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**THE HIGHLANDERS (4<sup>th</sup> BATTALION, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND) PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS – WARNING ORDER / RETURN**

References:

- A. Colonel of the Regiment's Letter to CO 4 SCOTS, dated 27 Jul 11.

**SITUATION**

1. **General.** The Royal Regiment of Scotland (Less 4 SCOTS) were presented with new Colours by Her Majesty the Queen in Holyrood Park on 2 Jul 11. As per Ref A, 4 SCOTS will receive their Colours, to be presented by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, the battalion's Royal Colonel, **on Sat 3 Dec 11 at RAF Kinloss**. The presentation will be preceded by Homecoming parades in Aberdeen (1 Dec) and Inverness (2 Dec).
2. **Ground.** RAF Kinloss has been selected as the location for the presentation as it provides both an indoor location (Huge Hangar) for the parade with suitable accompanying infrastructure, (WO's & Sgt's Mess and Car Parking for 1000 personnel) Homecoming parades will precede the Colours Parade on routes through the City centres of Aberdeen (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>) and Inverness (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**INTENT**

3. The intent of these parades is to:
  - a. Complete the presentation of new Colours to The Royal Regiment of Scotland.
  - b. Cement the position of The Royal Regiment of Scotland in the local community as Scotland's Infantry.
  - c. Provide a stimulus to recruiting by keeping the Regiment in the public eye.
  - d. Provide suitable occasions for the communities of Aberdeen and Inverness to demonstrate their appreciation for the battalion upon its return from Op HERRICK 14.

**OUTLINE OF EVENTS / ALLOCATION OF TICKETS**

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### 4. The Colours' Parade.

a. **Timings.** Timings for guests attending the Colours' Parade will be confirmed on your invitations, due out in early November but for planning purposes they are;

1. 1000 am – Guest begin to arrive at RAF Kinloss.
2. 1035 am – All marching Veterans and Association Pipe Bands parade out side the Hangar Door.
3. 1045 am – All guests are to be seated. Association Pipe Bands and Veterans 'Guard' March on and take up position at the Eastern end of the Hangar.
4. 1100 am – Parade commences.
5. 1220 pm Reception and Lunch in WO's & Sgts Mess begins.
6. 1430 pm Reception ends and guests depart.
7. 1500 pm RAF Kinloss clear of guests.

5. **Post-Colours' Parade Reception.** The Colours' Parade will be followed by a stand-up lunch reception for **1000 personnel** (includes parade participants), to be held in the WOs and Sgts Mess. The venue will be split down into two areas: inside the Mess for VIP and senior guests and in a heated marquee erected outside for the remainder. It is hoped that HRH will join the reception for a defined period of time (45 mins) where he will be introduced to an all-ranks representative selection of the battalion.

6. **Colours' Parade Ticket allocation.** Tickets for VIPs, Associations and 4 SCOTS individuals serving at 'E' will be allocated by RHQ/ HHQ The Highlanders (4 SCOTS). **A charge of £10 will be levied on all guests**, to offset the costs of the event. This will entitle you to a 2 course lunch and some refreshments. Association members wishing to attend the Colours Parade are to complete the Return Performa at Annex A to this letter in detail and enclose a cheque for £10 per head (made out to The Highlanders Trust) and sent to me at Home HQ The Highlanders, Cameron Bks, Inverness, IV2 3XE. Veterans numbers are limited to **255** (includes Assoc Pipe Bands and Veterans Guard ie the 100 on parade) so tickets will be allocated on a first come basis. Cheques will not be cashed until places are confirmed. The allocation is as follows;

- a. Highlanders (4 SCOTS) 28 March 2006 – 28 March 2011. **(14 guests)**
- b. Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordon's & Camerons) Sep 1994 – March 2006. **(75 guests)**
- c. Queens Own Highlanders (Seafroth & Camerons) Feb 1961 – Sep 1994. **(50 guests includes P&D's)**
- d. Gordon Highlanders upto Sep 1994. **(50 guests includes D&P's)**
- e. Seaforth Highlanders upto Feb 1961. **(25 guests)**
- f. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders upto Feb 1961. **(25 guests)**
- g. The London Scottish. **(8 guests)**
- h. The Liverpool Scottish. **(8 guests)**

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**Ticket allocations not taken up by any of the above Associations - by the cut of date of Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> will be allocated to other Associations where they have reserves. Time is tight so apply early if you wish to attend. I confirm cheques will not be cashed until attendance is confirmed.**

### SERVICE SUPPORT

#### 7. **Guests Dress.**

**Colours' Parade.** Dress for seated guests will be Suits, Highland Dress, Dresses, hats may be worn. Guests on Parade should wear Regimental Blazers, Highland Dress and Glengarries. All guests are reminded that, whilst the parade will be conducted under cover, it is likely to be extremely cold (maybe wet) therefore dress should be selected appropriately.

8. **Medical.** RAF Kinloss medical centre will not be open. RMO 4 SCOTS is to provide a medical section, with ambulance, to provide medical cover for the Royal Colonel and serving service persons. The medical section will also be required in support of the homecoming parades. St John's Ambulance will be invited to attend the Colours' Parade.

9. **Seating.** Seating will be provided for no more than 700 spectators at the Colours' Parade, including VVIPs and VIPs. Given the intent to parade the battalion (130 in No 1 Dress and 200 in MTP) and 100 x Association members to the rear of the Colour Guard, this should be more than sufficient.

#### 10. **Security.**

a. **Colours Parade.** Camp security is the responsibility of the RAF Kinloss guard force, and detailed arrangements will be made in consultation with them. The GD party from 4 SCOTS supporting the parade will check tickets, guide guests to the car parking areas and escort them to the hangar and reception. **Guests are to ensure they bring the correct photographic ID with them. (Passport / Photo Driving Licence) and their tickets.**

b. **Toilets.** The Parade hangar has some toilets available for use, however RAF Kinloss will provide an additional 6 portaloos to the rear of the hangar for the use of guests. The WOs and Sgts Mess has sufficient toilets for the reception.

### COMMAND AND SIGNAL

#### 11. **POC.**

a. Regimental Secretary - Maj (Retd) MRM Gibson MBE

12. Any questions or requests should be addressed to the undersigned in the first instance.

*Maurice Gibson*

MRM Gibson  
Maj (Retd)  
For Representative Colonel

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Distribution

Enclosed:

1. Colour Parade Return (See below)

Distribution:

1. Regimental Secretaries e-mail list.
2. The Queen's Own / Seaforth Highlanders Association and Association P&D's
3. The Gordon Highlanders Association and Association D&P's
4. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Association
5. The London Scottish
6. The Liverpool Scottish

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ANNEX A TO  
Hldrs / 4 SCOTS COLOURS  
DATED SEP 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Return Performa for Members of the Regimental Family wishing to attend the**  
**Presentation of New Colours to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland**

Names of guests wishing to attend;

1. ....
2. ....

Address where confirmatory tickets / instruction should be sent;

If attending by Private vehicle please specify;

1. Make / Model .....
2. Reg Number. ....
3. Colour. ....

Please state which Association you belong to as numbers are restricted as follows; Tick as appropriate

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**Do you wish to join the Association Pipe Bands and be part of the Veterans Marching Contingent (100 max) **Yes / No****

Please return this performa with a cheque made payable to The Highlanders Trust (£10 per head) to; Major MRM Gibson MBE, Home HQ, The Highlanders, Cameron Bks, Inverness, IV2 3XE by not later than **Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2011**.