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Vancouver B.C.

Subject: The Royal Visit: May 29th & 31st., 1939.

With great personal pleasure and interest I wish to record my appreciation of the fine appearance of your Cadet Wing, on duty lining the streets of Vancouver on this auspicious occasion.

Not in my memory has any Corps associated with His Majesty's Service been organised, uniformed, and trained with a celerity and degree of efficiency comparable to that of No. 1601 Air Force Cadet Wing.

The incentive has been a great one: the work to date has been well done, and reflects great credit on yourself, your Adjutant, the instructional staff, and, perhaps most of all, on the Cadets themselves.

The unfailing and helpful co-operation of the Officer Commanding, and officers, of Western Air Command, of the RCAF Station, and of No. 111 Squadron, indicate an interest which I am sure you will impart to the Cadets as an inspiration to them: so that they will continue to lead in this Air Force Cadet formation; which may spread across the Dominion of Canada and become a very real factor in the expansion of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

I shall be glad if you will convey my congratulations and good wishes also to Flying Officer Walmsley, to the RCAF instructors, and to the Cadets.

A. D. Bell-Irving  
Wing Commander

No. 100 Wing H.Q., RCAF