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From the Regimental Colonel

THE first Tuesday in July marked a significant day in the life of the Regiment as we welcomed back Cpls Chitty and Ross-Wilden from operations in the Gulf. They have both been a credit to the Regiment and we are delighted to see them safe home.

I wrote last month about some of the difficulties encountered by some Reservists following their compulsory mobilisation. It has been encouraging to see that these issues are recognised and action is being taken. It is likely that the Defence White Paper expected in the autumn will consider the use of Reservists as well as many other issues arising from the recent conflict.

You will be able to read elsewhere of the activities of the Pipes and Drums over recent months but I should note what tremendous ambassadors they are for the Regiment and their activities at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in Gibraltar and elsewhere are a vital part of keeping us in the public eye. The concert at Horseferry Road with Isla St. Clair was a great success which I hope we can repeat.

I have been encouraged in recent months by the increased interaction with our associated charities. The Caledonian Society handed over their old pipe banner for display in the museum, the Pipe Major Jim McLucas played for the Royal

Scottish Corporation in Covent Garden and I attended an excellent reception celebrating the success of the Caley Scholarships of the Caledonian Schools Educational Trust. These organisations all have close links with the Regiment and several members are actively involved. I hope that we can further strengthen our links in practical ways.

Whilst the sun is beating down outside, preparations are well in hand for Hallowe'en. Our principal guest will be the Colonel Commandant The Scottish Division, Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin formerly of the Black Watch and I hope we will have a full house to welcome him.

Finally, I would encourage all members of the Regiment to read the OC's notes. In particular he notes the need for more recruits. Recent events have emphasised the importance of Reserve Forces. We all have a responsibility to support the OC and help him in his efforts to ensure that the Company is up to strength and if you can direct one or two suitable young people through the door of 95, it will make a great difference.

Strike Sure
Stephen Henwood
Regimental Colonel



The President of the Caledonian Club, Ian King, hands over their old pipe banner to Colonel Stephen Henwood for safe keeping, 15th May, 2003.

Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Mooney TD, CO Londons

WE are pleased to introduce to our readers Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Mooney the CO of The London Regiment, who took over from Lieutenant Colonel James Cunliffe in December 2002.

Originally from Co Down in Northern Ireland, Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Mooney joined the Territorial Army in 1976 while at Oxford University, and was subsequently commissioned into 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers (The North Irish Militia), a NATO-rolled TA battalion. He served as a Platoon Commander in D (London Irish Rifles) Company of that Battalion for four years, taking part in overseas training in Gibraltar and West Germany, including the last major Corps-level exercise, Ex LIONHEART, in 1984.

Promoted to Captain in 1985, he was Second in Command of the London Irish Rifles for two years, and went on, after a short tour at University of London OTC, to become Company Commander at the age of 29, an appointment he held for the next four years. During his tour in command, the Company was involved in a number of major ceremonial commitments as well as Ex PLAIN SAILING in West Germany. Attending the TA Command and Staff Course at Camberley in 1992, he then became Officer Commanding of the HQ Company of the new London Regiment, formed under the 'Options for Change' Defence Review, a TA battalion which brought together London-based companies of Fusiliers, London Scottish, London Irish Rifles and The Queen's Regiment, (later The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment). A Staff appointment at HQ London District followed, during which he had the opportunity to work with 1st Battalion Welsh Guards on Ex POND JUMP WEST in Canada. He returned to The London Regiment as Regimental Second in Command in 1997. His tour finished just after the Strategic Defence Review had amalgamated The London Regiment with 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets to create a single battalion with six rifle companies from five capbadges.

Leaving the Regiment on promotion, Lieutenant Colonel Mooney was appointed to the Directing Staff at the Joint Services Command and Staff College at Bracknell and then Shrivenham, where he instructed on the TA Command and Staff Course for the next three years. In a break between Courses, he voluntarily mobilised for an operational tour in Kosovo at the end of 2001, where he worked in Information Operations at the UK-led Multi National Brigade (Centre) in Pristina. He assumed command of The London Regiment in December 2002.

