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A glance through the titles of the articles will give you a flavour of just how busy everyone has been these past 6 months.

Operations in Afghanistan have dominated the life of the 1st Battalion, with B Company, under the tremendous leadership of Major Graeme Wearmouth, back after a successful tour in East Sangin, and now the 1 SCOTS Battle Group in place operating with the Afghan Army across Helmand Province. Very sadly we remember the loss of Corporal Johnathan Moore and Private Sean McDonald and the sufferings of those who have been wounded, especially Private Lambert and Private Collins.



Home Headquarters is thriving in the Castle and would love to see any Old Royals - do just pop in. Sadly we have now lost the post of Assistant Regimental Secretary, so after 14 years of truly outstanding service to the Regiment Captain Bill Sutherland has retired. He has left a legacy that is second to none and we all owe him immense thanks for all that he has done. I am delighted that he has agreed to continue his work as Secretary of the Benevolence Society.

The Association is in fine form and expanding, with a Northern Ireland Branch being formed. I have been particularly impressed by the support being received at all events; the presence of the Association Standard Party and other Old Royals at Wootton Bassett for the repatriation of Corporal Moore and Private McDonald was particularly notable. The forecast of events has something for everyone. I would just like to highlight two special events: the Armed Forces Day on 26 June and the parade at the Cenotaph on the weekend 13-14 November. If you can attend please do so – I know you will enjoy them.

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In the last Thistle we mentioned the plans for the Royal Scots Club. You will be pleased to know that the builders have been working hard and much progress has been achieved. If all goes according to plan the refurbishment should be complete by end of Sep 2010.

Lastly I would like to thank all those who give so much of their time voluntarily in support of the Association. We are a charitable organisation and rely on the support of our volunteers. If you would like to help please do contact the Regimental Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Jim Blythe.

Brigadier R L Scott-Bowden MBE

CORPORAL JOHNATHAN MOORE AND PRIVATE SEAN McDONALD



Johnathan Moore



Sean McDonald

We mourn the loss of Cpl Johnathan Moore and Pte Sean McDonald, both killed in action on 7th February in Afghanistan. Both commenced their careers as Royal Scots and the many accolades that followed their deaths describe them as professional and worthy comrades.

A measure of the sense of loss in the wider Regimental Family is that at their repatriation on 12th February, approximately 40 members of the RS and KOSB Associations paraded in Wootton Bassett, including the Standards of the RS Association with further representation at their funerals.



Association standard bearers at Wootton Bassett

1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland

1 SCOTS BATTLE GROUP



Lt Col C Herbert

While B Company were still in Afghanistan with the 3 RIFLES Battle Group, the 1 SCOTS Battle Group deployed during March to form Operational Mentoring and Training Teams (OMLT) with the National Army of

Afghanistan. It is surely no coincidence that the date selected for the 1 SCOTS BG to assume responsibility for their area of operations was 28th March! We wish them every success and safe return. The CO, Lt Col Charlie Herbert OBE has sent this report.

After a punishing nine months of pre-deployment training Op HERRICK 12 has now commenced. Relief of 2 YORKS was marked by a simple ceremony, followed by a Kirk Service to mark 377 years of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) history, and to mark the fourth anniversary of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.



Fire Support

Before they returned home, I had an opportunity to spend a night with B Company in Forward Operating Base Wishtan and Patrol Base Tangiers and was struck by the progress they have made over the past six months. At the

beginning of their tour, Wishtan was considered the most dangerous place in Afghanistan, and B Company's gallant and talented predecessors had suffered a shocking level of attrition. As B Company's tour came to a close, the threat remained high, but the progress they have made is remarkable. Many of the main routes have been cleared and are now under constant surveillance, and the locals are cautiously throwing their support behind the Government. B Company's performance has been superb, demonstrating the very highest levels of leadership at every level, cunning, courage, skill and Jock spirit. The way they have struck against insurgents has been masterful, and they have exploited every opportunity to do so. Regrettably their tour has not been without major sacrifice, with the tragic deaths of Cpl Moore and Private McDonald. Others have suffered life changing injuries, most notably Privates Lambert and Collins.

