

## SUMMARY OF TWENTIETH CENTURY RS MEMORIALS

- 1 **Introduction.** This summary follows from recent e-mail correspondence. It may help to keep the condition and safeguarding of RS Memorials and Colours in view. It includes those RS cottages now in the stewardship of SVGCA. It is not exhaustive but seeks to include those of greatest significance.
- 2 **Governance.** It may be appropriate to include the subject as a standing item in the agendas of either or both the AGMs of Regimental Trustees and the Museum & Heritage Committee in order to ensure that the condition of each is monitored and any necessary action undertaken.
- 3 **RS Memorials.**

Serial	Memorial	Responsible	RS Regtl Input	Cost to RS Regtl Trustees	Remarks
1.	RS Regimental Monument Princes Street Gardens	Edin City Council	Additions Events	Additions and events costs but not maintenance	Plans exist to add a bronze relief of HM. Monitoring of adjacent trees necessary. Light cleaning to be considered.
2.	RS bay in SNWM	SNWM	Nil	Nil	
3.	RS Club, the Regimental WW1 War Memorial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 RS Colours</li> <li>• Rolls of Honour</li> <li>• Memorial tablets</li> <li>• Kohima memorial plaque</li> </ul>	RS Club Trustees	RS Club Trustees RSC Mgt Ltd Ross Brookfield is the sole RS on the Committee	Nil	RS Club holds and displays a considerable amount of RS memorabilia. It is not necessarily looking after its heritage appropriately in every respect and would benefit from RS Mus & Her advice.
4.	Glencorse Barracks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WW1 Memorial Gates</li> <li>• Princess Mary's tree at foot of ramp.</li> <li>• RS Depot plaque on French prison.</li> <li>• Archangel Gun captured by 2/10 RS from Bolsheviks in N Russia 1918 - 19.</li> </ul>	RS Regtl Trustees	Maj Johnstone	Gardening materials, badge cleaning. Ground maintenance under barrack contract. Gun painted and maintained by 2 SCOTS armourer.	2 SCOTS are very helpful.
5.	7 RS Gretna Memorials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosebank Cemetery.</li> <li>• Cairn at Gretna visitors centre.</li> <li>• Plaque on Black Sike Bridge.</li> <li>• Larbert Station plaque.</li> <li>• Centenary Woodland Dreghorn, "The Quintinshill Grove".</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edin City Council &amp; CWGC.</li> <li>• Western Front Assn.</li> <li>• Western Front Assn.</li> <li>• Falkirk Council.</li> <li>• The Woodland Trust.</li> </ul>	Annual Remembrance Service in May	Minimal	We remain indebted to Rev Iain May of South Leith Parish Church for conducting the Service  200m north of crash site.  The train departed from Larbert Station. Planted by pupils of Leith Academy in 2015.

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6.	1 RS Burma 1944 Memorial at Kohima	Local contractor arranged by CWGC and funded by RS	Occasional visits	Upkeep of Memorial	RS graves are in the care of CWGC
7.	1 RS Carrier Platoon Burma 1943 – 45 Memorial plaque and trees at Lauriston Castle	Edin City Council	Periodic tidying	None known	Liaison with Council over maintenance.
8.	RS NI (Op BANNER) Stone at Palace Barracks Memorial Garden	Unclear	The RS stone	Purchase cost and periodic cleaning	Managed by Mr Albert Owens MBE (late PARA). 1 SCOTS is well placed to help.

4 **Other Memorials.** There is barely a community war memorial in Scotland that does not list RS names, especially from the Great War. In addition, many churches have individual memorial plaques installed by families; of these, one that came to light during Waterloo 200 was that for Ensign Kennedy in the Old High Church in Inverness.

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1.	St Giles Cathedral, in which there are several RS memorials and sets of old Colours.	St Giles	Research assistance to Rosalind Marshall for the St Giles booklet on all memorials there	Nil	1 RS, 3 RS South Africa. 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17 RS WW1.
2.	Canongate Kirk, the Regimental Kirk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 RS and 7/9 RS Colours.</li> <li>• Regimental Kirk plaque.</li> <li>• Werl Memorial window.</li> </ul>	Kirk Session.		Nil	
3.	South Leith Parish Church, 7 RS WW1 memorial.	Kirk Session		Nil	Rev Iain May is Hon Chaplain to RS Association.
4.	St Mary's Kirk Haddington.	Kirk Session		Nil	8 RS WW1 memorial.
5.	St Michael's Church Linlithgow.	Kirk Session		Nil	10 RS WW1 memorial.
6.	National Memorial Arboretum (NMA)	TRBL manage the site. Regiments install their own memorials in the surrounding area if desired.		Nil	Memorial stone to SCOTS and antecedents Regiments erected in 2018.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Division pine trees.</li> <li>• Op GRANBY</li> </ul>	See above.	Nil since 2003	Not known	Not well described and largely forgotten
		Op GRANBY Memorial Trust	Attendance in February 2016	Nil	Memorial unveiled 28 Feb 16.
7.	Contalmaison cairn (16 RS)	McCrae's Bn Trust	As required.	Nil	Final travel grant to RS Assn 2016.
8.	Le Paradis (1 RS 1940) Plaque and pipe banner in Church. History Room.	Le Paradis Council	As required.	Nil	Maj David Dickson organises an annual pilgrimage.

