



QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS
(Seaforth & Camerons)

**REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION
HIGHLAND BRANCH
AMALGAMATION DINNER**

**FRIDAY
11th FEBRUARY 2011**

**WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS
FORT GEORGE**

**By kind permission of the
RSM 3 SCOTS
WO1 (RSM) M G S DUFFUS**

MENU

Haggis Neeps and Tatties with a Whisky Sauce

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*Chicken Breast Stuffed with Leek, Bacon & Smoked
Cheese Wrapped in Parma Ham*

Served with:

Fondant Potato, Herb Roasted Baby Pearl Potatoes

Selection of Winter Vegetables

White Wine & Shallot Sauce

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Chocolate & Raspberry Mouse Served with Shortbread

Biscuits

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Cheese Board & Biscuits

Coffee and Mints

Pipe Programme

1st Set

Slow Air	Sands of Kuwait
March	Cabar Feidh
Strathspey	Cabar Feidh
Reel	Cabar Feidh
March	Queen's Own Highlanders

2nd Set

March	Donald Cameron
Strathspey	Maggie Cameron
Reel	Sandy Cameron
Marches	Cameron Men
	Pibroch O'Donuil Dubh

Our Pipers tonight are:

QO HLDRS Association Pipe Major:	Andy Venters
QO HLDRS Association Pipers:	Ronnie MacLean
	Jimmy Craib
	Callum Mackenzie

Regimental traditions, a polite reminder:

*When pipes are played in the Mess we all shut up and enjoy!
We do not applaud until the last note has been played*

REGIMENTAL TOAST

*“The Land of Hills, Glens and Heroes;
Where the Ptarmigan thrives
And where the red deer finds shelter
As long as the mist hangs o’er the Mountains
And water runs in the glens,
The Deeds of the Brave will be remembered,
Health and success for ever, to the lads of Cabar
Feidh”
“Cabarfeidh gu Brath”*

The Songs

WE'RE ALL CABARFEIDH

Chorus:
For we're all Cabarfeidh and we're singing
as we go
To the Promised Land where the beer and
whisky flow
We were drunk last night, aye and drunk
the night before
And we're all in the Queen's Own
Highlanders

No booze today, no booze today no booze
because it's Sunday
No booze today, no booze today, we'll
have to wait 'til Monday

Repeat Chorus

Oh goodbye booze for evermore, my
boozing days are nearly o'er
Had a good time but it didn't agree, look
what booze has done to me

Repeat Chorus

Oh goodbye booze for evermore, my
boozing days are nearly o'er
And when I die don't bury me at all, just
pickle my bones in alcohol

Repeat Chorus to Finish

TARTAN PATCH

A tartan patch on our mens' chest
We're the men, we're Scotland's best
We fight by night, we fight by day
We're the men of Cabarfeidh

Fort George is our Highland home
And no matter where we roam
Egypt, Aden, Borneo too
We're the men with hackles blue

Cuidich'n Righ our battle cry
In foreign fields we fight and die
The enemy flee when us they see
We're the men of Cabarfeidh

Seaforth, Cameron, now we're one
When we advance just see them run
Queens Own Highlanders are we
We're the men of Cabarfeidh.

**Repeat First Verse
to Finish**

A REMINDER OF OUR HISTORY

The QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS formed in Edinburgh - 1961

The Amalgamation of the Seaforth Highlanders and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders took place on the **7th February 1961**, in a simple ceremony at Redford Bks, Edinburgh. At Edinburgh Castle, the last guard mounted by the 1st Camerons was relieved by the first guard mounted by 1 QO HLDERS.

Far East - 1961-1964

On 9th April 1961 the QO HLDERS sailed for the Far East. On arrival in Singapore the Bn was stationed in Selarang Bks, and was the British Bn of 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, in the 17th Gurkha Division.

Brunei rebellion - 1962-1963

The operational role of the QO HLDERS was to maintain the internal security of Singapore, but the Bn also carried out training in the British dependencies in North Borneo, supporting the civil authorities in preventing piracy, and acting as a deterrent to Indonesian interference with the North Borneo Territories. On 8th December 1962 armed rebellion broke out in the Sultanate of Brunei where rebel forces led by Azahari attacked the Sultan's palace, and installations throughout Brunei. The rebels took hostages and seized the Shell oilfield at Seria. Bn HQ and A Coy of the QO HLDERS moved at very short notice from Singapore to Brunei by air, while the destroyer HMS Cavalier sailed at full speed carrying B Coy. 60 men of A Coy landed by five Twin Pioneer aircraft at Seria and seized Panaga Police Station. Simultaneously the remainder of A Coy landed by Beverley aircraft at Anduki Airfield, captured the control tower, and seized the Bailey bridge over the Sungei Bera. Next morning the Bn advanced through Seria, A Coy clearing a strong rebel force from the Sultan's summer palace, and B Coy releasing 46 European hostages from the rebel held Police Station. Finally B Coy 1st/2nd Ghurkhas cleared Kuala Belait. The Bn returned to Singapore in February 1963 on the Commando ship HMS Albion, after its first active service since the amalgamation of the regiment.

