

National Artillery Association Prize Giving

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The Master Gunner, Gen Sir Martin Farndale, takes the General Salute from 202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Fd Bty (V) at Guildhall, 17 Nov 90.

The 1990 prize giving of the National Artillery Association competitions of Field and Air Defence Artillery were held on Saturday, 17 November in the City of London.

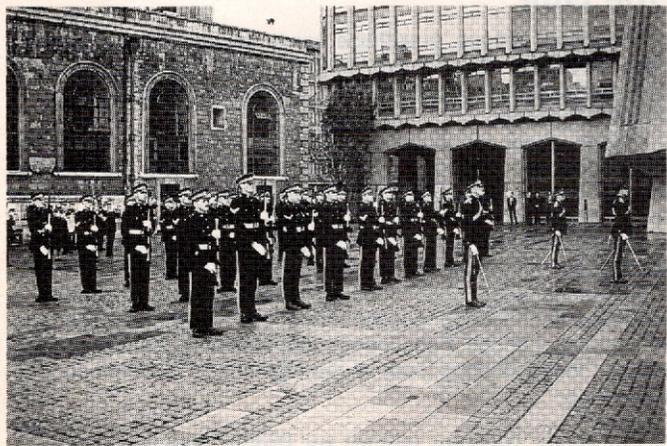
A dull but dry autumn day greeted the dignitaries, participants and spectators to the event held within the splendid surroundings of Guildhall. Outside the Guard of Honour, this year furnished by 100th (Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (V) was inspected by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alexander Graham and Gen Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner St James's Park.

Music accompanied the inspection and was played by the Band of the Lancashire Artillery Volunteers.

The Inspecting Officer and senior guests, having watched the Guard and Band march off, proceeded to the Great Hall where recipients of prizes and guests took their places for the presentations and speeches.

In inviting the Lord Mayor to present the prizes, the Master Gunner spoke of the benefit of the competitions in increasing greatly the capability of Territorial Gunners. The competitions, having run since 1863, had played a great part in the history of our nation by ensuring the increasing efficiency of the Territorial Army.

Prizes are given by HM The Queen, British Petroleum and a long list of distinguished organisations, units and individuals. They are presented for different roles and duties in the Royal



The Guard of Honour from 202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Fd Bty (V), commanded by Capt S L T Fowler, at Guildhall, 17 Nov 90.



The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alexander Graham, presents HM The Queen's Cup to the BC 202 Bty, Maj P R Britten.

Artillery Territorial Army and are competed for during training weekends and firing camps through the year. In addition to the prize a presentation tankard and monetary prize goes to the winning Battery or Unit.

This year, in Field Artillery, the competitions included fire missions, fire planning and deployment, testing both soldiers and officers. The winners of the premier trophy, The Queen's Cup were 202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Field Battery RA (V), 100th (Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (V).

In Air Defence the British Petroleum Trophy fell for the second year running to 103rd (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Air Defence Regiment RA (V), with 216 (The Bolton Artillery) Air Defence Battery RA (V) taking the prize for a competition testing reconnaissance, movement and deployment of an Air Defence Battery. Mr Hugh Norton, Managing Director of British Petroleum Exploration, presented the prize.

After the prize giving the Lord Mayor addressed the assembly and spoke of his pleasure in inviting all to Guildhall, a pleasure enhanced by his own association with the Volunteer Forces, once serving himself as a Territorial officer.

Sir Alexander referred to his mayoral theme of 'Moving Ahead', a theme fulfilled by all members of the Territorial Army, and asked all employers to encourage their staff to join the TA, as the volunteer would be all the better for it in his civilian employment.



The Lord Mayor presents the NAA Replica to the BSM 202 Bty, WO2 D A Proctor.

The proceedings concluded with a speech by the Master Gunner, who added his congratulations to those of the Lord Mayor to all the winners. He thanked also the organisers and participants for all their assistance in planning the competitions and prize giving.

The full prize list was:

**NATIONAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
PRIZE LIST 1990
FIELD AND AIR DEFENCE ARTILLERY**

Her Majesty THE QUEEN'S CUP

Won by
202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Field Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major P R Britten RA (V)
National Artillery Association Replica:

2nd Prize

NATIONAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION CUP

Won by 289 Commando Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major P J Boyce TD RA (V)

SURREY YEOMANRY CUP

Won by
Headquarters Battery 101st (Northumbrian) Field Regiment RA (V)
Radar Troop Commander: Captain W H Jackson RA (V)

THE BP TROPHY

Won by
216 (The Bolton Artillery) Air Defence Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major E J Nash RA (V)

The BP Trophy Replica:

2nd Prize

THE MANORBIER TROPHY

212 (Highland) Air Defence Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major J A B Kinloch RA (V)

THE TAURUS TROPHY

Won by
214 (Worcestershire) Air Defence Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major G Reed RA (V)

THE DODDS TROPHY

Won by
217 (County of Gwent) Air Defence Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major D J Murphy TD RA (V)

AIR DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS BATTERY COMPETITION

Won by
Headquarters Battery 105th (Scottish) Air Defence Regiment RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major W W Boyd RA (V)

KING GEORGE VI CUP COMPETITION

Won by
Oxford University OTC
Troop Commander: Second Lieutenant B G Hudd RA

Runners Up
Leeds University OTC
Troop Commander: Second Lieutenant C Hull WRAC

OBSERVATION POST BATTERY COMPETITION

Won by
269 (West Riding) Observation Post Battery RA (V)
Battery Commander: Major (TIG) A J Porter RA (V)