For the remainder of us, the challenge has already begun. We are providing OMLT teams at every level of the Afghan National Army's 3/215 Brigade, who operate across the British led Task Force in Helmand. Our teams are widely dispersed and live, eat, train, plan, rehearse, patrol and fight alongside our Afghan allies.



Operational mentoring

Lt Col CLG Herbert OBE

B COMPANY

EXTRACT FROM THE WISHTAN NEWS

Major Graeme Wearmouth and others have written accounts of their time in Afghanistan in the Wishtan News, reflecting the challenges attached to various areas of Helmand, some with more chilling reputations than others.

“During summer 2009, Wishtan in East Sangin earned such a reputation. The sacrifices made by the Company from 2 RIFLES during that time are sadly well known, and recognition for their heroism well deserved.

We picked up their baton in September. Although our approach has been similar, tactical developments have allowed us to target the IED threat with more success. We are wary of tempting fate, and our unofficial mottoes have become ‘a day at a time’ and ‘you are only as good as your next patrol’. The daily reminder to do our duty is the cross bearing the names of those who have fallen here before. Our path has, as you would expect, not been easy. We have had our own wounds to see to. But we have also had success. Our success may seem gradual but the significance of successfully encouraging locals to use roads and compounds they previously have not, whether due to IEDs or a misplaced fear of soldiers, cannot be underestimated.



The Wishtan Cross

Most of the Afghans who remain in Wishtan’s high walled compounds, are wonderfully hospitable and show real understanding for the campaign that is being fought around them. We speak to the victims of the insurgency – the fathers whose children have been killed by IEDs while playing in the street and the already impoverished who have their money and supplies stolen from them.



Patrolling around Wishtan

There have been isolated examples of insurgents rejected by the locals but we want to see this trickle become a steady stream and then a surge. That is the longer term hope and as the Afghan Security Forces develop, the peoples’ confidence to stand up will follow. In the meantime they quietly tell us about dangers and about the methods of intimidation they face. They attend shuras (community gatherings where elders are consulted) and quietly accept grants from the Government to develop their communities which are real signs of progress.

However this is a long campaign and we know from bitter experience that the insurgents have not disappeared. They have kept up their activity over the colder months but have been unable to halt the development work being done. This is a sign of the growing will of the local people and we hope it will continue.

One of B Company’s patrols discovered a quantity of IED material during the recovery of which the patrol became aware of being observed. Subsequent surveillance by B Company revealed insurgents laying an IED on a route likely to be taken by future patrols. Careful observation established that no civilians were at risk, so a precision artillery strike was called with successful results. Although the object is not solely to kill insurgents, the positive impact of a success like this on the local population is not to be underestimated. The people are victims of cruel oppression and the insurgents killed in this operation were certainly responsible for previous attacks, probably including the deaths of women and children, as well as attacks on friendly forces.”

Major G Wearmouth

HOMECOMING

B Company's success has been celebrated with a series of Homecoming events including the Company being invited to lunch in The Royal Scots Club on 21st April, marching through Peebles on 24th April, marching through Berwick on 28th April and finally down The Royal Mile with the 3 RIFLES Battle Group on 8th May.



Peebles

The Royal Burgh of Peebles turned out in strength to welcome B Company on 24th May. The Salute was taken by Capt David Younger the Lord Lieutenant, and Major Alasdair Hutton Convener of The Borders Council gave a speech of welcome prior to refreshments in the Burgh Hall. Between these two events, B Company formed up in hollow square for a service of remembrance conducted by Rev Donald Prentice, Chaplain to the 3 RIFLES BG, in front of the War Memorial there. This was of particular significance given the sad loss of Cpl Moore and Pte McDonald and in keeping with similar commemorations over the years for others lost in previous conflicts, notably those of 8 RS with whom there has been a particular affinity with Peebles and Peebleshire. A number of the Company expressed surprise that so many people had turned out in the High Street to give them a cheer and further expressed gratitude for the warmth of their welcome.



