



The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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Chairman's Update

I thought I'd start this update with a quick reflection on the extremely sad loss of our dear former regimental secretary Lt Col Adam Angus Fairrie. I will not replicate the eulogies already given at his recent funeral but just to say that our deepest condolences as an association remain with his dear family Adam and Lizzie et al. On the Association front it's been a hectic time since the last newsletter and we are now a virtual organisation outwith Cameron Barracks for reasons already explained. There is much to do on that front as we look to the future. That said we have much to look forward to with the gathering in June, and I would encourage all members of the association to really support the gathering which promises to be an excellent occasion this year in the Northern Meeting Park.

CGBH.

Gathering 26

As work continues behind the scenes, the Gathering Committee would like to update Association members on the progress so far. The day will start at 09:00 with a march passed our memorial on Bank Street falling out at Inverness Cathedral on Ardross Street. Due to numbers the Cathedral can hold, the Drumhead Service will now take place within the Northern Meeting Park (NMP) commencing approx. 10:30 (tbc). Members will be asked to make their way to NMP entering via Eden Court carpark. Once the Gathering has been officially opened, the bar and restaurant will be open from 12:00. This will be followed by the Pipes and Drums and Presidents Address. Normal activities will continue until 22:00. Those wishing to visit the museum on Sun 14 Jun will depart by bus from NMP at 10:00. Information regarding registration etc will commence Fri 13 Feb. If you are in Inverness on Fri 12 Jun, come along and help us set up. Volunteers are also required for Sun 14 Jun to help clear the NMP. Any help would be appreciated. Questions regarding Gathering 26 should be directed to Association Secretary, Edward Usborne on 07786 436176.

Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

George McGann

Queen's Own Highlanders
02 Nov 25

Ian Wilson

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02 Nov 25

Jimmy Duffus

Queen's Own Highlanders
14 Nov 25

Peter (Sparrow) MacKenzie

Queen's Own Highlanders
19 Nov 25

Simon Robertson

Queen's Own Highlanders
26 Nov 25

Gordon McKenzie

Seaforth Highlanders
02 Jan 26

Daniel J (Danny) Munro

QO Cameron Highlander
04 Jan 26

Lt Col (Retd) Angus Fairrie

QO Cameron Highlanders
05 Jan 26

Peter (Puff) Grant

Queen's Own Highlander
27 Jan 26

Cliff Thorpe

Queen's Own Highlander
29 Jan 26



We Will Remember Them

If you hear of the passing of a member of the Regimental Family, please pass the name and address of NOK as soon as possible to the Association Secretary, so a timely message of condolence can be sent. To ensure an obituary can be produced, the name of deceased, army number, dates of service and regiment, as a minimum should also be passed to the Association Secretary. Any further information will be requested by the Association Secretary. These actions will ensure the Association's ability to mark the passing of the deceased in a respectful manner.

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Forecast of Events 2025/26

6 Feb – Gathering 26 Meeting – British Legion Club Inverness

7 Feb - Amalgamation Day event at our Bank Street Memorial followed by a light lunch at the Royal British Legion, Inverness.

7 Feb – Highland Branch Amalgamation Dinner – Nairn Dunbar Golf Club

26 Feb – Op Granby 35th Anniversary Lunch – Tower of London

05 Mar – Highlanders Curling v Black Watch – Dewars Ice Rink Perth

27 Mar – Highland Lowland Brigade Curling Bonspiel – Dewars Ice Rink Perth

If you have, or know of any events coming up, please inform the Association Secretary so they can be advertised on the Association website.

OP GRANBY 35th Anniversary Lunch

RHQ The Royal Regimental of Fusiliers are holding an all-ranks pub lunch on Thu 26 Feb 26 in the Tower of London to commemorate the 35th anniversary of OP GRANBY. The event will run from 12:15 - 15:30 and is being co-ordinated by Tony Rolndson. Tony has previously posted a calling notice on the QO HLDRS Facebook page. If you were attached to the RRF during OP GRANBY and wish more information about this event, please contact Tony.

Welfare

The Association promotes the welfare of all Regimental veterans. If a concerned family member or friend identifies a welfare need in someone who served in the Regiment, the Association/Branch may approve a limited amount of welfare expenditure from Association/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 case has been reported to SSAFA for follow-up. For guidance on welfare-related matters, visit the Association website page on Benevolence at www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence