



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

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### Welfare

The Association continues to assist Regimental veterans known to be in need. Recently, members heard of a veteran who was in hospital for a major operation, but who also had a housing issue. They took action straight away and visited the veteran in hospital and on his behalf contacted SSFA. While the veteran was on the road to recovery, the charity presented the case to the maze of agencies able to assist. Our veteran has now recovered from his operation and has been re-housed. This is one of many examples of the Regiment pulling together to help one of its own. For guidance on welfare-related matters, visit the Association website page on Benevolence.

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

### Regimental Museum

New appointments have been made. Maj John Bailey MBE has stepped down as Director having turned the organisation around. In his place, Admin Officer, Sarah Tinto has moved up to be the General Manger with her role being taken on by Gavin Wilkie. Gavin had been a museum volunteer in his younger days and comes from a military family. Also returning is the new Research and Volunteer Coordinator, Alyson Henry, who once ran the shop. If you know someone who would be interested in volunteering, please contact Alyson on 01667 457792 or at [resolvcoordinator@thehighlandersmuseum.com](mailto:resolvcoordinator@thehighlandersmuseum.com)

A virtual shooting gallery has now been installed recently to entertain visitors and generate revenue. This popular attraction includes features such as advancing targets and timed challenges. Come and give it a try!



### Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

**Duncan (Dunky) MacCallum**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
25 Jul 24

**William Young**  
Camerons/Queen's Own  
Highlanders  
26 Jul 24

**Eric Duguid**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
29 Jul 24

**Ian Carmichael**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
16 August 2024

**James (Tattie) Gillies**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
24 Aug24

**William (Jake) Harvey**  
Queen's own Highlanders  
29 Aug 24

**John Fletcher**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
7 Sep 24

**William (Bill) Jackson**  
Seaforth Highlanders  
10 Sep 24

**Brian Cameron**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
17 Sep 24

**Bill Jackson**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
19 Sep 24

**John Dunion**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
2 Oct 24

*We Will Remember Them.*

If you hear of the passing of a member of the Regimental Family, please pass the name and address of their NOK as soon as you can to the Association Secretary so a timely message of condolence can be sent.

### Forecast of Events 2024

**21 Oct** - Opening of the Garden of Remembrance (Edinburgh)

**10 Nov** – Remembrance Sunday

**11 Nov** – Armistice Day

**30 Nov** – Highland Branch St Andrews Dance – RBL Inverness

**6 Dec** – Edinburgh Branch Christmas Dance – BMC Club

### St. Valery-en-Caux Visit 2025

The Association is planning a trip to St Valery from 11-17 June 2025 along with contingents from the Black Watch and Gordon Highlanders to mark the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the surrender on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1940 of the 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Division at St. Valery-en-Caux. 2<sup>nd</sup> Seaforth, 4<sup>th</sup> Seaforth and 4<sup>th</sup> Camerons were part of the Division conducting a desperate defence against the advancing Germans to support the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Normandy. The trip will recount the valiant rearguard action of French units as well as the Division's during the battle.

A 45-seat coach will depart Inverness early on Wed 11 Jun and return on the evening of Tue 17 Jun. The Association is paying for the coach, but travel on the Hull-Rotterdam Ferry and 4-nights in a Dieppe Hotel are to be paid for by the participants. Bookings have been made to secure the journey and the hotel room rate and return ferry fare will be confirmed soon. Those wishing to join this trip to St. Valery are to inform the Secretary [secretary@cabarfeidh.com](mailto:secretary@cabarfeidh.com) on a first come, first served basis.

### Sale of Regimental Magazines

The Association holds a large number of unbound back copies of 'The 79<sup>th</sup> News', 'The Queen's Own Highlander' and 'The Highlander' magazine. These are now available to the Regimental Family in return for a gift-aided donation to the Association (£2.50 per copy is advised) to benefit heritage and covering the cost of postage and packing. Anyone interested should contact the Treasurer, Richard Barker on [treasurer@cabarfeidh.com](mailto:treasurer@cabarfeidh.com) to confirm the issues available.

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