Lieutenant Colonel Mooney lives in Muswell Hill in north London with his wife Lesley and two young sons, Conor and Ciarán. Having spent most of his civilian career in telecommunications and information technology, he is now a Senior Civil Servant in the Department of Health, working on NHS reform.

We wish Colonel Mooney every success in his important position as CO of The London Regiment and feel sure he will receive the full support of the Companies under his command.



Colonel Mooney on foot patrol in the snow in Pristina, New Year's Day, 2002.

Territorial Army Career Summary

Current Appointment

1 Commanding Officer, LONDONS (Lt Col)
From Dec 02

Previous Appointments

- 2 SO1 (V), Directing Staff, JSCSC, Shrivenham. (Lt Col)
From Jan 00
- 3 SO2 Media Ops, HQ MNB(C), Op AGRICOLA. (Lt Col)
Sep 01 to Jan 02
- 4 Regt 2ic, LONDONS. (Maj) Feb 97 to Jun 99
- 5 SO2 G3 Training, (TA), London District. (Maj)
Oct 94 to Feb 97
- 6 Coy Comd, HQ (ANZIO) Coy, LONDONS. (Maj)
May 92 to Oct 94
- 7 SO2, UOTC, DARC. (Maj) Dec 91 to May 92
- 8 Coy Comd, D (LIR) Coy, 4 R IRISH. (Maj)
Dec 87 to Dec 91
- 9 Infantry Sub Unit Commander, London UOTC. (Capt)
Sep 87 to Dec 87
- 10 Coy 2ic, D (LIR) Company, 4 R IRISH. (Capt)
Sep 85 to Sep 87
- 11 Pl Comd, D (LIR) Coy, 4 R IRISH. (OCdt-Lt)
Feb 80 to Sep 85
- 12 Officer Cadet, Oxford UOTC. (OCdt) Sep 76 to Feb 80

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Officer Commanding's Notes

WHILST the war may be over and our two compulsory mobilised soldiers safely home, the Company has still been incredibly busy. On top of the normal training calendar we have currently got six soldiers on Operations in Bosnia supporting 1 HIGHLANDERS, we have trained for CCRF and Peace Support Operations (PSO) and have had our first Battalion validation exercise. On top of this Pipe Major McLucas led a very successful trip to Gibraltar for the P&Ds and the soldiers had a fun filled watermanship weekend down in Weymouth with the Assault Pioneers of C Coy.

A key highlight of this period was welcoming back Cpls Chitty and Ross-Wilden who had been compulsory mobilised as individuals to go to the Gulf back in February. Both the CO and Honorary Colonel were on hand to welcome them back and while we had kept close to what they had been up to, it was good to hear about their experiences first hand. Rather surprisingly arriving ahead of the soldiers, I had also received their operational reports. In both instances their local commanders stated how impressed they were in how the soldiers handled themselves and their high military skill level. At the same time Cpl Wilde has also just returned from his six month tour of Bosnia and once again his report was exemplary. As well as these men, L/Cpl Ryan has since joined Captain Shaw, Cpl Miller, Pte Medina, Pte Clark and Pte Dawson in Bosnia. The feedback I have had both officially and informally about our London Scottish section in Bosnia has also been very positive. To conclude, at one stage we had nine soldiers from the London Scottish on operations, all of whom have been wearing the bonnet, flying the flag and receiving high praise from the units they have been attached to – a great achievement and really important in increasing the profile and demonstrating the utility of the unit. Finally another well known London Jock (although now wearing a different hat) – Major Mark

Ludlow is currently on an Exercise with our other family unit, 1SG out in Kazakhstan acting as their Ground Liaison Officer (GLO) – we wish him well.

