



## The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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### Welfare

The Association promotes the welfare of all Regimental veterans. A concerned family member or friend may identify a welfare need in someone who served in the Regiment. During Apr to Sep 23, the Association paid out £2,050 for 11 veterans with needs such as health and disability issues, brown and white goods, and other needs. Exceptionally, if an Association branch chairman becomes aware of an urgent case, he may approve a limited amount of welfare expenditure from branch funds (e.g. for food or heating). In such cases the Association will reimburse the branch up to £100 per case on condition that the branch ensures the case has been reported to SSAFA for follow-up.

For more guidance on welfare-related matters visit the Association website page at [www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence](http://www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence)

### Major James Nairne



Jamie Ord, Hamish Donaldson, Brig Harrison, Capt Grisdale and Robbie Gow surrounding Maj Nairne

Maj James Nairn (Seaforth Highlanders) celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7 Dec 23. Brigadier Harrison (the Hampshire DL) presented him with the card from HM The King. The piper, Capt Richard Grisdale RVM played 'Caber Feidh' and 'Happy Birthday'.

### Forecast of Events

#### Jan – Apr 24

**7 Feb** – Amalgamation Day (Bank St. Memorial, Inverness)

**10 Feb** - Edinburgh Branch Amalgamation Dinner (Bainfield Bowling and Social Club)

**6 Apr** – Southern Branch Amalgamation Dinner (Gretna)

**7 Apr** - Lion Box Kanglatongbi Battle (1944) Commemoration (NMA)

**27 Apr** – Liverpool Scottish Memorial Unveiling (NMA)

### Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

#### Thomas Brady

Queen's Own Highlanders  
10 Oct 23

#### Jocky MacDonald

QO Cameron Highlanders  
12 Oct 23

#### Jimmy Sherry

QO Cameron Highlanders  
20 Oct 23

#### Dusty Miller

Queen's Own Highlanders  
22 Oct 23

#### Paul Henderson

Queen's Own Highlanders  
07 Nov 23

#### Eric Forest

QO Cameron Highlanders  
21 Dec 23

#### Joe Murdoch

Queen's Own Highlanders  
25 Dec 23

### Membership Forms

Some branches have received the new Membership Form to be completed by members and returned to the Secretary. In due course all branches will be asked to distribute the Form for completion. The aim is to use member information to improve communications.

### Regimental Museum Update by Lt Col Bob Towns



Several of us volunteer at The Highlanders' Museum (Queen's Own Highlanders Collection) at Fort George. This not only benefits the Director (John Bailey) and his team, but it keeps the Blue Mafia feel-good factor alive. Working hours are flexible. In truth, the time spent reminiscing might outweigh hard graft. Lunch at Wendy's Café is also an important part of the day.



What do we actually do? My main focus is on the Medal Collection. Ernie Pope, Bob Shanks and Terry McQueen are researchers. Edward Andrews and Mary Ingram are front of house. Roddy Wood, Kenny White, Peter Finlayson and Jimmy Mutch turn their hand to whatever the priority is that day. Also in the photograph are John, Tony Curran and Robert Kill who are members of staff. Other volunteers come in on different days and work in areas such as the Picture Store. Come and volunteer.