Brunei and North Borneo - 1963

The 1st Bn returned to Borneo in May 1963, when its duties included long range patrolling of the Indonesian border, and the training of local tribesmen as Border Scouts.

Edinburgh - 1964

In March 1964 the QO HLDERS returned to Edinburgh and was billeted at Milton Bridge Camp. On 21st May 1964 the Bn received its first Stand of Colours from HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel in Chief of the Regiment, at the Palace of Holyrood in Edinburgh.

Germany - 1964-1966

In June 1964 the QO HLDERS moved to Mercer Bks in Osnabruck in West Germany. The Bn formed part of 12 Infantry Brigade, in the 2nd Division, in the British Army of the Rhine. In 1965 and 1966 the 1st Bn won the Army Championship, at the Regular Army Skills-at-Arms meeting at Bisley.

Berlin - 1966-1968

The QO HLDERS moved from Osnabruck to Berlin in August 1966, where the Bn formed part of the Berlin Infantry Brigade in the four power occupation force comprising British, US, Russian and French troops. In 1967 the Bn again won the Army Championship at the Regular Army Skills-at-Arms meeting at Bisley.

Edinburgh 1968-1971

In September 1968 the QO HLDERS returned to Redford Bks, Edinburgh. Its three year tour in Britain included a period of nine months in the Gulf, where the Bn served in the Trucial States.

Sharjah - 1969-1970

From May 1969 to February 1970, under Great Britain's treaty obligations to protect the Trucial States and maintain stability in the oil-producing countries of the Middle East, the QO HLDERS spent a nine month tour at Sharjah in the Trucial States.

Edinburgh - 1970-1971

On its return to Edinburgh in 1970, the QO HLDERS provided the ceremonial and administrative duties for the Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh, including Royal Guards of Honour for HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Germany - 1971-1976

In April 1971 the QO HLDERS moved to Belfast Bks, Osnabrück, in West Germany. The Bn formed part of 12 Mechanised Brigade, in the 2nd Div, in the British Army of the Rhine. In 1971 the QO HLDERS represented Great Britain in the CENTO Small Arms Competition and won first place, the only British Bn ever to win this competition.

Northern Ireland - 1971-1974

In November 1971 the QO HLDERS began its first tour of duty in Ulster since the troubles in Northern Ireland started in 1969. The Bn was deployed in East Belfast. The Bn returned to Osnabrück in March 1972. In July 1972, as part of Operation 'Motorman', the QO HLDERS was flown to Northern Ireland at less than a week's notice, and remained there until November 1972. In December 1973 the QO HLDERS moved to Belfast for the Battalion's third tour of duty in NI this time in the Lower Falls. Pte J Hesketh was killed by a sniper in Belfast in 1973. The Bn returned to Osnabrück in April 1974.

Germany - 1974-1976

Having returned from Northern Ireland, The QO HLDERS trooped the Regimental Colour, in Osnabruck on 21st July 1974 before the Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir Peter Hunt. In November 1974 the QO HLDERS battle group carried out mechanised training and field firing at Suffield in Canada, with two armoured squadrons and a battery of field artillery under command. In 1975 the Bn won the Army Championship at the Regular Army Skills-at-Arms meeting at Bisley. On 26th April 1976 detachments of the QO HLDERS and the 2nd Bn 51st Highland Volunteers TAVR represented the regiment when it was granted the Freedom of Tain.

Edinburgh - 1976-1980

In June 1976 the QO HLDERS returned to Britain, and the Bn was stationed at Ritchie Camp, Kirknewton, near Edinburgh. The 1st Bn celebrated its return to Scotland by trooping the Regimental Colour in the Northern Meeting Park at Inverness on 21st July 1976, before Lieutenant General Sir Chandos Blair, Colonel of the Regiment. During nearly four years based at Kirknewton, the Bn spent six months in Belize, and carried out two tours, each of four months, in Northern Ireland.