Aside from providing large chunks of manpower to the Regular Army the remainder of the Company has been focused on becoming experts in PSO. Having spent many years doing section and platoon attacks, the concepts of peacekeeping and peace enforcement has taken a while to grasp. Instead of having a clear task with a clear enemy, PSO has got the soldiers to address the more blurred areas of 21st Century military operations. A couple of observations:

- *ROE* – Rules of Engagement – commanders need to be far more aware of what they can and cannot do
- *Orders Extraction* – In an age where we get too much information, orders extraction and action on the objective is vital especially if the scenario and ROE are vague
- *Communications* – PSO is a section/multiple level operation. Running an effective CP and being able to communicate with the men on the ground is key.

To this end we ran two Coy level exercises where the troops went through a series of BE's (Battle Exercises) with commanders and soldiers being presented with different scenarios. On one stand Sgts Nathan and Kiely pretended to be two uncooperative locals (no change there I hear you cry!) brandishing weapons outside a makeshift polling station. Cpl Bachelor and Lt Strickland who had been sent to monitor and subdue them respectively, ended up locking them in the back of the mini-bus, from which they subsequently escaped!

This training was followed up with the first Battalion level PSO validation exercise which used the PSIs and SPSIs to run a series of BE's around Aldershot. The consensus from the exercising troops was that the stands were first class with demanding scenarios and a lot was learnt. A Coy got a good report with the only thing letting us down being the number of soldiers who managed to turn up – we must do better next time guys. I was particularly impressed with the firemans carry of Cpl Anderson (quite a feat in itself!) in full NBC suit masked up (absolutely amazing!). Considering we had deployed on a previous weekend without any charged batteries!, the CP has also massively improved over recent weeks with a lot of hard work being put in by Cpl Dixon the new Sigs Det Cmdr, a job he is suited to and seems to be thriving on.

Aside from PSO we have also taken part in the annual Assault Pioneer watermanship weekend down at Weymouth at which the soldiers learnt a lot of basic RE skills and had fun at the seaside. The Pipes and Drums have also been very busy, most noticeably with their trip to Gibraltar where they paraded with the Royal Gibraltar Regiment – a marvellous spectacle by all accounts – well done Pipe Major.

In terms of going forward, camp is in Okehampton this year during the middle of September. Combined with D (London Irish Rifles) Coy with whom we have worked very closely before (our Celtic comrades), the first week will be Coy level training moving to an FTX in the second week.

Lt Col J. P. Mooney – continued

Major Courses

- 1 TA Platoon Commanders Course 31, Warminster Jan 83
- 2 Junior Staff Course (TA) 3, Warminster Jan 86
- 3 All Arms Tactics Course (TA) 3, Warminster Mar 88
- 4 TA Command and Staff Course 16, Camberley Jan 92

Service Highlights

- 1 Ex MARBLE TOR, 4 R IRISH, Gibraltar Apr 84
- 2 Ex LIONHEART, Germany Sep 84
- 3 4 R IRISH Trooping the Colour, Edinburgh Jul 88
- 4 R IRISH Tercentenary Parade, London Jun 89
- 5 Ex PLAIN SAILING, Germany Sep 89
- 6 Awarded Territorial Decoration Jul 94
- 7 Ex POND JUMP WEST, attached 1 WG, Canada Oct 96
- 8 LONDONS Presentation of Colours Jul 97
- 9 Operational tour, KOSOVO Sep 01 to Jan 02

Civilian Employment

- 1 Senior Civil Servant
- 2 Appointment: Director of Strategic Communications, NHS Modernisation Agency, Department of Health

Those who cannot attend camp will be focusing upon recruiting as the first recruit intake is in early October on our return. The new recruit syllabus demands that a soldier does seven weekends at a centralised depot. This is a longer and more intense commitment than before and one that will demand far closer focus and man management from the serving Company if we are to continue to grow. As an aside, if anyone knows of any potential soldiers who may want to join, the next intake starts on week ending 4-5th October – please turn up on a Tuesday night at HFR or Wednesday night at Catford at least two weeks beforehand.