Peebles

The following week, the Company marched through Berwick. The Lord Lieutenant, the Duchess of Northumberland, took the salute on the steps of the

Guildhall and at a civic reception afterwards the Mayor, Councillor Flora Simpson, issued a warm welcome. A similar number of people had thronged Marygate as had come out in Peebles High Street. Indeed, some of the soldiers marching close to the head of the column remarked that they had had difficulty hearing the band, such was the volume of cheering and applause from the good people of Berwick. It would be difficult to imagine a warmer welcome.



Berwick

Then on 8th May it was Edinburgh's turn. The entire 3 RIFLES BG marched down The Royal Mile. At 140 paces to the minute, the main body were almost out of sight by the time B Company cleared the Lawnmarket where the RS Association were lining the pavement. Whereas at Peebles and Berwick the 1 SCOTS Pipes & Drums had been augmented by the RS Association Pipe Band, this time the Association Band alone led the Company and what a good job they did of it. Furthermore, the Band was invited back to Redford to join the celebrations there while the main body of the RS Association repaired to the RS Club for their annual Spring Lunch, leaving those who had not booked to while away the afternoon the Deacon Brodie's Tavern.



Edinburgh

HOME HEADQUARTERS



Brig Scott-Bowden presenting Bill with a silver RS piper.

We formed up in January at full strength. The new Regimental Secretary, confident that he was learning the ropes still had to be brought back into line by his worthy assistant with rather more regularity than the both had hoped.

The new additions are Linda Taylor and Helen Spence in the Main Office and Tom Gordon in the Museum. Linda joins us from the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency at Crombie, having previously served in other naval capacities including in Portsmouth. Helen has taken over Sue Brown's duties and is married to Al Spence, whom Old Royals of the Werl era will remember from the Orderly Room. Tom served in the RAF Regiment in Northern Ireland and the Balkans, and thereafter in the TA including with the 1 RS Battle Group in Iraq on Op TELIC 7 in 2006. Keith Spence continues to provide continuity with his valuable digital archiving project.

No sooner than we were enjoying the benefits of being full staffed than Captain Bill Sutherland retired from the post of Assistant Regimental Secretary as part of Royal Regiment of Scotland reorganisation. This of course leaves a very considerable knowledge gap at HHQ RS but is compensated, at least in part, by Bill continuing to be RS Benevolence Secretary on a part time basis. This is most welcome as Bill's expertise in

the field is encyclopaedic. It also allows him to pop in at HHQ to check that the Regimental Secretary is up to speed – and to nudge him back on course if he isn't.

We have maintained close contact with 1 SCOTS, including as described in the article about the RS and KOSB Associations visit in February, and have been involved in preparation for B Company's Homecoming Events and have a line of communication open with 1 SCOTS in Afghanistan via the Rear Party at Dreghorn. During March, and assisted by Historic Scotland, we hosted a party of officers of the Afghan National Army who had been assisting with the training of 1 SCOTS prior to their deployment and who are working with them in theatre.

The number of historical enquiries has continued unabated, watch out also for an episode of "Who do you think you are" on BBC television. We have been helping the BBC research a Boer War Royal Scot who was an ancestor of a celebrity whose identity is as yet unbeknown to us. Could it be you?



Bill Sutherland's farewell lunch at the Royal Scots Club

REGIMENTAL DAY 2010



Regimental Day dinner 28 Mar 2010

The 377th anniversary of Sir John Hepburn raising The Royal Scots by Royal Warrant of Charles 1, and the fourth anniversary of the formation of The Royal Regiment of Scotland occurred this year.

The following celebrations were held:

- The RS Association Scotland Branches held a Dinner in the RS Club.
- The RS Club held Regimental Day Sunday Lunch.
- Lt Col Dickie Donovan led Whitehall Warriors on a cocktail hour soiree in London.

