



# The Thistle

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## Chairman of Trustees Foreword

At the end of May your Trustees met at The Royal Scots Club to review progress in implementing governance streamlining, financial investment arrangements and extensive use of invaluable volunteers to support the activity of our four Pillars (Benevolence, Museum and Heritage, the Association and the Club) as we strive collectively to ensure a secure and sustainable future. Greater efficiency overall is clearly evident. We are continuing to make excellent progress.

Although our Regiment is no longer in the order of battle it has a proud heritage and it is important for us to ensure that, in honour of those who have given service over the last 383 years, the name and all it encompasses lives on by upholding the traditions and achievements of times past. The Trustees have set a clear strategic goal of reaching out to the much wider Regimental Family to reinforce comradeship, in a way that is fit for purpose, appropriate, modern in its approach and appeals to those of all generations and all ranks, ably supported by their families, who share that unique common bond of having served in The Royals whether they are, for example, our WW2 veterans or those who served in The Royal Regiment of Scotland (SCOTS).

In March I visited all the Scotland and the Northern Ireland Association branches to consult over the way ahead for comradeship, and to inform them that the Association Secretary would be supported by the Trustees and operate from an office in the Club, with the support of the Club's Trustees. Thus spearheading the transfer of the focus for overall Regimental co-ordination – in an incremental way – from the somewhat inaccessible Castle to Abercromby Place. I am grateful to everyone for the warm welcome and their strong support for the chosen way ahead.

Our presence at Armed Forces Day will be followed by our



representation at the August centenary commemoration of the outbreak of WW1 in Glasgow and the Drumhead Service at Edinburgh Castle. These events set the scene for the Regimental Grand Muster which will take place over the weekend 22-24 May 2015 to coincide with the national events to commemorate the Gretna rail disaster. All members of the wider Regimental Family are asked to note those dates; a small planning group has been formed to ensure that the arrangements for social activities will appeal to everyone and will not be cost prohibitive.

In June our Regimental Communications Co-ordinator took up her appointment. Heather Walker will be addressing how we communicate and develop effective communication that really does reach out and embrace proud Royals and their families, in support of future Regimental activity fit for today.

The relationship with SCOTS, Scotland's infantry of today, goes from strength to strength, with the establishment of their museum in our own Museum in the Castle. I would encourage everyone to promote the Regiment, as was done recently at the 1 SCOTS parade at Prestonpans in June.

As ever, a very sincere thank you to Jim Blythe, my fellow Trustees, our growing band of volunteers and those who have chosen to support our Regiment financially, without whose commitment, enthusiasm and dedication we would not be able to flourish and shape our future at a time when we have the largest number of Royals.

*Colonel Martin Gibson OBE DL*

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# Armed Forces Day



'The March Past'

The National Armed Forces Day parade in Stirling was a great success despite a downpour in the afternoon. The salute was taken by HRH The Princess Royal, our former Colonel-in-Chief and now Royal Patron to both the RS Association and the RS Club. Some 75 Old Royals were on parade, including the Standard Bearers and the Association Band. Lt Col Jim Blythe was confident that we set the standard for turnout and bearing for the regimental associations of the old Scottish Division, something we would naturally expect to take in our stride. We were joined by Capt Randy Evans of The Canadian Scottish Regiment who happened to be in Scotland with his wife. Although Colonel Martin Gibson was not 'on parade' he read one of the lessons at the Drumhead Service and, in his capacity as Chairman of Veterans Scotland, he was closely involved in the organising of the event.



'The Drumhead Service'

We were delighted to be the hosts of three Chelsea Pensioners in the RS Club the evening before, on the day itself and that evening. We also had a stand in the Veterans Village which was manned by Heather Walker, our new Communications Co-ordinator, who was able to establish contact with some Old Royals with a view to bringing them back into the body of the kirk.



'Our Guests from Chelsea'

Armed Forces Day was celebrated in Edinburgh on 22 June. Col Martin Gibson led a contingent of some 50 Royals, including the Standard Bearers. The parade marched up the Royal Mile and then down to the Grassmarket. Edinburgh's Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, said: "This city has a long and proud tradition of supporting the Armed Forces and our veterans. Holding a day of celebration in their honour is just one of the ways the people of Edinburgh can show their support". The following day the Armed Forces Day flag was presented to the Lord Provost and raised above the City Chambers to honour Armed Forces personnel past and present.

