

THE ARTILLERY HAVE A NIGHT OUT



Guest of Honour at the Annual Sergeant and Officers' Ladies Night held at Belle Vue Street TA Centre on 26th April was Lt Col Mike Taylor, the new Commanding Officer of 103 Air Defence Regiment RA (V) of which 209 Battery (The Manchester & Bolton Artillery) forms a part. As a former member of the Battery, with the distinction of having commanded both the Manchester and Bolton Troops, he was welcomed back to his old TA Centre by Battery Commander Maj Alan Jolley.

Over 60 members of the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes sat to dinner with their Ladies, and the entire menu was devised, and cooked under the supervision of Catering Corps Cook Sgt Danby — who moved on promotion to Staff Sergeant to Regimental Headquarters at Liverpool last month. Music was provided by the Band of the Lancashire Artillery Volunteers under Band S/Maj Bedson — for the Bandmaster, WO1 J. Hughes was on the 'top table' as a guest.

After the dinner, the Officers entertained the company with their party piece, a new song — and then Battery S/M Ken Priestly introduced a return of 'The Girls of 209' — otherwise his entire Sergeants' Mess in borrowed finery!

Picture shows Major Alan Jolley (standing, extreme left) proposing the Health of the guests. Note the battery's trophies on the table, including the Manorbier Trophy (Clock) on the right for the runners-up in the annual Air Defence Competition organised by the National Artillery Association.

QUEENS ENTERTAIN BUNDESWEHR



While at annual camp at Sennybridge 6/7 Queens entertained a party of five senior NCO's from the Bundeswehr, Germany's Reserve Army. The visit gave the battalion the chance to repay some of the hospitality they had received from their German hosts when visiting that country. During their trip they toured the mining valleys of S. Wales, drove through the National Park and visited Larkhill, Warminster and the RAC centre at Bovington. L-R: OFahner Heisenberg, Oberfelts Lindner, Wulf, Willeke and Wobker. Standing behind, Lt Col Mike Dudding, (CO) and WO1 (RSM) Lively outside the battalion HQ at Sennybridge.

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