council decided unanimously to confer the Honorary Freedom on Lieut. Col. Carne and the admiration of the Citizens at the gallantry and courage displayed by the Battalion in the engagement and of Lieut. Col. Carne's own personal valour in the battle.

THE CITY RECORDER will administer the Freeman's Oath, and Lieut. Col. Carne will sign the Roll of Honorary Freemen.

THE MAYOR will then hand to LIEUT. COL. CARNE a sealed and illuminated copy of the Minute conferring upon him the Honorary Freedom of the City, together with a silver casket bearing representations of the City Arms and the Badges of The Gloucestershire Regiment.

H.M. LIEUTENANT FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE and LORD HIGH STEWARD OF THE CITY will be asked to speak.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FREEMEN'S COMMITTEE (Mr. A. J. Wilkes) will offer, on behalf of the Freemen of the City, a welcome to Lieut. Col. Carne and ask him to accept an illuminated Address from the Freemen.

LIEUT. COL. CARNE will acknowledge the Presentations.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests will be entertained to Tea.

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LIST OF
HONORARY FREEMEN OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER
admitted under
The Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885,
or, since 1st June, 1934,
The Local Government Act, 1933.

1. RT. HON. EARL ST. ALDWYN, P.C., D.C.L.
   Lord High Steward of the City, 1899 to 1916.
   Admitted 9th July, 1906.
   Died 30th April, 1916.

2. ALDERMAN SIR JAMES BRUTON.
   Nine times Mayor of the City.
   Member of Parliament for the City, 1918 to 1923.
   Admitted 15th July, 1918.
   Died 26th February, 1933.

3. GEORGE SHEFFIELD BLAKEWAY, ESQ.
   Town Clerk of the City, 1883 to 1927.
   Admitted 5th July, 1928.
   Died 19th May, 1930.

4. H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY, DUKE OF GLOUCESTER,
   Admitted 14th July, 1928.

5. ALDERMAN JOHN OWEN ROBERTS, J.P.
   Five times Mayor and six times Sheriff of the City.
   Admitted 5th October, 1933.
   Died 17th January, 1935.

   Admitted 4th July, 1939.

   Lord High Steward of the City since January, 1925.
   Admitted 26th October, 1944.

8. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES POWER CARNE, V.C., D.S.O.
   As Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment at the time of the Battle of the Imjin River, Korea in April, 1951.
   Admitted 21st November, 1953.