The following greetings were despatched:

- From Brigadier Robbie Scott - Bowden to HRH The Princess Royal.
- From HHQ RS to:
 - ❑ RS Trustees and former Colonels of The Regiment.
 - ❑ Chairmen of the Branches of the RS Association.
 - ❑ The RS Club.
 - ❑ Colonel The Royal Regiment of Scotland and RHQ SCOTS.
 - ❑ The other antecedent HHQs.
 - ❑ CO and all ranks 1 SCOTS.
 - ❑ OC and all ranks B Coy 1 SCOTS.
 - ❑ OC and all ranks Rear Party 1 SCOTS.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL'S GARDEN PARTY

A Garden Party is being held at Buckingham Palace on 1st July 2010 to celebrate the 60th birthday of HRH The Princess Royal. As Patron to the both The Royal Scots Association and The Royal Scots Club, she has invited a number of members of both the Association and the Club to attend.

GREYNA RAIL DISASTER ANNIVERSARY

There will be a service of remembrance in Rosebank Cemetery on Saturday 22nd May, the actual anniversary of the disaster. A strong turnout from the Association is anticipated. Form up inside the cemetery gates by 1000 hrs with Glengarries, Regimental Ties, Blazers and Medals. Refreshments are being arranged afterwards.

ARMED FORCES DAY SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 2010

Armed Forces Day 2009 saw an RS Association turnout of around 40 Old Royals. Let us go for at least an equal turnout on Saturday 26th June this year. Muster on Edinburgh Castle Esplanade at 1230 hrs wearing Glengarries, Blazers, Regimental Ties and Medals. The One o'Clock Gun will be the signal to step off. The route for the parade will be longer this year but by no means a CFT, and will be down The Royal Mile past the City Chambers where the salute is likely to be taken by the First Minister. Thence into Cockburn Street, over Waverley Bridge and into East Princes Street Gardens. Bands will play at the Ross Bandstand and refreshments will be available in the area – as they will also be at The Royal Scots Club.

SCOTTISH KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Scottish Korean War Memorial in Beecraigs Park near Linlithgow commemorates those lost during the Korean War, including three members of 1 RS, Capt William Bramall, Pte James Logan and Pte Ian Stewart. Regimental Trustees have recently awarded the Memorial Trust a grant towards making aspects of the memorial more permanent. It is intended that a service of rededication will be held on Saturday 24th July 2010. Confirmation and further detail will be issued via Association newsletters and the website Guestbook. The Scottish Korean War Memorial Roll of Honour is presently on display in St Giles Cathedral.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

At their annual meeting on 6th May 2010, Regimental Trustees have agreed that a Northern Ireland Branch of the Association should be formed. They also gave approval for a memorial stone to be installed in the Palace Barracks Memorial Garden at Hollywood on the outskirts of Belfast to commemorate those Royal Scots who died while serving in Northern Ireland during the recent campaign. The memorial will be adjacent to the Scottish Division stone installed in 2003 (see the May 2003 edition of The Thistle). Much of the impetus behind this initiative is from the Old Royals who have settled in Northern Ireland and who will form the new Branch. Unlike the Scottish Division memorial, the new Royal Scots one will bear the names of the fallen. It is intended to hold an event later this year in Northern Ireland which will include installation of the RS Memorial, an inaugural AGM of the new Branch and a suitable celebration. It is hoped that there will be strong representation from all Branches of the Association.

CENOTAPH 2010

Those who have attended Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph will agree that the organisation and hospitality of the Southern Branch is outstanding. Our previous grand muster was in 2008 with some 57 Old Royals marching past the Cenotaph, acclaimed by a pair of Guards Sergeant Major as "the smartest on parade". On the strength of this, we have been invited to take up a prestigious position close to the head of Column A this Remembrance Sunday. Although another grand muster was not intended quite so soon, this opportunity is too good to pass up and Southern Branch preparations are already well advanced. In addition to marching past the Cenotaph, these include attendance at the Westminster Abbey Field of Remembrance and the dress rehearsal of the Festival of Remembrance at The Royal Albert Hall. If you have not already registered for this on the weekend 13 – 14 November, do so with your Branch Chairmen or Secretaries.

