



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

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### St. Valery – 85th Anniversary

Twenty-eight people will represent the Association at ceremonies taking place over 13-15 June to mark the 85th Anniversary of British and French Forces' surrender at St. Valery-en-Caux. Six more from 4SCOTS are expected to join our contingent. The Black Watch and Gordons are also sending contingents. Branch standards and pipers will be on parade. Seaforth and Cameron wreaths will also be laid. Our contingent will include Maj Malcolm Macrae whose father, Adjutant of 4th Seaforth fought and was captured at St. Valery. We will reflect on entries in his father's diary and other memoirs, which will remind us of how our forefathers fought for our freedoms.



The 51st Highland Division Memorial above St. Valery-en-Caux

### Gathering 2026

An initial planning meeting for the Regimental Gathering next year took place on 16 Apr. The Gathering will take place over the weekend 13/14 June 2026. The programme will be broadly similar to 2022, but the order of events may differ. It is hoped that proceedings will commence on the morning of Sat 13<sup>th</sup> with a march past our Memorial on Bank Street. As Cameron Barracks may not be available, the Northern Meeting Park by Inverness Cathedral has been booked. On Sunday morning a visit to our Museum at Fort George will close the events. Attendees are advised to book local accommodation early to avoid disappointment.

### Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

#### Rab Raeburn

Queen's Own Highlanders  
16 Feb 25

#### Neil Munro

Queen's Own Highlanders  
17 Feb 25

#### Kevin Bradley

Queen's Own Highlanders  
18 Feb 25

#### Alistair (Ally) Bryce

Queen's Own Highlanders  
21 Feb 25

#### James Dalglish

Queen's Own Highlanders  
23 Feb 25

#### Thomas Munro

QO Cameron Highlanders  
23 Feb 25

#### Neil Hall

Queen's Own Highlanders  
27 Feb 25

#### Crawford (Hoggy) Hogarth

Queen's Own Highlanders  
8 March 25

#### Willie Gillies

Seaforth Highlander  
14 Mar 25

#### Alec Ross

Queen's Own Highlanders  
12 April 25

#### Ian (Tex) Williamson

Queen's Own Highlanders  
21 Apr 25

### 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 2025

**3 May** - Monte Cassino Society Service. Blackhall St. Columba's Church, Edinburgh.

**6 May** - Scotland's Salute – A Tribute to VE-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert. Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

**8 May** – Inverness VE Day Celebrations. Cavell Gardens, Inverness.

**11-17 Jun** - St. Valery-en-Caux: 85th Anniversary Visit.

**14 Jun** – Royal Regiment of Scotland Freedom of Falkirk, Town Centre.

**23 Jun** - Armed Forces Day - Flag Raising 2025. City Chambers, Edinburgh.

**27 Jun** – Association AGM, Inverness

**28 Jun** - Armed Forces Day, Edinburgh.

**Aug 25** – 4 SCOTS move to Cyprus.

### The Regimental Museum

8th May 25 is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day). In celebration of the end of World War 2, The Highlanders' Museum has put together a new temporary exhibit. Contained within it are some incredible stories, such as: Dutch families writing to British parents to thank them for their son's sacrifice in liberating their country; the Seaforth Highlander who took the surrender of German forces in Norway on behalf of his comrades in the Norwegian resistance; of the Greeks and Highlanders who fought alongside each other and formed such bonds that they kept in touch after the war. All this is just of taste of what awaits visitors. The exhibit is running until late September 2025.



### Welfare

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