

# King George V Cup Returns to Leeds

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Capt Pickles, the GPO, ready for the 'off'.



The gun position.



LBdr Hunt putting the finishing touches to his OP trench.



Bdr McMahon about to fill in his trench.

The National Artillery Association's Annual Competition for OP batteries has as its prize the King George V Cup. Like everyone else in Leeds I know that it belongs here but from time to time the cup is 'loaned' to certain other OP Batteries in Nottingham and Bristol!

We decided that in 1986 the cup would return home so started preparing for a convincing victory in the competition due to be held during the weekend of 27/28 September at Otterburn. Preparations are one thing in the TA but turning them into achievements are another!

Capt Mills, the CPO, was unexpectedly posted to Bristol and had to make a rapid return for the weekend.

Capt MacKenzie had to fly back for the weekend from London and Bdr McMahon had to obtain leave of absence from his wife who was on the brink of giving birth to their first child! Quantities of equipment had to be obtained to supplement the ageing 25 yrs with which we are still equipped and to stand in for the directors which had been condemned before Annual Camp.

After a few heart-stopping moments the great day arrived. The guns deployed well on their first position and the OP parties set to on a challenging selection of county-fair stands, with a lot of money being placed on the side competition between Sgts Rix and Lineham, both of whom reckoned that they had the best OP party in the Battery, if not the Royal Regiment.

By Saturday night an air of confidence pervaded both the OPs and the gun position. Everyone had worked well and our luck



LBdr Ingleson's gun firing in a multi battery mission.

had held. Sunday morning brought an inspection of the OP trenches and three multi battery missions. Just before midday the CRA, Brig Arnold, announced the results which confirmed our best hopes: the King George V Cup was to return to Leeds for the next 12 months.