

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Christmas and New Year are here once again and being the season of goodwill it encourages us to communicate with each other.

In this modern era our website provides us with the ideal medium and all at no cost to the user. Our thanks are due to Seoras McIntosh who as editor and provider of the site works tirelessly to keep us all in touch.

The past year, The Queen's Own Highlanders 50<sup>th</sup> was celebrated with the Gathering in June. This was quite the best well organised Gathering

In our 50 years and it brought so many of us together to enjoy a great bond of comradeship established while serving in the Regiment. Bobby Towns and his band of helpers are owed a big thank you.

This year also saw the Seaforth, Cameron, and Queen's Own Highlanders Associations coming together under one management. This means that we have pooled our resources and are in a better position to help out those who are in need.

It is at this time of year that we particularly think of them and through Christmas grants endeavour to provide a little cheer.

Many of us met this month for the Presentation of Colours to The Highlanders, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland the final phase of the conversion of our Scottish Infantry into one large Regiment. The battalion have just returned from a successful tour in Afghanistan but with the sad loss of two of their members; WE WILL REMEMBER THEM , and think especially of their families who will be without them this Christmas .

We wish the battalion well on their return to Fallingbostal.

As yet no news when or where they will be re based in the UK. Let us campaign to get them back to the North of Scotland.

So old and young, serving and retired, we remain drawn together in a common thread and let us give thanks this Christmas and New Year for the comradeship gained through the Regiment.

With best wishes to you all.

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Yours aye,

John Hopkinson