

THE SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO 1950

OPENING FANFARE FROM THE CASTLE RAMPARTS

by

Trumpeters of the 1st Regiment

Royal Horse Artillery.

1st REGIMENT, ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY

1st Regiment RHA, when on parade with guns, is the senior Regiment of the BRITISH ARMY and marches at the head of every parade. As such 'The Right of the Line' has become the nickname of the Royal Horse Artillery.

The three batteries are The Chestnut Troop ('A' Battery RHA) and 'B' Battery RHA formed in 1793 and 'E' Battery RHA formed in 1794. All three Batteries took part in the Peninsular War and The Chestnut Troop and 'E' Battery RHA fought at WATERLOO.

Batteries fought in the Crimean War, the India Mutiny and the 2nd Afghan War. In the first World War. 'E' Battery fired the first British round of the War.

In the second World War the Regiment fought at DUNKIRK and St. VALERY. The regiment was reformed and reached EGYPT in time to take part in WAVELL's first Libyan Campaign, the siege of TOBRUK, KNIGHTSBRIDGE and EL ALAMEIN. Later, in ITALY, it fought right through from the taking of CASSINO until the final victory.