5 **Colours.**

Serial	Location	Colours	Era	Responsible	Remarks
1.	RS Museum	1 RS 2 RS 2 RS 3 RS 2 RS 3 RS 4/5 RS 13 RS 16 RS	1926 - 1957 1847 – 1867 1911 – 1948 1804 - 1817 1817 – 1827 1882 - 1923 1925 - 1938	Regtl & Mus T'tees and Mus & Her Cttee	Regimental Colour on display. Probably last Colours in action, China 1860. Regimental Colour on display. The Waterloo Colours were subsequently carried by 2 RS in India and Burma and are now on display in the Museum.  War Service Colour. War Service Colour. On display at Scottish Football Museum, Hampden.
2.	RS Club	2 RS	1948 - 1949	RS Club Trustees	
3.	SNWM	1 RS 7 RS 11 RS 17 RS 1 (G)RS	1980 - 2003 1909 – 1923	SNWM Trustees	War Service Colour War Service Colour War Service Colour
4.	St Giles Cathedral	1 RS 6 RS 9 RS 12 RS 15 RS	1879 - 1926 1909 – 1920 1909 – 1955	St Giles Cathedral	Colours of 7/9 RS 1921 - 1955 War Service Colour War Service Colour
5.	Edinburgh City Chambers	1 RS	1926 - 1957	Edinburgh City Council	Refurbished 2016.
6.	Canongate Kirk	1 RS 7/9 RS	2003 - 2006 1955 - 1967	Canongate Kirk	
7.	Chalmers Institute Peebles	8 RS	1955 - 1967	Borders Council	Annual wreath laying at Peeblesshire County War Memorial.
8.	Annet House Linlithgow	2/10 RS		West Lothian Council	War Service Colour. Reported January 2018 as having been “destroyed” .
9.	St Mary's Haddington	8 RS	1910 - 1921	St Mary's Church	

**Note.** War Service Colours were presented, possibly in 1919, to “Service” battalions who were deployed on operations or to operational areas. These were a Union Flag (King's Colour) most of which eventually carried the Great War Battle Honours. They were among the Colours carried on parade at the opening of The Royal Scots War Memorial Club on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1922.

6 **Cottages.** The following cottages were funded by RS as WW2 memorials and are owned and managed by SVGCA (now known as Houses for Heroes).

Serial	Memorial	Responsible	Current RS Input	Remarks
1.	Four Penicuik Cottages	SVGCA	Nil	
2.	Two Haddington Cottages	SVGCA	Nil	
3.	Three Muirhouse Edinburgh Cottages	SVGCA	Nil	Built on land gifted by the Salvesen family

7 **Territorial Force (TF) and Territorial Army (TA) Drill Halls.** Four of the original RS TF/TA Battalion Drill Halls still exist (only one still is in use as a Reserve Army Training Centre) but all of which have Regimental Insignia on or inside them.

Serial	Drill Hall	Battalion	Remarks
1.	Forrest Hill (off Forrest Road)	4 and 5 RS originally The Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade The Royal Scots.	A large plaque above the entrance. For many years this was the Drill Hall for Edinburgh University OTC. Still in use by Edinburgh University.
2.	Hailes Street (off Gilmore Place)	Initially 4 and then renumbered 6 RS.	The date 1911 and a large Officers' Cap Badge carved into the stone above the entrance to what was the cart shed. Later an RAMC TA Drill Hall, now flats.
3.	Dalmeny Street	Initially 5 and then renumbered 7 RS.	Carved badges and 1901 in the front stone work and the title (renumbered from 5 to 7) above the entrance, now Out of the Blue business centre.
4.	East Claremont Street	9th (Highlanders) RS and then 7/9 RS and finally 8/9 RS.	Many memorials inside the building. Still in use as a Reserve Training Centre for A Coy 6 SCOTS and other Reserve forces and Cadet units.

8 **Further Information.** Further information including photographs of the Memorials listed above can be found in an album held in the RS Museum Library in the Old Provost Marshal's House in Edinburgh Castle. Further information on the Colours is held in File RSMA 06/1 in the same location.