

Wartime West Sussex 1939 - 1945  
**ON THE HOME FRONT - FUNDRAISING AND COLLECTING**  
 Wings for Victory week  
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The monster procession on Saturday afternoon, which will usher in "Wings for Victory" Week this year, promises to be the finest procession Worthing has ever seen.

The procession will be headed by the Pipers of a Canadian Highland Regiment, and six other bands will march in their wake to waken the echoes from Shelley-road to Broadwater.

The route of this monster procession, with its head at Liverpool-road, will take in Chapel-road to the saluting base in front of the new Town Hall steps and over the railway bridge to Broadwater.

#### Units Taking Part

Punctually at 3 p.m. the mobile police will clear the way for the Pipers, followed by a detachment from the same regiment. Then, carried by members of the A.T.C., will be seen an emblem for "Wings for Victory," designed by Mr. Morris, of the Worthing School of Art.

Next in order of procession will come contingents of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F., with "Jeeps," guns and armoured cars. The band of the 5th Sussex (Worthing) Home Guard follows next, supported by a detachment from the Battalion 100 yards long. A feature of this contingent will be a display of "Smith" guns, which will be carried for the first time on any parade.

A detachment of British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Nurses will then make a bright splash of colour in the long line of marching feet. The N.F.S., with pumps, trailers and equipment, will be seen immediately behind them, with the Wireless Relay Van bringing up the rear with appropriate music to keep all merry and bright.

#### Mass Meeting

The panorama is by no means complete yet, for now will come contingents of the Civil Defence Forces with First

Aid Ambulance Cars and Mobile Post, Land Army Girls with a horse-drawn lorry and a mechanical tractor drawing a threshing machine next strikes a novel note in the mile-long procession still to come.

The W.V.S., headed by Mrs. Stern, the band of the Worthing Sea Cadet Corps and detachments of Sea Cadets, G.T.C., A.C.F. (2nd Company Town Unit) towing a glider will now catch the eye, passing on the A.T.C. Band of No. 45 "F" Squadron and the 974 Flight A.T.C. (High School), No. 8 Company A.C.F. follows with detachments of W.J.A.C., Girl Guides and an Air Troop of Boy Scouts.

The Pipers will break off at the saluting base and after piping the procession past will then follow in the rear to dismiss in Broadwater.

As already announced, Viscount Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, will address a Mass Meeting on Friday at the Assembly Hall, after lunching with the Mayor.

He will have the Pipe Band as his special guard of honour and the A.T.C. Band will welcome him at the Hall with a fanfare of trumpets.

#### Programme For The Week

Three bombs will be on view, for the public to stick stamps on, at a site near the Museum, at the entrance to Jordan and Cooks, and at the Goring-road Selling Centre—Pollards, Goring-road Broadway.

Another Exhibition of R.A.F. Photographs will be on show in the window of Brighton Hove and Worthing Gas Company's Showroom, Chapel-road, whilst in the Electricity Showroom a very fine Exhibition of R.A.F. War Equipment will be shown.

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