On the personality front we say goodbye to Sgt Campbell our SF PSI who has returned to 1 HIGHLANDERS in Bosnia. His interest in low-level tactical training and developing JNCOs was much appreciated – thank you. We welcome in his place C/Sgt O’Hara who has already hit the ground running having been tasked to organise the NBC stand on the PSO validation weekend. We have also said goodbye to WOII Shephard who has moved to the Isle of Wight, a stalwart of the London Scottish for the last two decades he will be sorely missed. Unfortunately due to work pressures 2Lt Chris Taylor has also had to leave the unit so we are now a platoon commander down (again – any young officers/OCdts who are looking for a new challenge please contact me!). Along with our soldiers on operations, once again both officer and soldier recruitment seem once more to demand a major focus after the summer break.

STRIKE SURE
Major Marc Overton
Officer Commanding



Our lads on their return from the Gulf, L/Cpls Sam Ross-Wilden and Chris Chitty.

CSM's Notes

JULY was validation month for A Coy with Ex Peace Work held on the Aldershot training area. The aim was to confirm that the training being conducted at Coy level was of a PSO (Peace Support Operations) nature.

Most of the stands varied from drunken gunmen to a helicopter crash. All stands were dealt with by the Coy in a professional and efficient manner. Many of the skills shown with the handling of refugees etc cannot be taught but people have naturally and it was good to see even the newest of Jocks getting stuck in with the tasks.

Lt Strickland, Sgt Nathan, Pte's Anderson, Bunce, Denwood, Hardy, Ilsley, Kalland, Moore and Scott ensured that due to their hard work the Coy will be able to step off at ATP on the right foot. Well done. The CP under Cpl Dixon and Pte Oyalagen was given a big thumbs up by the RSWO, making all their hard work pay off.

The numbers was a big let down and we could have really monopolised this Ex with the Coy's skills and drills. Proving once again that if you really want to soldier then this is the Coy to do it with, after all Ex Peace Work has proved that.

On a more serious note this month we will be saying

goodbye to C/Sgt Cleary who is leaving the Jocks after many a years service. The CQMS who joined us straight from the regular Army (Royal Artillery) after the first Gulf War is hanging up his ladle, not through choice I might add. With a punishing work schedule and a growing family its time to get out that old de-mob suitcase. Lock the doors and check the stores. Everybody leaves with more than they came with. How else is he going to fill his weekends if he's not digging in or cooking up burgers to sell down the market my boy. The CQMS is going to be a big loss to the Coy but I know he will be back on the first Tuesdays telling us all what it was like in his day. Jumpers for Goalposts.

Looking around pictures of the Coy and other elements I see there are a few people that have acquired new bits of coloured bunting for their uniform. Very interesting. Anarchy rules okay.

Going to press we are looking forward to a good ATP with D Coy with more notes and photos to follow.

Strike Sure
CSM

CQMS Jim Cleary and CSM Tom Hallett. ►

The Officers' Mess

ALTHOUGH I don't claim to be an authority, what superficial investigation I have been able to conduct suggests that these are the first Notes from the Officers' Mess for some time. I am therefore extremely grateful to the Editor for allowing me to make use of this excellent medium to improve communication with the greater body of the membership.

To improve communication further, and to save on all that postage and envelope-licking, I would hope to make increasing use of electronic means. To that end, I would be grateful if all Members who have access to the technology could send me an e-mail contact address, to my private account edmund.murphy@bopenworld.com. You may, in due course, receive mail from my work account as well, DinfoA-IMInterface2SO2@defence.mod.uk.

I am also in the process of establishing a Mess page on the A Company site within something called Club Army. Serving officers can sign up for an account by logging on at www.clubarmy.mod.uk, and following the simple instructions. Non-serving members can still gain access via a guest account, which I will set up for individuals on request. Once into the Mess pages, members will, in due course, find: the Forecast of Events; a copy of Mess Rules; Minutes of the last Mess Meeting; details of forthcoming events; and reports and photographs from recent events. In addition, Club Army offers a free e-mail service, so there is little excuse not to be 'on-line'.

