

NEW HOME FOR SUFFOLK VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, November 26, Lt Gen Sir Richard Goodwin opened the new TAVR Centre at Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds.

The new buildings will be the home of HQ6 (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, 202 (Suffolk & Norfolk Yeomanry) Medium Battery Royal Artillery and a detachment of the Suffolk Army Cadet Force.

Taking part in the ceremony was a Quarter Guard provided by 6 (V) Bn RAR with trumpeters of the Suffolk Army Cadet Force. Also on parade were the six 5.5 medium guns of 202 Battery RA.

It was particularly appropriate that the opening ceremony should be carried out by Sir Richard as, apart from being a Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk, he was also one of the first Colonels of the Royal Anglian Regiment.

After he had inspected the parade, accompanied by Col H. E. Hunter Jones, Chairman of the TAVR Association in East Anglia, he unveiled a plaque on the wall of the main hall.

Among the many guests attending the ceremony were the General Officer Commanding Eastern District, Maj Gen Andrew Watson and Mrs Watson, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, and Mrs Griffiths, Councillor J. R. Hartley and Mrs Hartley — Mayor and Mayoress of St Edmundsbury, and Brig Alan Woolford the Honorary Colonel 100 Medium Regiment Royal Artillery and Mrs Woolford.

NEW TAVR CENTRE FOR PLYMOUTH

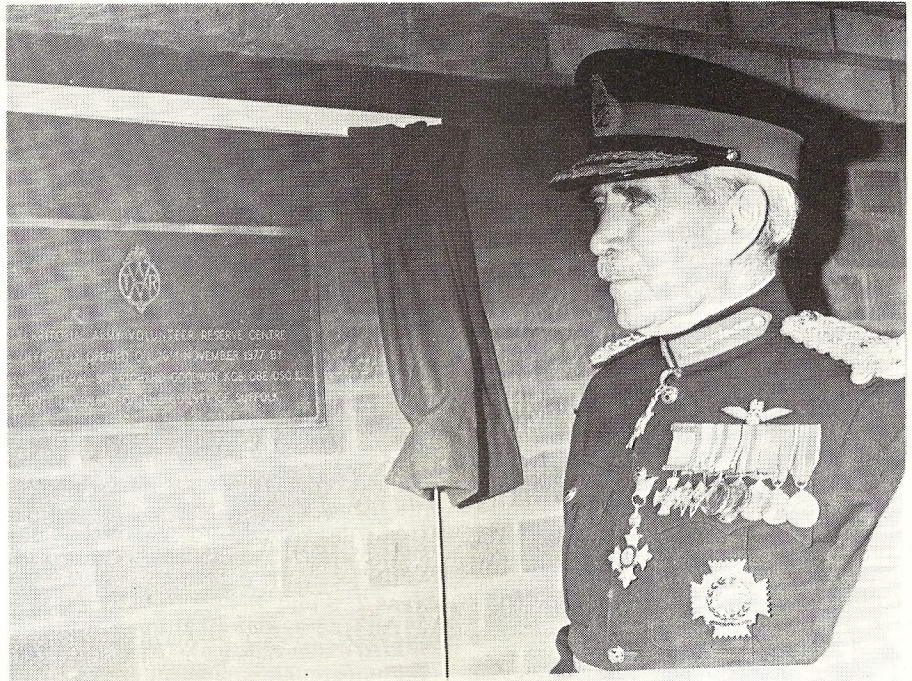
Lord Roborough, the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, cut the first sod on the site of a new Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve Centre at Derriford, Plymouth, on December 9.

The centre, at Brest Road off Tavistock Road, will bring under one roof Territorial and Cadet units at present using three old buildings in different parts of the city. These are 211 (Wessex) Field Hospital RASC at Mutley; 232 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport, 17 Platoon of E Company, 1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers), and B Company of Devon Army Cadet Force, all at Lambhay Hill, and 232 Squadron Workshop REME at Millbay.

Their combined strength, in adults alone, totals more than 400 volunteers, forming a considerable Reserve Army presence in Plymouth. In the new building they will have modern training facilities and a congenial social centre. Its design includes a drill hall, miniature rifle range, garages, offices and messes, and a self-contained caretaker's quarter.

Costing almost £700,000, the centre is expected to be ready early in 1979 and the subsequent disposal of the old buildings will result in economies on administrative and overhead costs.

Lord Roborough was welcomed to the brief turf-cutting ceremony by Col J. F. G. Michelmore, chairman of Western Wessex Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association, the sponsors of the project.



Sir Richard unveiling the plaque.

VOLUNTEERS GO BACK TO CAMBERLEY

After a ten-year absence, the Volunteers are re-established at Camberley, and on 11th November last, Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, re-opened the Drill Hall in London Road, known as the Braganza TAVR Centre, which now houses 'A' Coy 6/7th Battalion (V) The Queen's Regiment.

At a pleasant and not too formal ceremony, Lord Dalzell welcomed the return of the TAVR as Camberley, with the RMA and the Staff College almost within the town itself, is steeped in military traditions and it was right and proper that some part of the Reserve Forces should be available for the young men of Camberley to join.

He spoke of the value of the TAVR and said: "The TAVR offers a young man a variety of opportunities. It introduces him to a disciplined force which helps to mould his character. It provides him with a wide variety of companionship and camaraderie which is rarely met in the civilian world. It gives him the opportunity to participate in tough and hardy enterprises often dangerous which is good for his development. Most of all, and in this instance I wish to speak directly to those of you who are employers, it gives the keen young man the opportunity to command and lead at an early age either as an officer or a NCO. Officers in the new TAVR are all recruited through the ranks. This latter is surely gentlemen the first step in management training."

Bringing his remarks to a close he added: "The 6/7th Battalion The Queen's Regiment was formed in 1971 and we are all in the County Committee of Surrey and the South East Association extremely proud of the high standard of efficiency which they have reached under the very able guidance of Colonel Foster Herd and Major Michael Adler who commands the Camberley and Farnham Company."

DINNER WITH THE DUCHESS



It's all smiles from WO2 (RQMS) Ian Everett, who is seen in the picture receiving his Efficiency Medal from Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk. The ties between 6/7 Queen's (V) and the house of Norfolk are strong. The Duchess' husband, the late Duke, served as a company commander in 4 R Sussex (TA) at Horsham in 1939 and in France in 1940. The TAVR Centre at Denne Road, Horsham is named after him. The Duchess succeeded her husband as Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex. RQMS Everett travels there from Eastbourne for his Volunteer soldiering. He is a carpenter of considerable skill, and has just presented the battalion with a new Colours stand. The Duchess also presented the BEM to WO2 Gordon Hymans, TDs to Majors Richard Putnam and Alan Stocks, and an Efficiency Medal to Cpl Sid Weller. After the parade the recipients and their ladies had supper with the Duchess and General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour in the Officers' Mess.