

Press Release Photo Opportunities

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Title: Highlanders Museum Appeals for modern artefacts

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Synopsis: The Highlanders' Museum in Fort George is appealing for artefacts to help them explain the history between 1994 to the present day.

Release: The Highlanders' Museum which is based within the historic Fort George is in the process of undergoing a major redevelopment project which will see it substantially upgraded to the most modern standards. Once reopened in Easter 2013 it will explain the history of the Army regiments raised from the Highlands and Islands from just after the battle of Culloden to the present day. However the recent history between 1994 to the present day, their collection of artefacts is less well covered. Some notable activities the Regiment took part in during this period were tours in Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Northern Ireland and Germany.

The Museum is appealing to anyone who may have artefacts from this period to get in touch to see if they have anything that could form part of the exciting new displays within the Museum. Examples of items of interest could be uniform, personal archives and photographs or other mementos.

Museum Collections Officer Lynsey Easton said:

"We have a historic collection which is unsurpassed in Scotland. However there is a noticeable gap between the amalgamation of the Queens Own Highlanders' with the Gordon Highlanders' which took place in 1994, up until the present day. I urge anyone who has artefacts from 1994 onwards to get in touch with me directly on 0131 310 8701."

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For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact: Peter Guthrie, Development Director, The Highlanders' Museum, Fort George, Near Inverness, 01667 460 466 www.thehighlandersmuseum.com

The Highlanders' Museum tells the history of the Highlanders Regiments for the last 300 years until the present day. It is home to the largest Regimental collection outside of London and attracts over 55,000 visitors per year.

Notes to Editor: **Photographs are available either from file or by sending a photographer by prior appointment.**