

National Artillery Association Prizegiving

A Good Year for the Gunners



Maj Ray Bucknall, on the layer's seat, and members of 205 Fd Bty(V), 101(N) Fd Regt(V) who won the NAA Cup for 2nd place in the Fd Arty Section.



The Royal Artillery Band march onto the piazza at Guildhall.



Members of Glasgow's C Tp and BHQ 207 AD Bty(V), 102 AD Regt(V) with their trophies outside Guildhall, London.



Trio of awards for 103 AD Regt(V); from left, Capt Gerry Stubbs with the HQ Trophy; the CO, Lt Col Mike Taylor; Maj Alan Jolley with 209 AD Bty(V)'s Manorbier Trophy; Maj Peter Saunders with 213 AD Bty(V)'s Taurus Trophy.



2Lt Andrew Alderson, Leeds University OTC, receives the OTCs Runners up Trophy.

'It never rains on the National Artillery Association' proved true yet again for their 1982 Prizegiving held on Saturday, 23 October at Guildhall, London by kind permission of the Lord Mayor of London. Making it a complete 'occasion' for the TA element of the Royal Regiment, the Prizegiving followed the traditional NAA Dinner the previous evening in the Royal Artillery Mess at Woolwich, when the Master Gunner St James's Park, Gen Sir Harry Tuzo, presided.

Setting the scene at Guildhall were the 105mm Light Guns of 289 Commando Battery RA (V) from East Ham, who won the major Field Artillery Prize, Her Majesty The Queen's Cup and who this year furnished the traditional Guard of Honour. Music was provided by the Royal Artillery Band, and after the arrivals of the principal guests, there was an inspection of the Guard of Honour by Lt Gen Sir Edward Burgess, Commander United Kingdom Field Army and Inspector General of the Territorial Army, accompanied by Maj Gen John Cordingley, Vice President of the NAA, and Col David Sime, Chairman of the NAA. Guard Commander was Battery Captain, Capt John Thomson.

The presentations were made in the Hall, with Gen Burgess saying that it had been an excellent year for the Royal Regiment, with both TA and Regulars sharing battle proven equipment, and that morale in the TA had possibly never been higher.

The proceedings concluded with speeches from Gen Cordingley who thanked Gen Burgess, and Col Sime who



Maj David Bray, 266 OP Bty(V), receives the King George V Cup for the OP Batteries competition.



Capt Gerry Stubbs, HQ (King's) Bty(V), 103 AD Regt(V) receives the HQ Bty Trophy — the seventh successive win for the Bty!

stressed the importance of the NAA competitions, and the fact that every Battery in the TA had entered the competitions.

The full prize list was:

Field Artillery

Her Majesty The Queen's Cup

289 Commando Battery RA (V) from East Ham, London. Prize received by Capt A J Dines, replica by WO2 (BSM) M F Petrie.

2nd Prize. The National Artillery Association Cup

205 (3rd Durham Volunteer Artillery) Field Battery RA (V), 101(N) Fd Regt (V), from South Shields. Battery Commander and recipient, Maj R M Bucknall.

Air Defence Artillery

The BP Trophy

207 (Scottish) Air Defence Battery RA (V) (Edinburgh and Glasgow), 102 AD Regt (V). Recipient, Maj A D Moffat, replica, WO2 (BSM) J Watt.

2nd Prize. The Manorbier Trophy

209 (Manchester and Bolton Artillery) Air Defence Battery RA (V), 103 AD Regt (V). Recipient, Maj A E Jolley.

The Taurus Trophy

213 (South Lancashire Artillery) Air Defence Battery RA (V) (St Helens and Widnes), 103 AD Regt (V). Recipient, Maj P A Saunders.

Headquarters Battery Trophy

HQ (King's) Battery (V), 103 AD Regt (V) from Liverpool. Recipient, Capt G M Stubbs.

The OTCs

King George VI University Challenge Cup

Cambridge University OTC. Recipient, 2Lt D J Badcock.

Runners up

Leeds University OTC. Recipient, 2Lt A Alderson.

The OP Batteries

The King George V Cup

266 (Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery) OP Battery RA (V) from Bristol. Recipient, Maj D R Bray.



Maj Peter Saunders, 213 AD Bty(V), receives the Taurus Trophy.



Lt Gen Sir Edward Burgess late RA, escorted by the Guard Comd, Capt John Thomson, inspects 289 Cdo Bty(V) Guard of Honour outside Guildhall, London, 23 Oct 82.



Lt Gen Sir Edward Burgess presents HM The Queen's Cup to Capt A J Dines, 289 Cdo Bty(V).