

LORD LIEUTENANTS' CERTIFICATES

The Lords Lieutenant of Surrey and Kent presented Meritorious Certificates in November at Guildford and Gillingham.

The largest number was at Gillingham where Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, awarded seven certificates and also presented nine medals and clasps. 44 (CP) Signal Squadron, the host unit at Gillingham, took 14 of the honours.

In Wales the following awards were made:

Gwent (R Hanbury-Tenison Esq)
WO11 J V Watkins, 104 AD Regt RA, Sgt T A Nicholls, 104 AD Regt RA, Cpl W E Jenkins, 104 AD Regt RA and WO11 F L Adams, 3 (V) Bn RRW.

Glamorgan (Col Sir Cennydd Traherne KG TD LLD JP)

Maj R W J Webb, 203 (Welsh) Gen Hospital RAMC

Dyfed (D C Mansel Lewis Esq)

WO1 M J Proctor 501 Specialist Team RE (V).

Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, presented a Territorial Decoration to Maj Bob Hall of Headquarters and Meritorious Service Certificates to C/Sgt Peel, Sgt Givens and Cpl McClung of 'C' Coy, 6/7 Queens at the Headquarters in November.

Bob Hall is at present running the Sussex Potential Officers' course at Horsham. A scheme sponsored by the South East TAVR Association whereby young men with officer potential train for one year away from their units before going for selection and on to Sandhurst.

Most of them are drawn directly from civilian life and have never been in uniform before. A similar course ran in Kent last year and has achieved a very high success rate and is especially beneficial to the Corps who have only limited facilities for infantry training.

The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Wing Commander K. M. Stoddard made the special presentation of Lord Lieutenant's Certificates at the Town Hall, Liverpool on Monday, 12th November 1979. Officiating for the first time, Wing Commander Stoddard congratulated the recipients, saying that the Certificates were rewards for service, devotion and involvement that made them the highest awards that he was able to make on behalf of the TAVR Association for the North West of



The Duchess with (from left) Colour Sergeant Peel, Major Bob Hall, Corporal McClung and Sergeant Givens after the presentation.

APPOINTMENTS

Col Anthony Bailey Griffiths TD (438179) Hon Col 2nd Bn Mercian Volunteers TA is appointed Aide-de-Camp TA to the Queen 5th Sept 1979 in succession to Col Peter Frank Millington Featherby TD (393677) tenure expired.

Col Geoffrey Hall-Davis MB ChB FFARCS (461856) late RAMC TA is appointed Hon Physician to the Queen 12th Aug 1979 in an existing vacancy.

Col Alexander McCalister MB ChB FRCS (428705) late RAMC (TA) is appointed Hon Surgeon to the Queen 12th Aug 1979 in an existing vacancy.

Lt Col P D Orchard-Lisle TD RA (452125) to be Col 1st Apr 1979.

Lt Col L Noble ERD TD (372517) RE to be Col 21st May 1979.

Col Anthony Bailey Griffiths TD (438179) is appointed Hon Colonel 2nd Bn Mercian Volunteers TA 2nd June 1979 in succession to Maj Gen James Herbert Samuel Majury CB MBE (193883) tenure expired.

Lt Col W M Elder (454670) RAMC (V) to be granted the acting rank of Col 1st October 1979.



W/Cdr Stoddard (left) presenting the framed certificate to Pipe Sergeant Tom Pritchard of V Company, (The Liverpool Scottish) 1/51 Highland Volunteers, who lives in Ronaldsway, Halewood, Liverpool.

England and Isle of Man. In all, there were sixteen presentations, with six awards going to 103 Air Defence Regiment and its REME LAD; 4 to 156 Transport Regiment RCT; 2 to 208 General Hospital, 2 to V Company, (The Liverpool Scottish) 1/51 Highland Volunteers, and one to 55 Sig Sqn and A Company, 4th Para.

The citations for the awards were read by The Secretary of the Association, Brigadier D. Ormerod.

RFA NEWS

NORWEGIAN OFFICER TAKES QARANC COURSE



During 1979, the Ministry of Defence offered places on courses at the RAMC, RADC and QARANC training centres to Medical Reservists (including Dental and Nursing Officers) from other NATO nations.

The first Officer to take advantage of this offer was 2/Lt Jo-Fredrik Ranhoff from Norway (centre), who attended the QARANC TA Junior Officers Course from 19-23 November 1979, at the QARANC Training Centre, Aldershot. Mr Ranhoff is 26 years old and is a fully qualified male nurse with both military and civilian qualifications. He was commissioned in 1974 after completing his National Service, and he works in a civilian hospital on the outskirts of Oslo. He has been in Britain three times before, and has attended an English language course at Cambridge. After the course, Mr Ranhoff was joined in London by his wife and they returned to Oslo on Monday, 26 November, 1979.

He was welcomed to the course by Lt Col Reese (right) who, as a member of the RFA, has agreed to contact the MoD to arrange these attachments. With them in the picture is (left) Maj Barbara Pope, officer in charge of the course.

COMMANDER'S LAST PARADE



Photo: Stan Caryer

Lt Col D. B. Martin being towed by members of 135 Field Survey Sqn RE (V) on a Land Rover trailer. Lt Col Martin retires early this year and the ceremony, witnessed by members and their families, at the conclusion of the squadron's Remembrance Day Parade on November 11th, the last one for Lt Col Martin.