



Queen's Own Highlanders
Regimental Association
Edinburgh Branch

BRANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2012

The Chairman and Committee of the Edinburgh Branch Wish All Our Members a Very Prosperous and Happy New Year

Edinburgh Branch Amalgamation Dinner 2012

The Edinburgh Branch Amalgamation Dinner 2012 will be held on **Saturday 11th February 2012 (7.30 pm for 8.00 pm) at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club**

Our guest of honour this year will be Major General Seymour Monroe CBE, who from 1989 to 1991 commanded the Battalion in West Belfast and subsequently took Battalion Headquarters and the Echelon off to Saudi Arabia to head up the Armoured Delivery Group during the Gulf War. General Seymour is a well kent face and has lots of stories about his many years as a Queen's Own Highlander. We are therefore hoping he will recount a few for us after the dinner.

Dougie Shepherd will be saying Grace for us and we have booked a couple of young Pipers from Edinburgh Academy to entertain us during the dinner. Once the speeches are over we will be dancing to Dave Lewis, a local (and very good) singer who will entertain us until the bar closes.

Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club are providing a four course meal for us and there will be wine on the tables and port for the toasts. The meal will be followed by coffee or tea (see annex for details).

We need to limit the numbers attending to make sure that the club can cope, so please get your returns in as soon as possible. To avoid problems with people having to scramble around for a seat on the night we plan to allocate members and their partners to tables. We know some people will wish to sit near to their usual mates so if you want to be included in a table with specific people please indicate on the return who you wish to sit with. If you are happy to sit with a mixture of other members please leave this part of

the return blank. We are hoping everyone who has a kilt or trews will wear them on the night.

The tickets for the dinner will be a real bargain at £15.00 per head.

As places are limited and we also need to organise a seating plan, it is important that you give Danny your names as soon as possible – along with your money please! We are trying to avoid the Treasurer having to carry cash on the night so please send the payment with your return and to reduce waste on the night the caterers would also be obliged if you could indicate your choice of main course on the return.

Returns ASP - but no later than the 4th February 2012 please

Report – Christmas Dance 2011

The Branch's Christmas Dance was held on Saturday 26th November 2011 with an excellent turnout of over 90 members of the Regimental Family. The entertainment was provided by an outstanding local band by the name of China Blue and they certainly got everyone into the right spirit for the start of the festive season - the dance floor was full all night. If you have access to the internet you can see the photos to prove it!

Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club provided their usual first-rate Christmas buffet and the manager told us that their bar takings were extremely healthy at the end of the night – another good sign that everyone was really enjoying themselves!

Thanks must go to Jean Givens and Margaret Munro for selling the raffle tickets and for Bobby Munro and Tam Balloch for shouting out the winning numbers and to the committee who helped to organise the night. A particular thank you must go to all those members who generously donated prizes for the raffle

Annual Subscriptions

We are still short of a number of annual subscriptions so if you have not already done so, please let us have your subs as soon as possible as we need the cash flow to keep the Branch running efficiently

Last Post

For those of you that do not have access to the internet, the following news of the deaths of former members of the Regimental Family has been reported on the Association website since our last newsletter

September

Jimmy Clark
Jock Rattray

QOCH and Queen's Own Highlander
Seaforth Highlander and Queen's Own Highlander

October

Willie Wilkie
Brian Kay

Queen's Own Highlander
QOCH and Queen's Own Highlander

November

Davie Black
Lt Col BG Grime MBE
Lt Col HV Dawson
Henry Marshall
John Catto

Queen's Own Highlander
QOCH
QOCH
Seaforth Highlander and Queen's Own Highlander
Queen's Own Highlander

December

George Dodds
Maj Allan Cameron MBE
Andy Anderson (66)

Seaforth Highlander
QOCH
Queen's Own Highlander

“We Shall Remember Them”

For the Latest News:

You will find details of future events, lots of Regimental information, and photographs of Association members & functions on the Association web site at:

www.cabarfeidh.com

RETURN – AMALGAMATION DINNER – SATURDAY 11th February 2012

Menu

Pate
 Scotch Broth
 Steak or Chicken served with seasonal vegetables
 Cheesecake
 Cheese and Biscuits
 Coffee or Tea

Name:	Address:
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I will be attending the Amalgamation Dinner (If accompanied by a partner please state the name for the table plan) and I enclose a cheque/postal order for..... (£15.00 per head). Please <u>send</u> a Cheque or Postal Order – NO payments on the night please	Numbers? Name..... £.....
I would prefer to sit on the same table as: (this cannot be guaranteed but we will try our hardest to accommodate everyone)	
To help reduce waste please indicate your choice of main course ie: Steak or Chicken for you and your partner A Vegetarian option will be available but please give us a warning so the club can get itself organised	Steak..... Chicken..... Vegetarian.....

(If you haven't done so already) - I wish to renew my annual membership and enclose a cheque/postal order for the sum of: (£15.00 for the under 65's and £10.00 for the over 65's)	£.....
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(Please make your cheque out to QOHLDR Regtl Assn, Edinburgh Branch so it can be paid directly into the Branch Account and please **NOT** made out to Danny Carruthers)

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