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**18 September 2009**

Dear All,

I have asked Tosh to display the photographs I took during the weekend and he will include any others he is sent as they arrive. It was an excellent weekend and here is a quick update for those not present.

### **Evening of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

We met at the Anderson Centre in Ballykinlar Training Centre and said hello to those we haven't seen for many a year. Journeys by air and sea seemed to go according to plan and a very pleasant evening with even more pleasing bar prices was had by all.

### **Morning of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

We met at the Memorial Garden at Palace Barracks and a Memorial service was conducted by Rev David Coulter. The names of those who died in N Ireland were read out and Gen Seymour, Ann Blair, Keith Lang & Ritchie Turner laid wreaths at the Scottish Division Memorial. A copy of the order of service is attached.

After the service we were given a detailed brief on the history and reason for the Memorial garden by the ever enthusiastic Memorial Custodian Albert Owens MBE. Anyone interested in more details can visit the website [www.palacebarracksmemorialgarden.org](http://www.palacebarracksmemorialgarden.org)

### **Afternoon of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

At this stage we travelled to the Bessbrook area for a look around the old patch whilst those on the bus visited Belfast for some shopping. One group getting no further than the Guinness counter!

Later in the afternoon we all met again and held a Service of Remembrance at Warrenpoint on a beautiful sunny afternoon at a location which witnessed such a tragic event. Wreaths were laid and again a copy of the order of service is attached.

### **Evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

Back to the Anderson Centre for a Ceilidh and an excellent meal prepared by the Catering Team of Ballykinlar Training Camp. The Pipe Major of The Highlanders Martin MacDonald, across from Fallingbostel played for us during the evening.

### **Morning of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2009**

The morning started with a talk by Brig Nick on some of the successes enjoyed in N Ireland over the years. This was very much appreciated by all present. We then walked across to St Martins in the Mourne Church where our final service was held. This was a very fitting location because there is a stained glass window in the church with our Badge and Hackle in full colour. With the Association Banner displayed in the same area this made a very fitting place for a further set of wreaths to be laid. The order of service is attached.

On leaving church we formed up under "49" and marched (very smartly except for those rightly identified and reprimanded by the Parade Sgt Maj) behind the Association Banner, ably carried by Ian (Schumf) Mackenzie back to the Anderson Centre for lunch and subsequent departure.

Everyone will rightly have their own special memories of the weekend. For me they were as follows:

**"And one for Cabar Feidh"**

The excellent preparation for and execution of the weekend in true QO HLDRS style by Tim Lewis, Ben Higgins, Robin Cole, Terry Bashford & Robert Darnley. The presence of the close relatives in our midst added greatly to the occasion. The supreme effort made by Willie Wilkie to attend despite his current circumstances. The attendance of the RSM and Pipe Major of the Highlanders was important. The presence of Terry (Paddy) Bashford and Noel (Paddy) Nash yet again identified the fact that some of our attached personnel over the years became as proud of the Blue hackle as we are ourselves. The Rev David Coulter for his three services each conducted in a style and with words that fitted perfectly. The good mix of officers and other ranks. Finally, an opportunity to meet and speak to you all again, brilliant!

On a personal note a special thank you to Anne and Terry Bashford for looking after us so well and for transporting us about.

Yours aye,

Bob

# QUEENS OWN HIGHLANDERS

## REGIMENTAL GATHERING AND COMMEMORATION



### MEMORIAL GARDEN PALACE BARRACKS HOLYWOOD SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2009

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Words in bold type are said by all.**

Words in normal type are said by a chaplain or reader.

*Italics are for instructions*

#### INTRODUCTION

We meet in the presence of God.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts  
past and present, have been given and taken away.

Especially this day we remember those who served  
in and with the Queens Own Highlanders here in Northern Ireland during the years of the troubles.

**"And one for Cabar Feidh"**

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability  
and pain continue to suffer the consequences  
of fighting and terror.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let Us Pray:

Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** – Psalm 46:1-11.

**SECOND LESSON** – John 15: 9-17.

### **REFLECTION**

## **INTERCESSION**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.  
Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces of the Crown, that they may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, that you may turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that in all their trials they may know your love and support.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Most Holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace,  
and all who yearn for justice.  
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you lives lost  
in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end,  
to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one,  
let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

#### **THE NAMES OF THE FALLEN ARE READ**

**LCpl W McIntyre QO HLDERS**

**Pte J Hesketh QO HLDERS**

**Pte M Carnie BW**

**LCpl DA Wares QO HLDERS**

**LCpl D Lang QO HLDERS**

**Lt Col DNA Blair QO HLDERS**

**LCpl V Macleod QO HLDERS**

**Pte AJ Macmillan QO HLDERS**

**Cpl RD Turner QO HLDERS**

#### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

*The minister says*

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died  
in the service of humanity.