## A Fond Farewell

We are sorry to have to bid farewell to 1 SCOTS who are in the process of moving to Belfast. To mark their move the Battalion held farewell parades in both Hawick and Prestonpans. Over the last eight years a close relationship has been built up between 1 SCOTS and the Association which, we are sure, has been to the benefit of both parties. We will miss them but wish them well in their new posting and hope that from time to time we may see some of them in the Edinburgh area.



'The Prestonpans Parade'



'Tom Logan, Bob Bruce & George Higgins'

# Regimental Association

There was the usual good turnout for the annual 7 RS Gretna Commemoration at Rosebank cemetery on 24 May including the Association Pipe Band and Standard Bearers. The Service of Remembrance was led by the Rev Iain May of South Leith Parish Church. At the close of the service Mrs Deirdre Mills of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), along with Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson and the Rev Norman Drummond, Chairman of the Scottish Government WW1 Commemoration Committee, unveiled a CWGC information board about the Gretna disaster adjacent to the 7 RS Memorial. Those present were appreciative of the fact that the area of the Memorial continues to be maintained to a high standard by the CWGC.



'The Gretna Memorial'

This year's Fallen Comrades golf competition was held at Shaw Park at Alloa with torrential rain both before and after the outing but with decent weather while the golfers were on the course. The overall winner was Eric Taylor, the runner-up was Ginge Martin, the longest drive was John Forbes, nearest the pin (1) Lawrence Taylor and nearest the pin (2) was Lindsay Gillick. Everyone was grateful to John Buckham for organising the day and the golfers are looking forward to the Gladdy Murray trophy which will be held at Silverknowes on 14 September.

On 27 June 25 Members of the Southern Branch, along with three members of the Korean Veterans' Association, spent a most enjoyable day at Tidworth. The outing started at noon with a visit to Tidworth Military Cemetery. There the group paid its respects with the Regimental Collect and the Exhortation to the graves of three Royals who were serving there at the time of their deaths, Sgt John Davidson, Sgt James Murray and Pte Chalky White, and the grave of the infant daughter of Sgt Reid. Many of the party had fond memories of the three deceased Royals.



'Chalky White's Grave'

A picnic in the rain was followed by a visit to Tedworth House, a most impressive rehabilitation centre run by the charity Help for Heroes. A welcoming brief was followed by a tour of its superb facilities. The former concrete floored indoor tennis court with the leaking roof is now a wonderful fitness centre, and the smell of stale chips in the renovated main building is a thing of the distant past.

The final stage was a visit to Clive House at the kind invitation of Maj Gen James Cowan CBE DSO, GOC 3 Div and Colonel The Royal Regiment of Scotland, who not only laid on a most enjoyable tea in a garden which would have done the RHS garden at Wisley proud, but he also gave a fascinating review of UK military thinking both current and future. The number of questions by his audience indicated the extent to which their thought process had been stimulated. The Branch is most grateful to General James and Minnie for hosting us; to the Help for Heroes team at Tedworth House; and to Tam Millar whose idea the day was, and on whom fell much of the work of organising it.



'At Clive House'



'Pageantry'

On 31 May some members of the Southern Branch attend the Major General's Review, the dress rehearsal for the Trooping of the Colour, on Horse Guards Parade. As always Tam Millar had his camera with him and sent in some pictures. The two shown here provide a contrast between the formality of the parade and the frivolity of Tam and Alex Moore!



'A Rose Between Two Thorns'

The memorial cairn at Contalmaison was unveiled on 7 November 2004. It is dedicated to the heroism of the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion (McCrae's) on 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. In terms of casualties, this day remains the blackest in the history of the British Army. The battle lasted for 140 days and, ultimately, it inflicted the first major defeat on the German Army. It is, therefore, wholly appropriate that the Association was represented at this year's commemoration of these events. Amongst those present were Sonny Walker, Tom Logan, Tam Douglas, Stewart Aitken and William Hoy.



