



**Queen's Own Highlanders
Regimental Association
Edinburgh Branch**

BRANCH NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2012

Christmas Dance

The Branch Christmas Dance will be held at **Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club on Saturday 15th December 2012**. Because they were so popular the last time we had them, we have booked China Blue to entertain us at our annual Christmas bash. Those members who have seen them before can vouch for their professionalism and entertainment value.

The bar will be open from 7.00 pm, raffle tickets will be on sale from 7.30 pm, and we plan to start the entertainment at 8.00 pm. As usual the club will be providing its traditionally high standard of Christmas Buffet.

If you fancy bringing friends or relatives along please let Danny Carruthers know so he can gauge the interest and ensure that Branch members get priority. The tickets are a snip at £15.00 per head.

As usual, we will also be holding our usual Christmas Raffle and any prizes you wish to donate will be most gratefully received.

If you intend to come to the Christmas Dance please fill in the proforma at the back of this newsletter and return to Danny Carruthers as soon as possible

Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Branch AGM took place on **Sunday 14th October 2012** at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club in Edinburgh. A copy of the minutes is attached for your information.

Branch Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are used to help run the branch as well as subsidise various events throughout the year so it is important that we keep our coffers in a healthy state. Can we therefore ask anyone who has not yet paid their annual subs, to please do so as soon as possible? Subs remain at £15.00 for the under

65's and £10.00 for the over 65's. The proforma at the back of this newsletter can be used to send in your cheque/postal order.

For those of you that want to set up a Standing Order please let your bank know to pay your annual subscriptions (ASP if not already paid this year) and thereafter on the 1st of October each year to:

Name of Account: Edinburgh Branch, QOHLDRS Assn

Sort Code: 80 11 30

Account Number: 00596546

Please include your name as the reference so the Treasurer can identify who it has come in from

Branch Forecast of Events

Saturday 15th December 2012 Christmas Dance Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club

Saturday 16^h February 2013 Amalgamation Dinner Edinburgh University Students Union

News from Other Branches & Associations

The Highland Branch will be holding a Buffet and Disco Dance on Saturday the 8th December 2012 in the British Legion, Nairn (for further information contact Steven McIntosh on 07826 845474 or email stevmcin@msn.com)

Davey Henderson (Big Hendo) tells us that the Southern Branch are organising a get together on the 30th April 2013, to which other Branch members would be most welcome (details to follow)

For the Latest News: You will find details of future events, lots of Regimental information, and photographs of Association members & functions on the Association web site at: www.cabarfeidh.com

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE BRANCH CHRISTMAS
DANCE**

**PLEASE FILL IN YOUR PROFORMAS AND GET IT BACK TO
DANNY CARRUTHERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
EDINBURGH BRANCH, QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION - AT LEITH EX-SERVICEMEN'S
CLUB, EDINBURGH ON 14th OCTOBER 2012**

The meeting opened at 13.00 hrs with 34 members present: Lt Col (Ret'd) CPD Millar, Maj (Ret'd) D Shepherd, Maj (Ret'd) G Givens, D Carruthers, J Meikle, G McCann, T McCann, J Skinner, R Munro, J Gilchrist, J Hogg, A Sinclair, J Dunn, J Donlevy, G Kidd, J Alan, N Robertson, I Forsyth, R MacMillan, S Byers, D MacCallum, C Stewart, T Brown, C Anderson, K Urquhart, J Elliot, B Aitken, J Meechan, J MacPhail, C Purvis, M Kelly, R Dall

1. **Fallen Comrades** The meeting started with a minutes silence to remember those members of the Regimental Family who had sadly passed away over the last year. A list of fallen comrades was read out.
2. **Apologies** Apologies were received from Brig (Ret'd) N Ridley, Col M White (Ret'd), Lt Col (Ret'd) R Turner, J Ryan, G Taylor, M Bell, D MacIntosh, D Fraser, N Flavell, E Maley, J Moore, P Ferguson, M Stirling
3. **Minutes of last Meeting** It was proposed by Jimmy Skinner and seconded by John Gilchrist that the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting were an accurate account of the proceedings.
4. **Matters Arising.** Members were asked to set up Standing Orders to ensure their Branch subs were paid in future years by the end of October. It was suggested that the Branch sort code and account number be published in the next newsletter
5. **Chairman's Report.** Maj Givens reported that the Branch remained very active with a number of new members joining the Branch and the following successful events taking place over the past year:
 - Representation at the 2011 Remembrance Services at the City Chambers and the Garden of Remembrance, Princes Street Gardens.
 - A successful 2011 Christmas Dance at Leith Ex-servicemen's Club
 - A good turnout at the Summer Dance
 - An excellent attendance at the 2012 Armed Forces Day Parade in Edinburgh
6. **Treasurers Report.** John Meikle, the Branch Treasurer, had prepared an Income and Expenditure covering the period of September 2011 – September 2012 and all members present were provided with a copy. Maj Givens ran through various parts of the statement and reported that the Branch funds were in a healthy state. There were no questions from the floor.

7. **Report from the Regimental AGM** Maj Givens reported that he had attended the Regimental AGM at Nairn in June 2012 and discussed a number of points arising from the meeting. He particularly mentioned that the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Regimental Association were entering into a similar arrangement as the Seaforth Highlanders to become more closely affiliated with the Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association - in particular, their funds were now being overseen by the Regimental Trustees of the Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association.

He went on to report that Lt Col (Ret'd) Bob Towns had proposed that a Battlefield Tour be arranged in 2013. This proposal was welcomed and more details are to follow.

8. **Remembrance Parades 2012** Maj Givens informed the meeting that the wreaths on Monday 5th November and Sunday 11th November would be laid by John Meikle (Queen's Own Highlanders wreath), Bobby Munro (Seaforth Highlanders wreath) and Jake Dunn (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders wreath).

9. **Forecast of Events** Maj Givens gave the following forecast of events:

- Christmas Dance – Saturday 15th December 2012 at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club, Edinburgh
- Amalgamation Dinner – 16th February 2013 at Edinburgh University Students Union

10. **Committee** The present Committee all volunteered to remain in their present roles except Sandy Dewar who stood down. Sandy, who was not present, was thanked for all his work whilst on the Committee

11. **Any Other Business** Jimmy Skinner was concerned that he had not received a letter inviting members of the regiment who had served in Brunei during the emergency to a seminar being run by the Royal Marines Museum. Maj Givens thought this letter had been distributed by HHQ and had been forwarded to interested parties but said that he would investigate how it had been transmitted (*Afternote: Maj Givens had found out that the original memo from HHQ had been posted on the Cabarfeidh website and had also been sent to all Branches. The letter had then been emailed by Danny Carruthersto the Brunei veterans in the Edinburgh Branch*)

There being no other business to discuss, the Meeting closed at 13.30 hours and members joined the wives and families for a very good Curry Lunch laid on by the Club.

RETURN – CHRISTMAS DANCE 2012

Name:	Address:
	Telephone:
I will be attending the Christmas Dance (state how many, if accompanied by family/friends)	Numbers?
I enclose payment of.... (£15.00 per head)	£.....
I wish to renew my annual membership and enclose a cheque/postal order for the sum of: (£15.00 for the under 65's and £10.00 for the over 65's)	£.....
	Grand Total <u>£.....</u>
I am on the Internet and my email address for future contacts/newsletters is: (please <u>print</u> clearly)	

(Please make your cheque out to QOHLDR Regtl Assn, Edinburgh Branch so it can be paid directly into the Branch Account and Not to Danny Carruthers)

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