OP GRANBY TWENTY YEARS ON

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Op Granby, Lt Col Dickie Donovan, Capt Jimmy Springthorpe and Mr Jake Johnston are canvassing for a dinner to be held in The Royal Scots Club in February 2011 for the members of the 1 RS Officers Mess and Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess who served in that campaign. Those who are interested should contact jimspringthorpe@yahoo.co.uk or jakebgjohnstone@hotmail.co.uk. The RS Association is considering arranging a wider commemorative event later in the year.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Accounts of 2 RS in Hong Kong and the sinking of the Lisbon Maru have appeared in previous edition of The Thistle but a visitor to the Museum started a new chain of research.

Mrs Caroline Allen brought items relating to her uncle, Capt Norman (Eli) Cuthbertson Adjt 2 RS who had survived both the Japanese invasion and the sinking of the Lisbon Maru as it carried prisoners to Japan. Personal letters and other documents that have been in the possession of Mrs Allen since the end of the Second World War now add to the Regimental Archive in telling us more about Captain Cuthbertson.



Captain Cuthbertson with his motorbike

Among these is a photograph of what appears to be HQ Coy 2 RS and various papers referring to the appointment of Capt Cuthbertson as Adjt. He was a keen motor cyclist although it is not clear whether this pursuit was military or recreational. Irrespective, the motorcycle is positioned alongside the newly appointed adjutant in the photograph. The question must be asked whether CO 1 SCOTS would permit such nowadays.

In transit from Hong Kong, an American submarine torpedoed the Lisbon Maru on 1st October 1942.

Fellow prisoner, William Martin said that 'when the hold was first broken open and water flowed in the situation looked pretty bad. I saw Capt Cuthbertson stand up and put on his hat. Somewhat surprised at

this and feeling the necessity to make some sort of joke I said, "Are caps being worn on this parade Eli?" To which he replied in his usual calm manner "I prefer to meet my God properly dressed".

According to W M Howell (RASC), Capt Cuthbertson was the last to leave No 2 hold. 'What can be said of the courage shown by the Adjutant who, having once escaped from that fast flooding hold, voluntarily went back so that he could solace some of his men who lay injured below. To whom he could, this Capt Cuthbertson gave a drink, a last cigarette, a splint of wood for a broken leg or just a kindly word".

Capt Cuthbertson survived the Lisbon Maru but caught diphtheria and died on the way to hospital in Japan. Mrs Allen believes her uncle caught diphtheria from dying comrades while comforting them, including by reading to them from a compilation of works by Robert Louis Stevenson, which she left in the care of the Museum. Captain Cuthbertson had persuaded his captors not to confiscate it on the grounds that it was "a holy book" and it bears a stamp in Japanese which is presumed to be the censors approval.

Caroline Allen's collection of letters and photographs gave us a poignant glimpse into the courageous actions of one young Royal Scot from so long ago. You can see further details inside the Museum at the 2RS Hong Kong display including stories of Norman Brownlow and Douglas Ford, contemporaries of Cuthbertson. Other references are held in the archive.

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM RECENT ACQUISITIONS

1) 2nd Lieutenant James Lindsay Brough

British War Medal, Memorial Plaque, Miniature 1915 Trio, and Officers Cap Badge. James was killed on the 1st July 1916, whilst serving with the 15th Battalion RS. Donated by his nephew – W David Marshall-Brough.

2) Myles Family – Father and Son Medal Group

Sjt William Myles: 1915 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Memorial Scroll and Letter from the King. William was killed on the 2nd March 1915, whilst serving with the 9th Battalion RS.

Pte David Myles: British War Medal, Victory Medal, Memorial Scroll, and Letter from the King. David was killed on the 12th April 1918, whilst serving with the 9RS. Donated by Mary Watt

3) Captain N H Cuthbertson

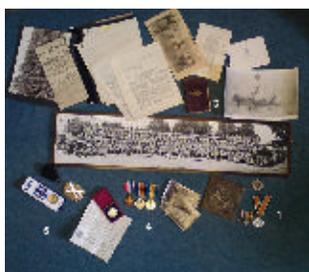
Various items.