'Contalmaison Memorial Cairn'

## Fundraising

The fabulous fundraisers have been hard at work yet again. In June Martin Burnet and Willie Malloy took on the daunting challenge to cycle from Land's End to John O' Groats to raise funds for the Erskine Home. The support team, an essential part of the enterprise, included the cyclists' wives and George Higgins. After nearly 900 miles in the saddle, through wind and rain and uphill and down dale, the team raised £3,414.81, excluding Gift Aid, against a target of £2,000, a truly great result. Well done to all involved.



'On the Road'



'The End of the Road'

Also in June Bruce Allan took part in the annual charity abseil off the Forth Bridge and raised £550 for Erskine. The image shown here is by Xpressphoto, on Flickr published by courtesy of Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland.



'Bruce Dangling'

The intrepid team of walkers who in recent years have tackled the 'Road and Miles to Dundee' challenge and the Rob Roy Way will be putting on their boots again just as this edition of The Thistle goes in the post. This year they are tackling the 92 mile Sir Walter Scott Way from Moffat to Cockburnspath to raise £2,000 for the Benevolent Society. If you wish to donate you can do so at: [www.charitychoice.co.uk/fundraiser/johnmcculloch/sir-walter-scott-way](http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/fundraiser/johnmcculloch/sir-walter-scott-way) Good luck to John McCulloch and all the team.

'Remember a Charity in your Will Week', 8-14 September, is an annual awareness campaign designed to encourage people to consider leaving a gift to charity in their will, once they have looked after family and friends. In our case legacies help us to assist old comrades who find themselves in need and support our work to preserve and promote our heritage. If you have not written your will yet, or would like to add a codicil to your existing will, mentioning one or more of our Charitable Pillars as a beneficiary, your gift will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Trustees. It is important to use a solicitor to draw up your will and to state which of our Charitable Pillars you would like to support. They are: The Royal Scots Museum Fund (Registered Charity SC005163) and The Royal Scots Benevolent Society (Registered Charity SC011397).

# Museum and Heritage Matters

A 'new' Museum opened in the Old Gymnasium on 29 May when our former Regimental Museum was officially re-named the 'Museum of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) and The Royal Regiment of Scotland' with the latter occupying, with a state of the art exhibition, the former shop space. We took that opportunity to upgrade the entrance area, including new carpeting, restructure the WW1 display with new information panels, and revise the Regimental exit into the new SCOTS area which now 'flies' the Regimental flag lowered at Basra on 28 March 2006.



'New Museum Sign'

The Museum Lighting Appeal, thanks to the generosity of many individuals and charitable trusts, together with money raised from the sale of surplus silver, finally raised in excess of £53,000 against a revised target of £50,000. This has allowed for far more work to be done, and improvements made to displays, than was originally planned, with minimal actual cost to the limited Museum Trust Fund. The Museum Committee again expresses its gratitude to everyone who supported the Appeal. Although the formal Appeal has closed donations to 'The Royal Scots Museum' will always be most welcome, and put to good use, at any time, and can be Gift Aided.

Due to limited space we are unable to mount specific WW1 displays. To counter that situation we have created a 'virtual' display which will appear on the Regimental web site ([www.theroyalscots.co.uk](http://www.theroyalscots.co.uk)) from late July. This consists of a 'home page' with key information about the Regiment during WW1, backed by a number of information sheets such as notes on the service of each battalion, campaigns and battle honours and gallantry awards. There is also advice on how to research a particular individual. Finally, we have added a series of 'essays' covering a particular aspect of the Regiment's involvement year by year 100 years ago.

Additionally, the Museum is supporting three other exhibitions on the War. These are an East Lothian one in Haddington Museum; the 'Common Cause' exhibition being mounted at the NMS, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, highlighting the contribution Scots, from the then Empire, made to the War; and the permanent 'loan' of the Battalion Colour of 16 RS (McCrae's Battalion), which, after conservation, will be displayed in the SFA's Museum of Scottish Football at Hampden Park, together with some other short term loans for their WW1 exhibition.

The Archangel gun, captured by 2/10 RS in north Russia in September 1918, has a new home. Since 2002 it has been located close to the gates at Dreghorn Barracks. It has now moved to 2 SCOTS and is located beside the Keep at Glencorse Barracks, close to where it was positioned from 1963 to 2002.