Belize - 1976-1977

In August 1976 the QO HLDERS flew to the colony of Belize (formerly British Honduras) Central America for a 6 month tour. Lt A McKillip and Cpl M P Glasgow were killed in a helicopter crash during this tour.

Edinburgh - 1977-1978

In February 1977 the QO HLDERS returned to Edinburgh. The Bn provided the Royal Guard at Ballater during the summer of 1977. During the firemen's strike in November-December 1977, the Bn undertook fire-fighting duties in Edinburgh, and tackled 257 fires.

Northern Ireland - 1978

From April to August 1978 the QO HLDERS carried out a tour of duty in North Armagh.

Edinburgh - 1978-1979

The Earl of Seaforth's Highland Regiment was originally passed as fit for service at Elgin on 15th May 1778. On the bicentenary of this date the QO HLDERS was on operational duty in Northern Ireland. The Bicentenary was celebrated at Elgin where, on 14th October 1978, the Regiment was granted the Freedom of the District of Moray. The QO HLDERS spent a short period training in Gibraltar in late 1978.

Northern Ireland - 1979

From July to October 1979 the QO HLDERS carried out its most testing tour of duty in Northern Ireland when it was responsible for the difficult border country of South Armagh. The Bn had the great misfortune to lose its Commanding Officer, Lt Col D N A Blair, and his signaller LCpl Victor MacLeod, killed in an IRA bomb attack at Warren Point, when 16 soldiers from B Coy 2nd Bn The Parachute Regiment also died. Three other soldiers from the 1st Bn, Cpl David Wares, Cpl David Lang, and Pte A McMillan also died on this tour of duty. But despite these losses the Bn achieved outstanding success in its operations.

Hong Kong - 1980-1981 In March 1980 the QO HLDERS moved to Hong Kong where the Bn was stationed at Stanley Fort. The main operational role was to prevent illegal immigration from China.

Companies also trained in Brunei and New Zealand.

Tidworth - 1981

In December 1981 the QO HLDERS left Hong Kong and returned to Great Britain. The Bn formed part of 1 Infantry Brigade in the United Kingdom Mobile Force (Land).

Falklands - 1982

When Argentina invaded the Falklands in 1982, the QO HLDERS was twice placed on stand-by to take part in the recapture of the Islands. The Bn flew to Ascension Island, and then embarked on the troopship MV Norland. In the event it reached the Falklands shortly after the end of hostilities. The Bn relieved two brigades, and deployed with Bn HQ and HQ Coy in Port Stanley, A Coy at Goose Green, B Coy (less a platoon in South Georgia) at North Arm and then Roy Cove, D Coy at Fox Bay, Support Coy at Port Stanley then North Arm. The Bn had the role of clearing up Port Stanley and the settlements where fighting had taken place, and of restoring normal life to the civil community. It returned to Tidworth in December 1982. In recognition of the battalion's outstanding service to the civil community in the Falklands, it was awarded the Wilkinson Sword of Peace.

Tidworth - 1982-1983

On 23rd July 1983 the QO HLDERS was presented with its second Stand of Colours at Tidworth by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. The Wilkinson Sword of Peace was presented at the start of the parade.

Northern Ireland - 1983-1985

In November 1983 the QO HLDERS moved to Northern Ireland for a residential tour. The Bn was based at Alexander Bks, Aldergrove, beside Belfast Airport. The Battalion's main operational task was to maintain one Coy detached as reinforcement to 4th Bn Ulster Defence Regiment in County Fermanagh, on a roulement system. During the Battalion's tour its companies also operated throughout the province.

Fort George - 1985-1988

In November 1985 the QO HLDERS returned to the regimental area when it moved to Fort George. During 1983-1985 the Fort had been extensively modernised, and the QO HLDERS was to be the first Bn to enjoy the new facilities. The Bn later carried out a month's field training in Kenya.

Belize - 1987

In April 1987 the QO HLDERS returned to Belize for a six month tour. The Bn moved back to Fort George in December 1987.

Germany - 1988-1993

In March 1988 the QO HLDERS moved from Fort George to Münster in Germany. The Bn at first formed part of 6 Armoured Brigade in the 3rd Armoured Division, and was then regrouped in January 1989 to 33 Armoured Brigade. In 1989 the Bn carried out battle group training at Suffield, in Canada. During the five year period in Münster the 1st Bn completed two tours of duty in Northern Ireland in 1990 and 1992-1993, and took part in the Gulf War in 1991.

