



## Dennis keeps on parade

WAR veteran Dennis Sear, from Berkhamsted, who proudly marched in the big Golden Jubilee parade for the Queen is no stranger to royal celebrations.

Dennis, 80, of Hazel Road, was also in the Mall in London 50 years ago as a part of a St John's Ambulance crew at the Coronation.

He explained: "For the Coronation a number of us were picked to do the job of being first-aiders on the route," he said.

"We turned up there from Berkhamsted - two of us - and stayed at the Seamen's Hostel."

And earlier this month, Dennis paraded with veterans of the World War Two Arnhem Operation.

He is president of the Hemel Hempstead branch of the Market Garden Veterans Association which represents the operation.

The parade went from St James Park Station, past Horseguards Parade, near Admiralty Arch and back through the Mall to Buckingham Palace. Dennis said the excitement of the day stopped him feeling tired.

"Coming down the mall towards Buckingham Palace was very elating. We felt six inches taller, because of the number of people shouting and cheering," he said.

"Fifty years after the war ended I also took part in a smaller sort of march but I thought this Jubilee march was special because I had also done something for her Coronation," he added.

Pictured, top, Dennis on parade with St John colleagues in 1953 and, right, with war veterans today.