4) Private Albert Belcher

Benares 1911 Cholera Epidemic Medal, 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal. Albert was killed on the 3rd June 1915, whilst serving with 2RS. Donated by Mrs Dorrington.

5) Royal Regiment of Scotland

Cap badge, Black Hackle and ISAF Medal.



LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had a great many picture contributions recently for which we are most grateful. Some are on the website Photo Gallery and others will be displayed in the Museum shortly. Several books have also been donated since the last issue. Four volumes of 'The Great War' by Sir Winston Churchill and volumes of 'Casualty Lists' came from the Royal Scots Club. A small "9th Royal Scots (TF) B Company on Active Service Feb – May 1915" had been found in a charity shop and donated to us in excellent condition.

We also received a bequest from Commodore Whiteman of five books on 'Gallipoli' and 'The Dardanelles'. First and Second World War Rolls of Honour from The Royal High School and George Heriot's School were donated courtesy of Lt Col Blamire and lastly Ed Cullen dropped off a photograph and the Soldiers Release Papers of his father who was in the No 1 Independent Company RS in 1946. Thank you to all who donated to the Royal Scots archive of books, pictures and documents.

Regimental Association

CHARLIE MCGROGAN – Tribute by Maj Gen Strudwick

Born in the heart of Royal Scots regimental territory, Charlie typified the loyal Royal from Junior Leader to Secretary of the Young Royals. Charlie joined 1 RS Recce Platoon in Tripoli and served in Aden and Radfan in 1964-65, followed by the mechanised role in Osnabruck. Charlie was a field soldier to his finger tips - rising through the ranks quickly to Colour Sergeant. Sadly, damage to his hearing precipitated an early departure from the Army and a return to Whitburn with his beloved wife Reta. Charlie encouraged, cajoled and persuaded a wide range to return to the comradeship of the Regimental family and was uniquely awarded The Purves Memorial Prize on two occasions. Charlie was trusted by

everyone, respected for his sincerity and admired for his efficiency and great leadership qualities. We seemed to become accustomed to Charlie's battle with ill health, but he was invariably more concerned more for others than himself. We all expected Charlie to return home after another operation, but this time he caught us all out.



Funeral procession to honour Charlie McGrogan by members of the Association

JOINT ASSOCIATIONS VISIT 15TH FEBRUARY 2010

Following a highly successful joint RS and KOSB Associations visit to 1 SCOTS undergoing training at Lydd Ranges in October last year, an equally successful joint visit to 1 SCOTS at Dreghorn was

held on 15 Feb 10. This was a most important occasion for both Associations, affording opportunity to affirm staunchest support for all ranks of 1 SCOTS, both B Company at that time in Afghanistan and the 1 SCOTS BG in theatre now. This was all the more pressing given the sad loss of two members of B Company, the previous week. We were all most appreciative of the opportunity,



especially as the 1 SCOTS BG was completing its preparation and looking ahead to deploying very shortly thereafter.

There was a typically warm welcome as we assembled at Dreghorn. We were greeted with warm smiles as we made our way to Training Wing for a hot brew, renewal of acquaintances with old comrades and informal banter with our hosts. Called to order by RSM Tait, we were ushered into the lecture theatre for briefing by both the CO, Lt Col Herbert and the 2IC, Maj Perkins. The 2IC described the progress made by 1 SCOTS since 2006 with challenging training and a highly successful tour of duty in Iraq, with notable involvement in Op Charge of the Knights in Basra. Since then, first Minden Platoon and then B Company have conducted vigorous tours of duty in Afghanistan. Minden Platoon, comprising volunteers, had deployed with the 3 SCOTS BG for much of 2009 in the air assault role where they were involved in many key operations.

During the winter months, B Company has been with the 3 RIFLES BG where they have earned a deserved high reputation with allies – and with the enemy!