Northern Ireland - 1990

The QO HLDERS 7th tour of duty in Northern Ireland from February to July 1990. It was grouped under 39 Infantry Brigade as the Belfast Roulement Bn, with responsibility for north and west Belfast. Bn HQ and A Coy were based at North Howard Street Mill, B Coy at Girdwood Park, D Coy at Fort Whiterock. Cpl R D Turner died during this tour.

Gulf War - 1991

The QO HLDERS took part in Operation 'Granby', the military action to recover Kuwait from the occupying forces of Iraq. The Bn deployed piecemeal, Bn HQ providing command for the Armoured Delivery Group, the reinforcements of vehicles and crews, including three armoured squadrons and three armoured infantry companies, which were ready to replace casualties if they occurred. A (Atbara) Coy Group provided the guard force HQ 1 Armoured Division in the field, and B (Alamein) Coy Group the guard for HQ British Forces Middle East in Riyadh. The Bn also provided reinforcements for units of the 7th and 4th Armoured Brigades, including 1st Bn Royal Scots and 3rd Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. The Regimental Band deployed as medical orderlies in October 1990 under command of 1st Armoured Division Field Ambulance. The ground campaign began on G Day, 24th February 1991, and lasted for 100 hours. The 1st Armoured Division entered Iraq through the breach in the frontier obstacles cleared by US engineers. When the cease fire was declared at 0800 hours on 28th February, the Bn regrouped about 20 miles north-west of Kuwait City.

Bn suffered the sad loss of three soldiers Pte N Donald, Pte M Ferguson and Pte J Lang serving as reinforcements with 3rd Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, who were killed when their Warrior APC was hit by a missile fired from a US aircraft. The Bn returned to Münster in late March 1991.

Battle Honour

For its part in the Gulf war the 1st Bn QO HLDERS was awarded the Battle Honour: **Gulf 1991**

N Ireland 1992-1993

The QO HLDERS carried out its 8th and final tour of duty in Northern Ireland from November 1992-May 1993. It formed part of 39 Infantry Brigade, and was responsible for West Belfast. Bn HQ and A Coy were based in North Howard Street Mill, B Coy at New Barnsley RUC Station, and D Coy at Fort Whiterock.

Edinburgh - 1993-1994

The QO HLDERS moved to Dregghorn Bks Edinburgh in November 1993. There in July 1994 the farewell events of the QO HLDERS. On 23rd July HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh reviewed the Regiment at Dregghorn Bks as Colonel-in-Chief. On parade for the review were the QO HLDERS detachments of 2nd Bn 51st Highland Volunteers TA, V Coy the Liverpool Scottish TA, the QO HLDERS Cadets, the Regimental Associations and their Pipe Band. In the afternoon a Farewell Gathering was held on the playing field at Dregghorn Bks. The final ceremonial event of the QO HLDERS was the granting of the Freedom of the Western Isles of the Regiment in Stornoway on 2nd September 1994.

Amalgamation - 17th September 1994

On 17th September 1994, at Dregghorn Bks, Edinburgh, the QO HLDERS (Seaforth and Camerons) were amalgamated with the Gordon Highlanders to form:

THE HIGHLANDERS (SEAFORTH, GORDONS and CAMERONS)

Roll of Honour

Private J Hesketh	Belfast (Sniper)	1973
Lieutenant A W McKillip	Belize (helicopter crash)	1976
Corporal MP Glasgow	Belize (helicopter crash)	1976
Private A McMillan 49	Crossmaglen NI (Booby trap bomb)	1979
Corporal D Lang	Bessbrook NI (helicopter crash)	1979
Corporal D Wares	Bessbrook NI (helicopter crash)	1979
Lieutenant Colonel D N A Blair (CO)	Warren Point NI (Bomb attack)	1979
Lance Corporal V MacLeod	Warren Point NI (Bomb attack)	1979
Lance Corporal G Paterson	Hong Kong (Drowned)	1980
Corporal RD Turner	Belfast (Gunshot wound)	1990
Private N Donald	The Gulf (Friendly fire)	1991
Private M Ferguson	The Gulf (Friendly fire)	1991
Private J Lang	The Gulf (Friendly fire)	1991

Forthcoming events:

50th Anniversary Gathering Cameron Barracks 11th & 12th June 2011

**Association Tent Moy Games 5th & 6th August 2011
(Association Pipe Band Playing on the 6th)**

Website:

cabarfeidh.com
with a link to:
qohldrsgathering.co.uk

