

George Stewart Anderson MBE

Stewart “Geordie” Anderson was laid to rest on Monday 16th May 2011 at Mortonhall Crematorium in Edinburgh. It was a real tribute to the man that so many of his friends came to see him off. A large contingent from the Highlands, as well as many from the local area, and some from the south of England were present to hear the Reverend Willie Irving pay tribute to Stewart. As well as Stewart’s immediate family, the congregation seemed to consist of many ex-members of the regiment, from former private soldiers right up to former Generals. As befitting of a long-serving Families Officers, there were many wives also present who would have been marched in and out of married quarters by Stewart, and who would probably have received help and words of wisdom from him. Willie, a former Queen’s Own Highlander himself, recounted stories from Stewart’s life in both the Seaforth Highlanders and the Queen’s Own Highlanders that raised a few wry smiles and reminded everyone of his long and loyal service to the Regiment.

Pipe Major Andy Venters played Flowers of the Forest and at the end of the service Stewart’s granddaughter read out the Regimental Collect – both nice touches and a fitting reminder that the Regimental Family were thinking about Stewart at this sad time.

To members of the Edinburgh Branch, Stewart, always accompanied by Doris, seemed to be a permanent fixture at many of our functions. His smiling face and ability to remember long-forgotten names and recount stories from the bygone days of the Regiment will be greatly missed.

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