

PEOPLE and PICTURES



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Recognition came at the right time for Cpl Irene Kitcherside (above) and Musician Rowena Dodge (below) when they became the first WRAC members of a TA Band and played with the Berks Bucks and Oxon Band at the recent Presentation of Colours to 2 Wessex. The girls, both from Aldershot, have been playing with the Reading based band for some time.



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WO2 (BSM) Petrie of 289 Cdo Bty RA (V) receiving the Lord Lieutenant of London's Certificate from Maj Gen Sir Stewart Pringle.



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Private Cressida Martin (24), of Monifieth, who won the proficiency certificate after two weeks' full-time basic training at Guildford in May. She joined the TAVR as recently as January and is attached to the 39th Signal Regiment (V) in Dundee.

A layout artist by profession, she was educated at Carnoustie High School and Dundee College of Commerce, where she studied art. She moved to Monifieth after her marriage in 1975.

Her success was made memorable as the Queen paid a visit to Guildford on the last day of the course.



Recently commissioned and now holding the rank of Acting Captain, Les Nisbett (above) has been an army man since his national service days when he served in Korea and has been TA since 1951. A member of 151 (Greater London) Tpt Regt RCT (V), he was, until commissioned, the Regt's senior TAVR Warrant Officer. He works for 253 Provost Coy as a civilian, being the unit's only fitter, responsible for over 60 vehicles and 40 trailers. In his long career he has qualified for 'old' and 'new' efficiency medals and was awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate in 1969. He has the job of overseeing QTO driver training.

QUEENSMEN REWARDED

Recently at the TAVR Centre, Hornsey, the Chief of Staff London District, Brig J. N. Ghika, presented medals for long service to S/Sgt (PSI) Garry Laine and Sgt Brian Williams of B Coy 6/7 Btn, The Queen's Regiment.

The presentation followed an inspection of the guard of honour formed by soldiers from Edgware and Hornsey, and after the ceremony members of the Company their wives and guests enjoyed a regimental dinner. The evening was rounded off by a marching display by the Corps of Drums of the 5th Battalion.

S/Sgt Laine, who joined the regular army in 1962, received his LS & GC medal for 17 years regular service in British Guyana, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Borneo, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany, Northern Ireland and the UK, before being posted to B Company from 2 Queens some twelve months ago as PSI.

Sgt Williams was awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal for twelve years unbroken service as a volunteer. A customs officer in civilian life, he joined 5th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment (TA) in 1965 transferring to 5 Queens (V) on reorganisation. Brian Williams is now a Platoon sergeant with B Company and has spent the whole of his service based at the Hornsey drill hall.



Sgt Williams

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