Planning at national level for events commemorating the centenary of the Quintinshill (Gretna) train crash of 22 May 1915 is well advanced and details will be issued with the winter Thistle. There will be two major events for which we are hoping to have maximum Regimental support. One will be at Gretna on the morning of Friday 22 May and the other in Edinburgh on the morning of Saturday 23 May. A Regimental event is planned for the evening of 23 May, followed by a church service and lunch on Sunday 24 May. Please note the dates and aim to make a weekend of it. This will be the first of the 'Regimental Musters' requested in the recent survey of the way forward for the Association.



'The Re-vamped Entrance'

The former 4/5 RS Drill Hall at Forest Road, now part of The University of Edinburgh, has had a major make over. The entrance now displays the following wording below the date 1904: "The Queen's Rifle Volunteer Brigade The Royal Scots". The 4th and 5th Battalions served with distinction during WW1. However, in 1922 they were amalgamated and in 1938 the 4/5th became an anti-aircraft and searchlight unit. Despite such changes it's good to see that our heritage is very much alive in our capital city after 110 years!

2014 marks the anniversary of the Normandy landings where 8 RS distinguished themselves in the fierce fighting leading to the breakout from the bridgehead. It is also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle for Kohima, the turning point in the war against the Japanese in Burma, where the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion played a major role. A Memorial, built by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion's Pioneer Platoon, was unveiled at Kohima on 25 November 1944. Maj Hugh Young, late Hldrs, visited Kohima earlier this year and reported that it and its immediate surrounds are 'in good order and well cared for by a local family' and the CWGC who act as the Regiment's agent.

We have recently been checking on the holdings of Pipe Banners. Most have been identified but some, usually pretty old and worn, are, and have been for many years, 'unknown'. There is one, however, that is quite new and of which we have no record. The motto is 'Teneo et Teneor' (I hold and am held) and the Lyon Office believe, because of the position of the motto and the presence of the white rose of Yorkshire, it is probably of English origin. Any information to [rmwat@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rmwat@tiscali.co.uk) please.



'Pipe Banner'

Finally, we put an appeal in the last Thistle seeking a volunteer to run the Museum account. In essence it is much like a Regimental Company account. With all the work completed over the last two years, it should not be any busier. No response yet and the need increases. If you, or anyone you know, including wives and partners, might be prepared to help please contact Col Robert Watson on [rmwat@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rmwat@tiscali.co.uk)

## Cyprus Graves

Col Peter Fraser Hopewell served with United Nations force in Cyprus in 2007 and came across some Royal Scots headstones in a small Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in the Famagusta area. Recently he sent us some pictures taken at the time. There are 11 Royals buried in Cyprus and they are all from the 1<sup>st</sup> Garrison Battalion. That Battalion was raised in Edinburgh in 1915, moved to the island of Mudros in the Aegean later that year as part of the Gallipoli campaign, then to Egypt and from there to Cyprus where it served for the remainder of the war. It was disbanded in May 1919.



'Peter Fraser-Hopewell at RS Grave'



'Famagusta Military Cemetery'

# Paradis

In late May a group of loyal Royal Scots and supporters travelled to Paradis in northern France. The village is just an hour's drive from Dunkirk and they were there to commemorate the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion's last ditch stand against overwhelming odds in May 1940.



'Matt Hogan and the Mayor'

This year's pilgrimage was attended by Maj David Dickson, David's brother Willie, Col Andy McDowall, David and Rachael Garforth-Bles and Alan Howe and his sister – the son and daughter of the late Maj Jimmy Howe MBE, and the Association piper, Matt Hogan.



'The Pilgrims'

About 200 people were present at an open air service outside the village church. Andy McDowall gave an address in fluent French which was warmly received by the Mayor and the villagers. Also present were local school children, French, Belgian and Royal British Legion standard bearers, and representatives of The Royal Norfolks, 97 of whose soldiers were massacred at the end of the battle. The local marching band played our Regimental Marches as wreaths were laid at the military cemetery to the rear of the church.

During the weekend the party was presented with a section of the battle scarred iron railings that, in 1940, were outside HQ Coy base. That was where the Pipes and Drums, under the command of PM Allan, fought valiantly to defend Battalion HQ. The railings will shortly be on display in the Museum.

