

# National Artillery Association Prize Giving

by Captain D C Bulmer RA (V)



The Master Gunner, Gen Sir Martin Farndale, arrives at Guildhall escorted by Col M J E Taylor, Chairman of the NAA.

The 1989 Prize Giving of the National Artillery Association competitions of Field and Air Defence Artillery for the Territorial Army were held on Saturday, 18 November 1989 at Guildhall, London.

A sunny winter's day greeted the dignitaries, participants and spectators to this year's event with the Guard of Honour provided by 209 Bty, 103 AD Regt (V) (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) who also won the premier Air Defence prize, The BP Trophy tested on deployment skills of a Javelin/Blowpipe battery.

The Queen's Cup fell again this year to 101 (Northumbrian) Fd Regt (V) with 204 Bty taking the prize in a competition that included fire missions, fire planning and deployment of a field battery.

Music played by The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (RHA) Band accompanied the inspection of the Guard of Honour by The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Hugh Bidwell and Gen Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner St James's Park.



The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of London, Sir Hugh Bidwell, inspects the Guard of Honour, provided by 209 (The Manchester Artillery) AD Bty (V), accompanied by the Guard Comd, Capt M Harcourt.



The Lord Mayor of London presents The Queen's Cup to Maj W T Gracie, BC 204 (The Tyneside Scottish) Fd Bty (V).

The Inspecting Officers and Senior Guests, including the Director Royal Artillery, Maj Gen B T Pennicott, were then escorted by the Chairman of the NAA, Col Mike Taylor, into the Great Hall of Guildhall for the presentation of the prizes.

The Master Gunner introduced The Lord Mayor and invited him to present the prizes, after which Sir Hugh addressed the assembly. He congratulated all the prize winners and spoke of the long association of The City of London with the Volunteer Forces and paid tribute to the NAA, in this its 126th year of volunteer service to the Crown, in its aim to advance and promote the science and practice of Artillery in the Territorial Army. Tribute too, to Col David Sime who this year retired after a decade of dedicated work to the NAA, it being thanks mainly to him and to Gen Sir John Baylis in their enthusiasm and interest in the Association that saw the resurgence of the NAA in the 1960s.

The Lord Mayor also spoke of his mayoral theme of 'Serving the Nation', a theme fulfilled by all members of the Territorial



A word with members of The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (RHA) Band.



Mr H Norton presents The BP Trophy to Maj P Wyche, BC 209 (The Manchester Artillery) AD Bty (V).



Capt W H Jackson receives the Surrey Yeomanry Cup for HQ Bty, 101 (Northumbrian) Fd Bty (V).



2Lt V P Jackson receives the King George VI Cup for Leeds University OTC.

Army. He made a special plea to all employers to encourage their staff to join the TA, saying that 'they will have no cause to regret it for the Volunteer will be all the better for it in his civilian occupation in terms of initiative, leadership and adaptability.'

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to The Lord Mayor for presenting the prizes by the Master Gunner, the President of the NAA. Gen Farndale spoke of the importance of the competitions and how fiercely they had been competed for, he having witnessed some of the batteries compete during the year. Sir Martin assured The Lord Mayor that the TA Gunners are in the greatest possible form and said that the competitions play a vital part in keeping them up to the mark. He continued — 'the regiments and batteries that have competed came from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and all the counties of England. They work collectively to mobilise as fast as they can and demonstrate their abilities to re-inforce BAOR and by so doing ensure to the world that they can play their part in the prevention of war'.

In closing, the Master Gunner thanked the sponsors of the prizes, especially British Petroleum for their enormous support over the years and also to all involved in making the arrangements at The Guildhall.

## National Artillery Association Prize List 1989

### Field Artillery

#### Her Majesty The Queen's Cup

204 (The Tyneside Scottish) Field Battery RA (V)

Prize received by Maj W T Gracie RA (V); Tankard by WO2 (BSM) J Robson.

#### 2nd Prize: The National Artillery Association Cup

289 Commando Battery RA (V)

Prize received by Maj P J Boyce RA (V).

#### Surrey Yeomanry Cup

Headquarters Battery, 101st (Northumbrian) Field Regiment RA (V)



Members of 204 (The Tyneside Scottish) Fd Bty (V) with The Queen's Cup.

Prize received by Capt W H Jackson RA (V).

### Air Defence Artillery

#### The BP Trophy

209 (The Manchester Artillery) Air Defence Battery RA (V)

Prize received by Maj P Wyche RA (V); Tankard by WO2 (BSM) A Lord.

#### 2nd Prize: The Manorbier Trophy

217 (County of Gwent) Air Defence Battery RA (V)

Prize received by Maj D J Murphy RA (V).

#### The Taurus Trophy

207 (City of Glasgow) Air Defence Battery RA (V)

Prize received by Maj S D MacVicar RA (V).

#### The Dodds Trophy

212 (Highland) Air Defence Battery RA (V)

Prize received by Capt G Hamilton RA (V).

#### The Air Defence Headquarters Battery Competition

Headquarters Battery, 104th Air Defence Regiment RA (V)

Prize received by Capt G R Lake RA (V).

#### King George VI Cup Competition

Leeds University OTC

Received by 2Lt V P Jackson WRAC.

Runners up

Glasgow University OTC

Received by 2Lt R V Smith RA (V).

#### Observation Post Battery Competition

266 (Gloucestershire Volunteer Battery) Observation Post Battery RA (V)

Received by Maj P T Doughty RA (V).



Members of 209 (The Manchester Artillery) AD Bty (V) with The BP Trophy.