

# MEMORARANDUM

From; Major Maurice Gibson MBE  
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June 21<sup>st</sup> 2012.

To; All Members of The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth & Camerons) Association.

Subject; **Seminar – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Resolution of the Brunei Emergency**

1. December 2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the resolution of the Brunei Emergency. It was precipitated by the rebel insurgency that erupted in the Sultanate of Brunei, launched in the early hours of the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1962. This sudden and unexpected revolt in a strategically important British Protectorate demanded swift and coordinated reaction by UK Armed Forces based in Singapore, involving all three services. There was an immediate and sustained air and sealift and the subsequent mounting of a series of coup de main operations to regain vital areas, to rescue hostages whose lives were threatened and to restore order throughout the Protectorate.

2. The Royal Marines Museum, Eastney, Portsmouth, will host a Seminar Day on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 to commemorate the successful operation which swiftly ousted the rebels and restored control and security of the Protectorate.

3. The Programme for the day is outlined below.

Ser	Timings	Subject	Lead Speakers
1	1000	Welcome and introductory address.	Major General Julian Thompson CB OBE – Chairman.
2	1010	Describes seminar format, introduce speakers.	Colonel Bengie Walden OBE – Narrator.
3	1013	The Geopolitical World since 1962 Planning from a standing start.	Mr Nick Van der Bijl – Author. Captain Derek Oakley MBE RM.
4	1030		Narrator.
5	1032	The recovery of Brunei Town by 1/2 GR.	Lieutenant General Sir Peter Duffell KCB CBE MC.
6	1050	Break for 15 mins.	
7	1105		Narrator.
8	1107	The scene at Seria – Shell Brunei.	Dato Peter Everett.
9	1117	Airborne Assault and recovery of Seria by 1 QOHdrs. (Introduction).	General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie GCB OBE DL.
10		Airborne Assault.	Veteran RAF Pilot.
11		Recovery of Seria by 1 QOHdrs.	General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie GCB OBE DL.
12	1135		Narrator.
13	1137	Reaction to the revolt within Brunei.	Mr Nick Van der Bijl.
14	1147		Narrator.
15	1149	Hostage rescue at Limbang. The River Assault by 42 Cdo RM.	1. Admiral Sir Jeremy Black GBE KCB DSO. 2. Lt Commander Peter Down RN. 3. Corporal Bob Rawlinson MM RM. 4. Lieutenant Ricky Targett Adams RM.
16	1207		Narrator.
17	1209	Sea landing, jungle approach and recovery to Bekenu by 1 RGJ.	General Sir Robert Pascoe KCB MBE.
18	1224		Narrator.
19	1226	RN operations, riverine, transit, disaster relief.	Captain Peter Grindal CBE RN.
20	1236	RAF operations, fighter, Recce, transport.	Veteran RAF Pilot.
21	1242	Helicopter operations, deep penetration,	Colonel David Storrie OBE.

		disaster relief.	
22	1250		Narrator.
23	1252	Deep penetration patrolling by 42 Cdo RM and A Sqn 22 SAS.	Brigadier Rupert Van der Horst CBE. Veteran SAS.
24	1305	Resume of mornings seminar. Questions.	Chairman.
25	1330	Curry Lunch	
26	1430	Welcome back, further questions and introduction of Brunei today.	Chairman.
27	1510	Brunei today. Centre for Eco tourism, Financial Hub, Home of Brunei Air, Jungle Training Centre.	Overview by Brunei VIP / High Commission. HQ Ghurkha Rifles.
28	1540	Shell Brunei today. Projects and progress.	Shell.
29	1600	Final questions, concluding address.	Chairman.

4. As you will note our own General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie GCB OBE DL is to speak on 1 QOHldrs involvement, supported by a static display or material provided by the our Musuem at Fort George. The venue (The Mountbatten Room) can accommodate 200 and we have been allocated 14 seats at the Seminar and Lunch.

5. The Royal Marine Museum are organising a (Black Tie and Medals) Dinner in the evening in the Medal Room at the Museum, where we have been allocated 3 seats. There is limited accommodated available in Admiralty House and a local Hotel will be blocked book if the take up is good.

6. Costs. Attendees will be asked for a contribution on the day of between £10 and £20 each, Shell will sponsor the majority of the day. A Commemorative Brochure will be produced and on sale on the day.

7. Members of the Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association (particularly those who served at the time) who would like to attend this Commemorative Day / Seminar are asked to get in touch with Major Maurice Gibson (in the absence of Major David Grant – on Holiday) at RHQ SCOTS (North), Cameron Barracks, Inverness IV2 3XE by not later than **July 18<sup>th</sup> 2012**, so details can be passed to the Project Team in Portsmouth.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours aye

*Maurice Gibson*

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On behalf of Major David Grant – Honorary Treasurer  
The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth & Camerons) Association.

#### **Attendance Proforma**

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I / we wish to attend the Seminar / Commemorative day on Wed Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the RM Museum, Portsmouth.

I / we wish to attend the Black Tie Dinner on Wed Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 at The RM Museum, Portsmouth.