The late Jimmy Howe was a Lance Corporal in the Military Band and was at Paradis in 1940 as a stretcher bearer; he escaped injury but became a POW. Remarkably he formed a dance band within the prison



'The Railings'

camp and was allowed to go 'on tour' to other POW camps, including one in Berlin. The band was presented with a home-made Certificate of appreciation which his son presented to the Museum earlier this year. In 1943 a number of wounded POWs, together with some medical orderlies and stretcher bearers, including Jimmy, were repatriated to the UK. The fame of Jimmy's dance band was such that he was interviewed on the BBC in November 1943. Jimmy first returned to Paradis in 1956 and for many years thereafter he attended the annual pilgrimage.

Next year will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle at Paradis and the date has been set for Saturday 23 May. It is hoped that event will be really well supported by Royal Scots. If you would like to attend please contact David Dickson via Lt Col Jim Blythe.



'The Certificate'



'Jimmy in 1943'

# The Royal Scots Club

After eight years as Chairman of the Club Committee Craig Duncan has handed over to John Lloyd. The handover was marked with a lunch on 28 April at which Craig was presented with a statuette of a RS Piper while his wife, Jean, received one of the new Club silk scarves and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Craig says he is looking forward to being a 'backbencher' while John Lloyd is now wrestling with the programme of events which seems to get bigger and better every year.



'Presentation of Statuette'

In April members enjoyed a very special seafood dinner, dressed crab and lobster claws, a truly exceptional bouillabaisse and lemon meringue, followed by a talk. The speaker was Capt Nick Bates a retired Cunard Line skipper who was a former master of the QE2. Nick gave members a great illustrated talk showing fabulous places and telling some amusing, behind the scenes, stories. A great night's entertainment.

Once again the Club will be a Fringe Venue for the first two weeks in August. The Arkle Theatre Company will be presenting 'Weekend Breaks' by John Godber and 'Rumours' by Neil Simon. There will also be productions



'Drinks Party'

by The Edinburgh Graduate Theatre Group and Tightlaced Theatre including 'The Duchess of Malfi' and 'Anorak of Fire'.

The Club is regularly used for weddings but in April it was the venue for a very special christening. Club member the Rev Roddy Campbell was delighted to christen Charlie the son of long-serving staff member Sarah McIver whose husband, Gus, serves with 1 SCOTS. Of course big sister, Eilidh, was there and, just to keep things in the family, Sarah's sister Emma was Godmother. Our very best wishes to little Charlie and his family.

To say farewell to 1 SCOTS the Club held a drinks party in the Library for some of the officers in late April. Sad to see them go but it was an excuse for a glass of wine, or two.

Unfortunately the Beating of Retreat by the Association Pipe Band, held following lunch in mid-June had to be held inside rather than in Queen Street Gardens. Although the day was dry, rain during the night had resulted in puddles in the gardens. Despite the change of venue members were able to enjoy an excellent selection of pipe music and drumming.



'Indoor Performance'



# News from The Old Provost Marshal's House

Congratulations to Tom Perkins and Nick Wight-Boycott on their selection for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and to Sandy Aitchison on gaining his regular commission (late entry). Nick will assume command of 1 SCOTS in November next year. Congratulations also to Maj Jules McElhinney who will assume command of 6 SCOTS and promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the summer of 2016.

On Regimental Day an Association Office was opened in the Club and will be manned, on a part time basis, by Tam Douglas who has been appointed Association Secretary. The aim is to relieve Jim Blythe of some of his Association duties while creating an accessible drop-in centre and meeting place in our Regimental rallying place. The office is open Mondays and Thursdays 1900 hours to 2100 hours and Tuesdays 1400 hours to 1600 hours. Telephone: 0131 556 4270 – mobile: 07846 512628 – email: RS-Association-Secretary@royalscotclub.com

Two swords have been passed into the stewardship of 1 SCOTS. When Lt Col Jim Blythe was commissioned in 1969 he was sent by the Regimental Secretary of the day, Col Duncan Eynon, to Hawick to the home of Dr

Ross Hadden who had made it known that he wished his sword to go to a newly joined subaltern. Ross Hadden served during the Great War with the 9<sup>th</sup> (Highlanders) Battalion. His daughter married a Royal Scots Fusilier officer who deployed to France in 1939, taking the sword with him and bringing it back via Dunkirk before returning it to his father-in-law. Jim carried it on various parades throughout his service including the Royal Review in 1983 to commemorate The Royal Scots 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary when HM The Queen announced that Princess Anne would become our Colonel-in-Chief. In April Jim handed the sword to Maj James Christie to enable it to be carried, in perpetuity, by the Second-in-Command of 1 SCOTS.

