



National Artillery Association Competition Winners 2013 to 2014

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Over the training year 2013-2014, sub-units from 101 Regiment RA, 104 Regiment RA and 106 Regiment RA competed internally for the following NAA Trophies:
The NAA Challenge Cup (1937), The NAA Cup and the Thales Trophy.

The competition this year for the Best Close Support Battery pitted 103 Regiment RA against 105 Regiment RA for the NAA Challenge Cup (1930).

NAA Challenge Cup for Heavy Artillery Brigades 1930

Best MLRS Detachment: 101 Regiment RA

NAA Queens Cup 1896

Best UAS Battery: 104 Regiment RA

Thales Trophy

Best Air Defence Detachment: 106 Regiment RA

NAA Challenge Cup 1930

Best Close Support Battery: 103 Regiment RA and 105 Regiment RA

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Citations

[NAA King George VI Challenge Cup 1937](#) (presented by King George VI to the NAA in 1937)

Best MLRS Detachment - 101 Regiment Royal Artillery

101 Regiment RA conducted this competition during their annual camp on Catterick Training Area.

The Regiment's MLRS Detachments conducted a tactical deployment during which all aspects of fire and manoeuvre were fully tested. The competition signalled the return to training for contingency operations with Detachments having to adjust to operating outside of a secure location. For many this was a new and challenging experience having served most of their careers conforming to the more prescribed environment of operation HERRICK.

The competition was hard fought with all detachments demonstrating a good level of special to arm knowledge and great enthusiasm for their role.

Bdr Ferron's Detachment from 203 (Elswick) Battery RA was judged to be the best Detachment and were awarded the King George VI Cup and Bdr Ferron will collect the Cup on behalf of his detachment.

[NAA Queens Cup dated 1896](#) (presented to 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers in 1896)

Best UAS (un-manned aircraft systems) Battery - 104 Regiment Royal Artillery

The UAS Batteries from 104 Regiment RA competed for the NAA Cup (1896) which this year is awarded by the NAA to the best Reserve UAS Battery in 104 Regiment RA.

The Competition was designed to test each Battery in special to arm procedures in the use of the DESERT HAWK 3 (DH3) UAS system and in their general military skills. The special to arm element which lies at the heart of the NAA competition concentrated on launch and recovery procedures for DH3 which fully tested the proficiency of the individual detachments. The military skills element involved detachments undertaking a navigation exercise by both day and night, the treatment and evacuation of casualties with added realism being introduced by the use of "Casualties in Action", the conduct of CBRN drills to confirm proficiency in the use of the newly issued General Service Respirator and a section battle run. For many the highlight of the competition was competing in the finale which took the form of a log run.

The competition was tightly fought but 211 (South Wales) Battery RA were judged to demonstrate the highest level of DH3 capability and are awarded the NAA Queens Cup 1896 to be collected by the Battery Commander Major Arundel RA.



Thales Trophy (a substantial Armada pattern silver dish presented by Thales to the NAA in 2004)

Best Air Defence Detachment - 106 Regiment Royal Artillery

The Air Defence Batteries from 106 Regiment RA competed for the Thales Trophy which is awarded by the National Artillery Association to the best Air Defence Detachment.

106 Regiment RA conducted their competition on the Ash Range Complex and in Brunswick Training Camp in early January 2014. The competition was designed to test each Detachment's standard of military training with each being assessed on the completion of the Annual Combat Marksmanship Test, CBRN training, Battlefield First Aid and Counter-IED drills.

The competition was arduous, requiring determination and the application of intellect by all members of the Detachment.

The final results were very close but Lt Chappell RA of 457 (Hampshire Yeomanry) Battery RA was judged to command the best Air Defence Detachment. The Thales Trophy for 2014 is to be collected by Lt Chappell RA.

NAA Challenge Cup 1930 (A large silver cup and lid with cast double scroll handles traditionally awarded to the 'Runners Up' to the Queens Cup Competitions and then the Best Gun Regiment Competitions)

Best Close Support Battery from within 103 Regiment RA and 105 Regiment RA.

Batteries from both Regiments conducted the competition as part of Overseas Training Exercises. 103 Regiment RA deployed to Germany with 2 Batteries whilst 105 Regiment RA deployed to Denmark with a composite Battery. The competition was designed to include dry and live fire training up to Collective Training Standard Level 2 and was assessed by the RA Gunnery Training Team.

Individual and collective procedures on the Guns, in the Command Post and within the Fire Support Teams were all assessed. The competition was conducted with the Reservists' usual high degree of enthusiasm with all Batteries achieving a commendable level of training.

105 Regiment's composite Battery achieved the highest overall score and are awarded the NAA Challenge Cup 1930 for 2014. The Cup is to be collected by Captain Dave Wardle RA(V), the Battery Captain of 207 (City of Glasgow) Battery,