

The joke is not recorded, but it seems to have been a happy moment when Maj Gen Bob Lyon, GOC South West District, presented the Territorial Decoration to Maj Christopher Rimmer. The presentation took place at the District Headquarters at Bulford. Maj Rimmer, a chartered accountant at Taunton, belongs to the Wessex Regiment and is at present GSO 2 (Trg) on the District HQ aff. He recently completed the TAVR Staff Course at Camberley.



Brigadier David Stileman, Brigadier (Nottingham), seen with a group of TAVR Sappers, of 575 Field Squadron RE (V), at the TAVR Centre, Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, after presenting a Territorial Decoration, a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and Efficiency Medals to them.

They are (left to right) Corporal Alan Holmes; WOII Dave Mellors; Major Gerald Watkin, (Officer Commanding); Brigadier David Stileman; WOII Paul Hurford, (Permanent Staff Instructor); and S/Sgt Ken Truswell.

LITERARY AWARD FOR TAVR OFFICER

The terse prose of DCI (Joint Service) Army J401/77 conceals another success for the TAVR. It announces the results of the 1977 Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay Competition. Of the 14 entries, the third place in the order of merit went to Maj M. J. Dudding, a TAVR officer. He is Second in Command of 6/7 Queens (V) and has been selected to succeed Lt Col F. B. Herd in command later this year. In civilian life he is a Principal in the Civil Service. Talking about the competition he said: "Of course it would have been nice to have won first prize of £100 or the £50 second prize, but I am very pleased to have shown that a Volunteer officer can more than hold his own in a competition of this kind. There were four subjects to choose from, one of which concerned the TAVR. The 1978 competition also has a TAVR subject, and I think this is indicative of the great importance which is now being attached to the TAVR. We have a number of civil servants in the battalion and I am about to call for their first drafts!'

Editor's Note: Details of the 1978 Bertrand Stewart Prize Essay, which includes an option dealing with the 'One Army' concept, are in DCI 'Army) J 178/77. Entries are to be submitted by 1 July.



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