



**Queen's Own Highlanders
Regimental Association
Edinburgh Branch**

BRANCH NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2011

Report - Regimental Gathering – 11th and 12th June 2011

The Regimental Gathering in Inverness proved to be an outstanding success with Cameron Barracks brimming over with some 1400 members of the Regimental Family having turned up for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Whilst many of those attending came from Scotland, quite a few former members of the Regiment journeyed from all other points of mainland UK, some even turning up from afar as Canada, Afghanistan, and Indonesia.

Saturday was spent listening to some great piping from the Association Pipe Band and catching up with old comrades in the two large marquees specially hired for the occasion. Indeed, it proved extremely hard to even walk a few feet without having to stop to chat to old comrades!

On the Sunday, Padre Ivan Warwick officiated over a Drumhead Service and Brigadier Nick Ridley gave an extremely fitting tribute to the Regiment and reminded everyone of why the Queen's Own Highlanders were such a great battalion and so highly respected.

The latest news from the Association website shows that the week-end cost £46,700.00 to organise and run, with Regimental Funds contributing £36,000.00 – WORTH EVERY SINGLE PENNY! The organising committee can be justly proud of running an extremely successful and enjoyable reunion.

Report - Armed Forces Day Parade 2011 – 25th June 2011

With John Meikle carrying the Branch Standard, some forty odd members of the Branch, including Brigadier Hughie Monro, marched proudly behind it down the High Street to Holyrood Palace where the salute was taken by HRH Prince Charles.

Once the parade fell out many members went on to visit the Veterans Village, where a Beer Tent, Food Outlets, military displays, and entertainment was all laid on. A few members then went on to Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club for a blether and a few drams, and in the case of Eddie "Old Blue Eyes" Maley, a rendering of Frank Sinatra songs on the Karaoke machine!

Branch AGM – Sunday 9th October 2011

The Branch Annual General Meeting will take place at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club on Sunday 9th October 2011 starting at 1.00 pm (***Please note the change of date since the last newsletter***). If anyone has any points for the Agenda then please let Danny Carruthers know by the 30th September 2011. So we can organise the rations, members should also fill in the return at the back of this newsletter if they intend to be at the AGM– as usual we will be laying on a Curry lunch for those attending, and of course family members will be most welcome. (Don't forget to bring your annual subs though)

Liverpool Scottish Annual Dinner – Friday 21st October 2011

To mark the very close association of the Queen's Own Highlanders and the Liverpool Scottish, the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association are dedicating part of their Annual Reunion & Dinner to a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's Own Highlanders. It is therefore hoped that as many Queen's Own Highlanders as possible will be able to attend. Some of the people signed up so far are George Givens, Ronny Baybut, Harry Finn, John Dunion, Tommy Murphy, John Gribbin, Kenny Banks, John Payne, Charlie Derbyshire, Jimmy Ryan, Alan Kirkwood, Derek Peers, Colin Hughes, Robert (Andy) Capp, and awaiting confirmation, Sandy MacKenzie.

The Dinner itself will be held in the Adelphi Hotel, is stag, and tickets are £23.00 each (from Colin Hughes, 134 Stamford Road, Southport, PR8 4EX Tel: 01704 550360). The Adelphi Hotel (5 minutes walk from Lime Street Railway Station) is giving preferential rates for anyone who wants to stay the night - their rates for B&B are £60.00 single and £80.00 double (contact Bobby Lynch at robert.lynch8@btinternet.com Tel: 0794 727 1709). Please book your place as soon as possible. and members can always bring along their wives for a bit of shopping and a tour around the home of the Beetles!

4 SCOTS (The Highlanders) Presentation of New Colours – 3rd December 2011

Because the 4th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland (The Highlanders) were in Afghanistan when the other six Battalions received their new Colours, it was decided that the Highlanders would be presented with their Colours in December after their operational tour was over. Details are still sketchy, but it looks like they will receive their new Colours at a parade in RAF Kinloss on the 3rd December 2011 (in case you were wondering – it will take place inside an aircraft hangar away from the inclement weather usually present at that time of the year!) We will let you know details in due course.

Last Post

For those of you that do not have access to the internet, the following sad news of the deaths of former Queen's Own Highlanders has been reported on the Association website over the past six months:

<i>Frank Morrison</i>	<i>Cameron Highlander and Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>August</i>
<i>Jimmy Cumming</i>	<i>Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>August</i>
<i>Alasdair Gillies</i>	<i>Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>August</i>
<i>Bob Hoddinot</i>	<i>Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>August</i>
<i>Ian Clark</i>	<i>Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Brian Matuszczyk</i>	<i>Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Stuart (Geordie) Anderson</i>	<i>Seaforth Highlander & Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>May</i>
<i>Donald McKinnon</i>	<i>Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>March</i>
<i>George McKenzie</i>	<i>Seaforth Highlander & Queen's Own Highlander</i>	<i>March</i>

“We Shall Remember Them”

Forecast of Events

Branch AGM and Curry Lunch	Sun 9 th October 2011	Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club
Remembrance Parade	Sun 13 th November 2011	Edinburgh City Chambers
Branch Christmas Dance	Sat 26 th November 2011	Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club
4 SCOTS Presentation of Colours	Sat 3 rd December 2011	RAF Kinloss – Details TBC

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RETURN – AGM – Sunday 9th October 2011

To be back with Danny Carruthers **by the 30th September 2011 please** so we can inform the club about our numbers for catering purposes

Name:	Address:
	Telephone Number:
I am now on the internet and my email address is: All future newsletters will be sent by email if we have your address	@

Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club For Catering Purposes – I will be attending the AGM at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club (include any family members)	Numbers.....
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Annual Subscriptions

I will not be attending the Branch AGM and enclose my annual subs (£15.00 for under 65's and £10.00 for over 65's)

Cheque/Postal Order enclosed for: £.....

(to be made out to Edinburgh Branch, QOHLDRS Regimental Association" and NOT to Danny please)

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