

THE WRAC played an important part in a ceremony in the City on 4th October. Its band and a contingent of regulars and territorials, about 80 in all, was inspected by Sir Robin Gillet, Lord Mayor of London, in Guildhall Yard, watched by a large lunch-time crowd of City workers. After the inspection the Lord Mayor took the salute as the parade marched past.

Diamond Jubilee Year

The ceremony celebrated the centenary of the City's Vintry and Dowgate Wards Club. Chairman of the Club is City Deputy Edwina Coven, a retired major of the WRAC, and as the Women's Services celebrate their Diamond Jubilee this year, she chose the corps as the theme of the occasion. The contingent was drawn from 12 Co WRAC at Mill Hill and 39 City of London Regt. (V). The Director of the WRAC, Brigadier Anne Field was also present.

The WRAC band, which has 37 musicians, was formed in 1949 and is the only all women's military band in the UK. It travels extensively and performs the same duties as male Military Bands. Its Director Capt L. A. E. Hopkin, MBE, LRAM, is the 6th Director and the third woman conductor.

LORD MAYOR PRESENTS GUNNERY AWARDS

AT THE Mansion House on 15th October, the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Robin Gillet) presented the 1977 awards for the annual gunnery competitions for Royal Artillery Batteries of the TAVR, sponsored by the National Artillery Association and the Sunday Times. The Master Gunner, General Sir Harry Tuzo, presided.

The Queen's Cup for Medium Artillery was presented to 202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Medium Battery, RA (V) from Bury St Edmonds, commanded by Major N. C. Jenkinson, TD, RA (TAVR), and the Sunday Times trophy for Anti-Aircraft Artillery to 213 (South Lancs Artillery) LAD Battery, RA (V) from St Helens and Widnes, commanded by Major D. E. Davies, RA (TAVR).

Before the ceremony a Guard of Honour, commanded by Captain R. Whiting, RA (TAVR), and mounted by 103 LAD Regt. RA (V), and the Band of the Lancashire Artillery Volunteers from Liverpool, were inspected by the Lord Mayor and the Master Gunner.

Other winners were:

National Artillery Association Cup: 204 (The Tyneside Scottish) Medium Battery, RA(V). Battery Commander: Maj P. G. Jenkins, TD, RA (TAVR).

The Manorbier Trophy: 210 (Staffs) LAD Battery RA(V). Battery Commander: Maj W. E. L. Reid, TD, RA (TAVR).

The Taurus Trophy: 210 (STAFFS.) LAD Battery RA(V). Battery Commander: Maj W. E. L. Reid, TD, RA (TAVR).

Light Air Defence Headquarters Battery Competition: Headquarter Battery 103 (Lancs. Artillery Volunteers) LAD Regt. RA(V). Battery Commander: Maj T. A. K. Wilson, TD, RA (TAVR).

University Challenge Cup: Northumbrian Universities OTC. Maj W. R. Porteous, TD, RA (TAVR).

WRAC ON PARADE IN CITY OF LONDON



The TAVR contingent just before the parade. From left, back row, Sgt Valerie Charnock, a research secretary, S/Sgt Pauline Higgs, an insurance clerk, Cpl 'Roz' Kemp, a typist, front row, S/Sgt Diane Lawrence, a personal assistant, Cpl Karen Slight, an assembler, next to her, her sister, L/Cpl Denise Slight, a copy typist and L/Cpl Mary Edwards, a secretary with Lloyds Bank.

COOK IN CLOVER



L/cpl Steve Jones, an ACC cook attached to B Coy 6/7 Queens(V), is seen here (right) with his examiner for his Part 2 Certificate for City and Guilds. The examination included theory and practice, and covered the preparation and cooking of pastries, soups, fish dishes and various roasts. L/Cpl Jones has been a member of the TAVR for six years, but only joined the ACC in 1975. At camp this year he was in charge of the Sergeants' Mess kitchen, and kept over 40 mess members very happy with his high standards, including a mess dinner-night when the Cook Sergeant was not allowed to have any hand in the preparation. Not surprisingly, L/Cpl Jones passed his examination. In civilian life he is a provisions manager in North London.