

Sex-change RSM, on parade for Philip

IT was a moment of glory for the old soldiers of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association as Prince Philip inspected their massed ranks.

The 2,500 seasoned campaigners stood proudly to attention, a fine body of men—with one puzzling exception.

As the Prince inspected the parade in London he couldn't

help noticing 74-year-old ex-Regimental Sergeant Major Brown—Linda Brown.

First, he passed her in the line and then, clearly mystified, turned back to ask: 'Were you in the WRAC's?'

'No,' she replied, 'but it's all right, sir, I had a sex change operation in 1971.'

She added yesterday: 'He didn't

react. He just wished me good luck and congratulated me on my six campaign medals. That really made my day. I was so chuffed.'

Miss Brown, of Nelson Lane, Hillingdon, Middlesex, was Lance Corporal Leonard Brown in the Lincolnshire Regiment during the Dunkirk evacuation and later became an RSM with the Royal Corps of Transport.

She said: 'The sex change is

no secret. I am well known in the district and everybody respects me.

'I do a lot of social work. I have lots of men and women friends.'

Last night she was looking after the bingo at her Royal British Legion branch.

Miss Brown, whose marriage ended in divorce, has two children living in Australia.

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