

THE HIGHLAND BRANCH AMALGAMATION DINNER

Thanks to George for the report on the very successful Edinburgh Branch, 50th Anniversary Amalgamation Dinner.

We had a pretty good night as well. Almost 70 of us "Staggies" enjoyed the luxurious surroundings and excellent support of the staff of the Sgts' Mess at Fort George. The use of the facilities came courtesy of the RSM of 3 SCOTS, our very own Michael Duffus. Michael was our main guest accompanied by Maj Barney MacAskill, CSM Steve McSeveney and Drum Major David Murray. In addition there were a number of private guests. Amongst those attending it was especially good to have with us Terry (Paddy) Bashford; Terry served with us as an Armourer from 1966 – 70 and remains extremely loyal to us to this day and made the journey from Bangor in N Ireland to share the evening with us.

The names of most recent Absent Friends were read out by the Secretary, Steven McIntosh followed by a silence and then Grace from Ronnie Sinclair. Peter Finlayson proposed the toast to Her Majesty and the Chairman gave the Regimental Toast. Andy Venters and his fellow Pipers played two excellent sets, yet again proving how lucky we are to have piping of such an excellent standard available through members of the Association Pipes and Drums. Our President, General Peter, gave an excellent address emphasising how important the Association is to us all.

We had an excellent meal, first class service, the best of company and a glass of wine or two. A very good night, time to retire to the Bar!

A copy of our programme and the seating plan are attached.

Yours aye,

Bob