Bill Sutherland's retiral presentation of crystal by 1 SCOTS

Those not still engaged in training ran three stands demonstrating tactics, weapons, first aid and communications. These gave vivid impression of how well equipped and well prepared the Battalion is for the nature and intensity of operations to be confronted. Altogether, all ranks had the appearance of being on the balls of their feet and ready to go.

Persistent wintry squalls sweeping down off the Pentland Hills hastened us from demonstration stands

to the warmth and hospitality of the Officers Mess for opportunity to meet more of the officers and senior ranks. Brigadier James Stevenson, Representative Colonel 1 SCOTS, made presentations to Capt Bill Sutherland, Asst Regtl Sec RS and Lt Col George Wood, Regtl Sec KOSB, both shortly to retire. This was followed by an outstanding curry lunch. Called to order once more, we were mustered outside for a photograph and for a set of pipe music before being invited by the RSM to the WOs & Sgts Mess for refreshments that encouraged a very pleasant and mellow afternoon.



FORECAST OF EVENTS 2010

JUNE

Thursday 3rd June RS Club Antiques Evening.
 Sunday 13th June RS Club Sunday Lunch and Beating Retreat.
 Saturday 26th June Armed Forces Day.

JULY

Thursday 1st July HRH The Princess Royal's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.
 Wednesday 21st July Southern Branch visit to RAF Odiham.
 Saturday 24th July (TBC) Scottish Korean War Memorial, Service of Re-dedication.

AUGUST

Sunday 1st August Minden Day.
 Sunday 29th August RS Association Golf, Gladly Murray Trophy.

SEPTEMBER

Date TBC Inauguration of the RS Association NI Branch.
 Friday 17th September 80th Anniversary of HRH Princess Mary opening the Hepburn Suite, RS Club.
 Saturday 25th September RS Association Gathering & Dinner, RS Club.
 Sunday 26th September The Royal Scots Day at Musselburgh Races.

OCTOBER

Friday 8th October RS Museum Committee Meeting, HHQ RS.
 RS Benevolence Trustees Meeting, RS Club.
 RS Benevolence Society Meeting, RS Club.
 RS Officers Regimental Dinner, RS Club.
 Saturday 9th October Joint 1 SCOTS, RS, KOSB Officers & Ladies Lunch at Dreghorn.
 Date TBC 1 SCOTS return.
 Friday 29th October RS Association Scotland Branches AGM.

NOVEMBER

Monday 8th November Princes Street Garden of Remembrance.
 Thursday 11th November Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance.
 Saturday 13th November RBL Festival of Remembrance at Royal Albert Hall.
 RS visit to Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance and Cloisters.
 RS visit to Tower of London.
 Sunday 14th November National Cenotaph Parade.
 Edinburgh City Chambers, RS Club, East Claremont Street & elsewhere throughout Edinburgh, the Lothians & Peeblesshire.
 Thursday 11th November Glencorse Memorial Gates.
 Saturday 27th November RS Association Scotland Branches St Andrews Night, Port Seton RBLs.

JANUARY 2011

Date TBC RS Club Burns Supper.
 Date TBC RS Association Central Scotland Branch Burns Night.
 Date TBC RS Club Burns Lunch.
 Date TBC RS Association Joint Edinburgh/East of Scotland Burns Night.

FEBRUARY 2011

Date TBC Op GRANBY 1 RS Officers & Sergeants Dinner.

MARCH 2011

Thursday 17th March Highland & Lowland Brigades Club Bonspiel.
 Thursday 24th March RS Association Southern Branch AGM.
 Saturday 26th March RS Association Scotland Branches Regimental Day Dinner, RS Club.
 Sunday 27th March RS Club Regimental Day Lunch.

MAY 2011

Date TBC RS Benevolence Trustees Meeting, RS Club, afternoon.
 RS Association AGM, RS Club, evening.
 RS Trustees Meeting.
 SCOTS Trustees Meeting & Regimental Council.