In similar vein the sword of Capt Dermot Fulton, who died tragically some years ago, is now carried by the Adjutant of 1 SCOTS in the same way that the Commanding Officer carries the sword of Col Robert Watson and the Senior Subaltern carries the sword of the late Maj Gen Bill Campbell, a distinguished Royal Scot of the Second World War, company commander in Korea, CO 1 RS at Suez in 1956 and subsequently Colonel of The Regiment.



'Handing over the Sword'

We were rather surprised, but equally delighted, that West Midlands Veterans Housing wished to name a new 15 bed-space complex for veterans after Cpl Roland Elcock VC MM. They wished to name their new facility after a VC holder and, although Elcock was serving with 11 RS when he was awarded his VC in October 1918 he was born in Wolverhampton in 1899 and is the only local man to have been awarded the VC. Elcock originally enlisted, underage, in the South Staffordshire Regiment and was posted to France just after his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. When his true age was discovered he was sent home and discharged. He re-enlisted into the Royal Scots on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and before his 19th birthday he had been promoted to corporal and been awarded the MM. He later enlisted in the British Indian Army where he rose to the rank of major.

Sadly the number of deaths reported on page 11 is unusually high and the recent posts on the Guestbook reflect the esteem in which those who have recently passed away were held by their families, friends and comrades. Therefore, it is perhaps appropriate to remind readers of the existence of the Glencorse memorial garden. The garden is well kept thanks to the efforts of Jake Johnstone and Maj Ian Johnstone, no relation, and is a place where loved ones can be remembered. There is a memorial board where a brass plaque can be placed in remembrance of a former Royal and a place where ashes of loved ones can be scattered.

Some readers may be surprised to know that Lt Col Jim Blythe gets leave, but he and Mhairi managed to spend some time skiing in the Canadian Rockies in January. Very sensibly, they came home via Victoria in British Columbia which enabled them to join the Canadian Scottish for their Burns Supper. It was a grand occasion and allowed Jim and Mhairi to renew the acquaintance of many of those who had looked after them so well



'Donald's Birthday Party'

during their visit, along with other members of the Association, in 2012.

Donald Somerville, formerly of 1 RS and 7/9 RS, celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in May. The party was held in Twynholm village hall in Dumfries and Galloway, not far from Castle Douglas where Donald lives. Amongst other things Donald is an active fundraiser for Combat Stress, the RS Club, KOSB Association and RBLs Scotland. Happy birthday Donald!

## Juno Beach

The Canadian Scottish were represented at the 70th anniversary in June of the Normandy landings. They forwarded this picture, showing their wreath, at the memorial on Juno Beach.

One company of the Canadian Scottish landed in Normandy on 6 June 1944 – D-Day - as a component of 7th Infantry Brigade. The main body followed in 7th Brigade reserve and subsequently passed through the other two battalions. The assaulting brigade advanced a total of six miles, farther inland than any other brigade in the British Second Army. In its first 12 hours of action the battalion sustained 87 casualties.

'Memorial at Juno Beach'



# IN MEMORIAM

## DONALDSON

On 11 July, in Bangor NI, Jimmy Donaldson, formerly LCpl 1 RS

## HAY

On 1 March, Douglas Hay, aged 93, 7/9 RS 1937-46

## HUNTER

In February, in West Lothian, Jackie Hunter, formerly 8 RS

## IRVINE

On 20 January, Alex Irvine, aged 66 formerly of 1 RS Band

## KETCHEN

In Edinburgh, December 2013, Thomas Ketchen, 1 RS 1969-72

## LAPPIN

On 17 January, Joe Lappin, B Coy 1 RS 1970s Tidworth and Cyprus

## LE PLONGEON

On 2 February in the Philippines, Chris (Frenchy) Le Plongeon, formerly of FS Coy 1 RS

## MACKAY

On 2 January, in Edinburgh, Alex Mackay, formerly CSgt 1 RS 1960-70s

## MCDONALD

On 20 April, in Eastleigh, Hampshire, Bob McDonald, 7/9 RS during WW2

## MCDONALD

On 5 July, in Edinburgh, Maj Bob McDonald, formerly QM 1 RS.

