

The Liverpool Scottish 1900 – 2014

On 31 March 2014 the name of the Liverpool Scottish will disappear from the Army's Order of Battle. Founded as a Volunteer battalion of then King's (Liverpool Regiment) in 1900, the Liverpool Scottish became a Territorial battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1937, having previously been part of the Corps of the QOCH. Becoming V (The Liverpool Scottish) Company of the 51st Highland Volunteers in 1967, there was a transfer back to 5th/8th Bn., The King's Regiment in 1993. Changes in the TA infantry meant the end of the Liverpool Scottish company in 1999 but the lineage survived in No. 2 (Liverpool Scottish) Rifle Platoon, continuing to wear the Forbes kilt and the blue hackle on Highland headdress, in A (Ladysmith) Company of what has become the 4th Bn., The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. From 31 March the establishment drops to three companies only and the Liverpool company will disappear as will the Liverpool Scottish name and Highland dress. Only a support platoon (equipped with Javelin) will remain in Liverpool, to be part of D Company based in Manchester. This disappearance means that the Liverpool Scottish ACF detachment will also lose its name and its highland dress. The Regimental Association continues to function and the Liverpool Scottish Museum Trust continues to operate its archive and website www.liverpoolscottish.org.uk . A fuller article will appear in the Highlanders Newsletter later in the year. The blue hackle will continue to be proudly worn by the old comrades who regularly form the largest marching contingent on Liverpool's St George's Plateau on Remembrance Sunday accompanied by the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band. We also plan to be over 100 strong at the Liverpool Scottish Stone in Ypres, Belgium, in June 2015 for the centenary of the Battle of Hooge. Almost a century of direct connection between Liverpool and the Cameron lineage will not be easily forgotten and we have been proud to be able to contribute to the newly refurbished Fort George.

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