



The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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Welfare

Through 2023/24, the Association supported 25 of our veterans and families by providing £5,225 in financial support. Welfare is the Association's no.1 priority, so if you know of anyone needing welfare support, please refer to our website www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence

Battle of Lion Box (April 1944)

On 7th April Matthew Hopkinson represented the Regiment at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) to commemorate the 3-day battle at the Lion Box, a British supply dump at Kanglatongbi, north of Imphal besieged by the Japanese. On the third day the Japanese broke through the perimeter and five Seaforths, ably commanded by Sgt David Campbell, prevented a large-scale incursion, which had threatened to cut the Box in half. Sgt Campbell was killed and Pte Silk wounded. Their brave defence helped the vast majority of stores to be evacuated to safety, depriving the Japanese of these much-needed supplies.



Forecast of Events

- 27 Apr** - Blessing of the Liverpool Scottish Memorial (NMA)
- 3 May** – Regimental Golf (Forres)
- 8 Jun** – Edinburgh Summer Dance
- 24 Jun** - Armed Forces Week Flag Raising (Edinburgh City Chambers)
- 29 Jun** – Armed Forces Day Parade (Edinburgh)
- 5 Jul** – Mark Duffus Memorial Golf (Forres)

Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

Bernard Curran

Queen's Own Highlanders
30 Nov 23

Donald MacLean

2/51 Highland
22 Dec 23

Tam Stephen

QO Cameron Highlanders
1 Jan 24

Allan Black

Queen's Own Highlanders
19 Jan 24

Steed Wilson

Queen's Own Highlanders
19 Jan 24

Charlie Beckett

Queen's Own Highlanders
23 Jan 24

Jimmy Gray

Queen's Own Highlanders
16 Feb 24

Euan Sutherland

Queen's Own Highlanders
16 Feb 24

William Parr

QO Cameron Highlanders
17 Feb 24

Joe Mahady

Queen's Own Highlanders
21 Feb 24

Sandy Reid

QO Cameron Highlanders
22 Feb 24

Kenny MacGregor

Queen's own Highlanders
25 Feb 24

John Whitelaw

Seaforth Highlanders
27 Feb 24

Joe Bellingham

Queen's Own Highlanders
3 Mar 24

Roy Bannerman

Queen's Own Highlanders
10 Mar 24

John Dunn

Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders
23 Mar 24

John Allan MBE

Queen's Own Highlanders
1 Apr 24

We will Remember Them.

5-Star Quality Assured



John Bailey & Tony Curran proudly displaying their 5-Star Quality Assurance Plaque.

Following an unannounced quality assurance visit from VisitScotland, all staff at the Museum, led by Tony Curran, set in motion their plan to acquire the much sought after 5-star tourist attraction rating. Tony said, "Achieving a 5-star rating reflects the excellent standards delivered by the Museum and is recognised as a clear, reliable sign of exceptional customer service and high-quality facilities". To achieve this rating the Museum had to achieve an overall percentage score between 85%-100% in areas such as hospitality, friendliness, service, and efficiency and how the visitor can engage with the core offering.



Sue Gray (top) and Lorraine MacDonald (below) ready to serve visitors.