*Another shall say:*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

**“And one for Cabar Feidh”**

*And all repeat*

**We will remember them.**

*The Lament*

*The Silence*

*Wreathlaying and other ceremonies.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them,  
to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

### **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

Let us commit ourselves  
to responsible living  
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

*All say*            **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

*All say*            **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

*All say*            **We will**

Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT**

**QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS (SEAFORTH AND CAMERONS)**

**“And one for Cabar Feidh”**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family of heaven and earth are named: Give the Spirit, we pray thee, to the Queen`s Own Highlanders, who are vowed to help our Sovereign against her enemies, that as one family we may lift our eyes unto thee, from whence cometh our help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**BLESSING**

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all people, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you and remain with you always.

*Amen*

# QUEENS OWN HIGHLANDERS

## REGIMENTAL GATHERING AND COMMEMORATION



### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE WARRENPOINT SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2009

#### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - WARRENPOINT

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##### ***Gathering***

*The people and clergy gather in silence*

*The presiding minister reads the following sentence,*

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble.

*Psalm 46.1*

*The presiding minister continues*

**“And one for Cabar Feidh”**

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith  
for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives,  
in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away. Today we remember all those who lost their lives here at Warrenpoint on 27th August 1979.

## **The Names of the Fallen are Read Aloud**

**Nicholas Andrews**

**Gary Barnes**

**William Beard**

**David Blair**

**Donald Blair**

**Raymond Dunn**

**Robert England**

**Peter Fursman**

**John Giles**

**Christopher Ireland**

**Jeffrey Jones**

**Leonard Jones**

**Robert Jones**

**Victor MacLeod**

**Ian Rogers**

**Thomas Vance**

**Antony Wood**

**Michael Woods**

### ***Remembering***

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*All affirm*

**We will remember them.**

*The Lament*

**“And one for Cabar Feidh”**

*The Silence*

*The following prayer is said:*

Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace  
calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Wreathlaying and other ceremonies*

## ***Listening for the Reassuring Word from God***

*The following is read*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *Matthew 5:1-12*

## **REFLECTION**

## **LET US PRAY**

### **QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS (SEAFORTH AND CAMERONS)**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family of heaven and earth are named: Give the Spirit, we pray thee, to the Queen's Own Highlanders, who are vowed to help our Sovereign against her enemies, that as one family we may lift our eyes unto thee, from whence cometh our help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **AIRBORNE FORCES (PARACHUTE REGIMENT)**

May the defence of the Most High be above and beneath, around and within us, in our going out and in our coming in, in our rising up and in our going down, through all our days and all our nights, until the dawn when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings for the peoples of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God give us peace.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered and known to God.

God give us peace

**God give us peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

God give us peace

**God give us peace**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

God give us peace

**God give us peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity.

God give us peace

**God give us peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

**"And one for Cabar Feidh"**

God give us peace

**God give us peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us dignity as we pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister says:*

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All join together in the Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen**

*Responding in hope and commitment*

Merciful God,  
we offer to you the fears in us  
that have not yet been cast out by love:  
May we accept the hope you have placed  
in the hearts of all people,  
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

**HIGHLAND BRANCH – DINING HALL LUNCH AND PIPES AND DRUMS DISPLAY  
SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2009**



1. This event will consist of the following:

1200 Drinks in the NAAFI at Cameron Bks – Cash Bar

1300 Lunch in the Dining Hall, (Hot Plate selection Main Course & Sweet only).

1345 Raffle (**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE A PRIZE**)

1400 Display by the Association Pipes and Drums

1500 Dispersal

2. The Cost of the event will be **£6** per head for Association Members (this includes immediate family). **£8** per head for any non – member guests you wish to invite. All Children under 12 will be charged at **£3**.

Return Transport if required will be provided on the Elgin to Cameron Barracks route only.

[www.cabarfeidh.com](http://www.cabarfeidh.com)

-----Tear off Return Slip-----

**Return To:**

**Secretary  
Highland Branch  
10 Councillors Walk  
New Elgin  
ELGIN  
IV30 6JL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to book a total of ( ) places at the Lunch for  
( ) Members ( ) Guests & ( ) Children under 12.

I enclose a cheque for £ .00 made payable to: "**QO HLDRS REGT ASSOC (HIGHLAND BRANCH)**"

Transport will be provided from/to the following locations, Elgin (1100), Forres (1115) & Nairn (1130) timings approx and exact pick up points to be notified, returning from Cameron Bks at 1500.

I do not\* require transport from ( ). \* delete only if transport required.

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address:

Post Code:

Tel:  
Mob:

E Mail:

**THIS COMPLETED SLIP WITH PAYMENT ENCLOSED IS REQUIRED TO BE WITH THE SECRETARY BY  
FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**NEXT EVENT WILL BE A BUFFET DANCE FORRES SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 (*Details to follow*)**

**"And one for Cabar Feidh"**