## MANNIFIELD

In December 2013, in Preston, Dougie Mannifield, formerly Bandmaster and A/Adjt 1 RS and Secretary RS Club

## MATTHEWS

On 10 May, Dougie Matthews, formerly Sgt 1 RS 1960-70s

## MYLES

On 30 June, in Edinburgh, Margaret, wife of the late Maj Bill Myles, former Chairman of the RS Club

## PITHIE

On 18 January, James Pithie, aged 86

## REID

In January, in East Linton, Alex Reid, aged 103, formerly WO2 8 RS

## SEWELL

In January, Bob Sewell, Cpl 1 RS in 1950-60s

## SHAW

On 29 June, in Livingston, Joe Shaw, formerly Cpl 1 RS 1958-82, A Coy 2/52 LOWLAND 1982-98

## SIMMONDS

On 28 January, in Dunfermline, George Simmonds, aged 87, formerly Chairman 8 RS war-time Section of the Association

## SNEDDON

In June, Clint Sneddon, formerly 1 RS

## SUNDERLAND

On 28 August 2013, Maj J H Sunderland, RS 1940-60s

## TRIPP

In March, John Tripp, RS during WW2

## WALKER

On 12 May in Mallorca, Ronnie Walker, formerly Cpl 1 RS 1960-70s

## WATTERS

On 27 January, in Prestonpans, Rab Watters, formerly Sgt 1 RS 1970-90s

## WEDGEWOOD

On 29 January, in the USA, Capt The Lord Wedgewood, 1RS in 1970s

## WILSON SMITH

On 15 February, in Duns, Ann, wife of Lt Col Jock Wilson Smith, former Regimental Secretary

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## From the Editor

The editor would like to thank all those who have contributed articles and pictures. The deadline for contributions for the winter edition is 17 November and these should be sent to me at [carlingnose@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:carlingnose@tiscali.co.uk) Please let me have contributions, including pictures, when they become available rather than waiting for the deadline.

*With best wishes.*

Bob Paterson

## FORECAST OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	KOSB Minden Day Berwick
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Outbreak of WW1 Service, Glasgow
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	WW1 Drumhead Service, Edinburgh Castle

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### SEPTEMBER

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Inverness Military Tattoo
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gladdy Murray Golf
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	RS Association Autumn Dinner in RS Club
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Musselburgh Races

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### OCTOBER

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	RSTAOA Lunch in the RS Club
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Museum & Heritage Committee meeting
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	RS Governance meetings RS Officers Regimental Dinner in RS Club

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### NOVEMBER

Date TBC	Naming of McCrea's Place
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Opening of Garden of Remembrance in Princes Street Gardens
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Opening of Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Glencorse Memorial Gates Service RS Association Southern Branch Service of Remembrance at Westminster
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cenotaph Ceremony Remembrance Ceremonies throughout Edinburgh, the Lothians and Peeblesshire, at Inverness and in Northern Ireland
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	RS Association East of Scotland Branch St Andrew's Night

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### 2015

#### APRIL

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	RS Museum & Heritage Committee meeting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Trustees meeting

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#### MAY

W/E 22 <sup>nd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Gretna Commemorations and Regimental Muster
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Paradis Pilgrimage

# Association Meetings

## EDINBURGH

Last Friday of each month at 8.00 pm at Leith ex-Servicemen's Club, 7 Smith's Place, Edinburgh  
Contact: Mags Allen  
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## CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Last Friday of each month at 7.30 pm at Masonic Hall, Whitburn, West Lothian  
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## EAST OF SCOTLAND

Last Saturday of each month at 7.30 pm at RBL Prestonpans, East Lothian. Contact: George Higgins  
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## NORTHERN IRELAND

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