Regimental Association Events

(including Pipe Band)
2010

Branch Meetings – Scotland

EDINBURGH

Last Friday of each month at 8.00 pm - Ex-Servicemen's Club, 7 Smith's Place, Edinburgh.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Last Friday of each month at 7.30 pm – Royal British Legion, Whitburn, West Lothian.

EAST OF SCOTLAND

Last Saturday of each month at 7.30 pm – Royal British Legion, Prestonpans, East Lothian.

PIPE BAND

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The Royal Scots Club



B Coy at the Royal Scots Club

The redevelopment of the basement areas and the installation of the lift continue here at The Royal Scots Club, and we now have a completion date of the end of September 2010.

Once finished the Club will have a lift, with access to all floors of the building, a new bar adjoining the Hepburn Suite and a new events suite and bar with a capacity for 160 people. There will also be a couple of new smaller meeting rooms and offices.

Membership numbers at the Club continue to flourish and currently stands at over 1900. Many new members come from friends or relatives from existing members. If you know anyone who would enjoy being a member please contact the Club and a Membership Pack can be sent on your behalf.

The Trustees of the Club recently had the privilege of entertaining 70 members of B Company, 1 SCOTS after their return from Afghanistan. They were welcomed to the Club by Chairman Craig Duncan and enjoyed a three course lunch. Thanks to the Club came from Major Graeme Wearmouth.

The photograph shows Brian Adair, Chairman of Trustees, Craig Duncan, Chairman of the Club, Major Graeme Wearmouth, 1 SCOTS, and Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson, Chairman of RSC Management Ltd.



Domestic Occurrences

Deaths

ARCHIBALD

On 13th February 2010, Alan Archibald in Edinburgh, former Lance Corporal 1 RS from 1975-1986.

BAXTER

On 29th April 2009, James Thomson Baxter of Edinburgh, formerly RS.

BONGARTZ

On 22nd March 2010, Colin Bongartz at Newcastle. 1 RS Signal Platoon in Werl.

DEELEY

During autumn 2009, Jack Deeley, former RSM 1 RS and staff member at Queen Victoria School Dunblane.

DUNN

In February 2010, Adrienne Dunn daughter of Alan and Liz Dunn, formerly 1 RS.

DURRANT

On 2nd March 2010 in Singapore following a short illness, Richard Durrant former platoon commander 1 RS and training subaltern JLB Ouston during the 1980s. Latterly management consultant, mountaineer and ocean yacht skipper.

FORREST

On 11th August 2009, Thomas John Forrest of Edinburgh, formerly RS.

FRASER

On 20th April 2010, Rev Dr John William Fraser, formerly 8RS.

GIBSON

On 2nd March 2010 in Australia, Ian Gibson. 1 RS National Service 1955 – 56 including at Suez. Edinburgh Academical rugby player and Muirfield golfer.

LAWSON

During January 2010 in London, George Lawson, RS 1940s and 1950s.

MANNIFIELD

On 9th February 2010 at Preston, Betty Mannifield. Wife of Dougie Mannifield, former Bandmaster and Assistant Adjutant 1 RS, and Secretary of The Royal Scots Club.

MOORE

On 7th February 2010, Corporal Johnathan Moore of Hamilton, formerly 1 RS killed in action serving with The Royal Scots Borderers 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

McDONALD

On 7th February 2010, Private Sean McDonald of Gorebridge, formerly 1 RS killed in action serving with The Royal Scots Borderers 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

McGROGAN

On 11th February 2010 in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Charles (Charlie), Neally, McGrogan of Whitburn. Former Junior Leader and office bearer of the IJBL Association, Mortar Platoon 1 RS, and loyal member and long serving office bearer of the RS Association, and Purves Memorial Prize winner.

O'KANE

On 4th April 2010 in Edinburgh as the result of an accident, Christopher (Spud) O'Kane. Formerly 1 RS Machine Gun Platoon and latterly REME.

TOONE

On 3rd August 2009, Norman Toone of Mexborough South Yorkshire, formerly 1 RS 1939 – 1945 and long standing member of the RS Association.