More traditional means of communication will, however, not be forsaken. Important notices will be posted on the Mess noticeboard, and hard copy of key documentation will be available in the Mess.

I propose to augment the AGM, traditionally held immediately prior to the Officers' Club Dinner, with further Mess Meetings, as I do not feel that a single, annual meeting allows for proper management of the Mess. However, the AGM will remain the focus for all 'big business', giving the broad membership the chance to have their say.

Members who attended May's AGM will recall the actions placed on me and the Treasurer to investigate glassware marked so as to avoid inadvertent removal; and increased security in the Mess. Progress has been made on both issues, and I will be in a position to secure members' approval for courses of action at the August meeting.

The Forecast of Events as agreed at the last Mess Meeting has had to be changed somewhat, and with additional Mess Meetings, presently stands as follows:

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| October | 31 | Hallowe'en | Horseferry Road |
| November | 8 | Mess Meeting | Regimental Library |
| | 9 | Pre-Remembrance Parade Lunch | Officers' Mess |
| December | 13 | Ladies Dinner Night | Caledonian Club |
| 2004 | | | |
| February | 13 | Valentine's Eve Party | TBC |
| March | 22 | Guest Night | Officers' Mess |
| | | | EJAPM |
| | | | PMC |



Pipes and Drums

THIS article is different. In other *Gazettes* I tried to convince the rest of the Regiment how lucky they are to have the Pipes and Drums to play for them. In this column I am happy to write about how lucky the Band is to play for this regiment. This sounds as though the band and the regiment are two opposing institutions although, of course, nothing could be further from the truth.

This observation comes from our recent trip to Gibraltar. A full report on this tour appears elsewhere in this edition. In June, 21 pipers and drummers travelled to Gibraltar to support the Royal Gibraltar Regiment in their ceremonial duties and to play in a charity concert. A further 33 assorted association members and wives came out as tourists and spectators to cheer us on. Few other bands could be as fortunate with such a large display of support.

Let it be clear, however, that the support we received was of the moral variety as each person paid his own way. For the band, each man was partly subsidised by the Band fund – this is the account into which the proceeds from each solo or band job goes and out of which comes the money for reeds, drum sticks, travel etc. So the money that subsidised the players was raised by the players. (This account is now empty so we need a few more paying jobs – see the Regimental Secretary – cash, cheques and credit cards are all accepted.) And for that moral support we are most grateful to the members of the Regimental Association who came out to Gibraltar with us.

The Gibraltar trip was not the only thing we did in the last quarter. We have had a full schedule of solo and band engagements. On 10th May, seven of us went to the wedding of Piper Stuart MacMillan to Sandra in Port Glasgow. The mini-band performed with the groom in our ranks and a good time was had by all until the very wee hours. One bright spark thought it would be a good idea if we all (including the groom) competed at the Gourrock Games the following day. A lady observed that Stuart was hardly going to play in a pipe band competition on his very first day of married life and even if he wanted to, then his wife would most certainly object. I still can't see what the problem was. As it happened, we didn't have enough bodies to compete but enjoyed the pouring rain and freezing cold at the games all the same.

On 17th May the Pipe Major led a combined London Regiment Band at the Regimental Open Day at St. John's Hill and then raced back to Horseferry Road where Nobby and Liz Foulis were setting up for the Kilted Caper that evening. The band played at the Celidh and once again there was much dancing and merriment until the wee hours. A big thank you to Nobby and Liz for organising this as the proceeds from the Raffle went to support the Band.

The Caledonian Society of London held a reception on 15th May and presented a "retired" banner from the Society to the Regiment. The FANY were welcomed to Horseferry with a reception on 28th May at which Sandy Gibb played his winning entry in the tune writing competition "The London Scottish Regiment's Welcome to FANY". Also at HQ, the Piping Society of London held their annual



P&D's at Redford Barracks Edinburgh, for the TA Pipe Band Concentration, 24 May 2003.

members competition on 14th June and Piper Andrew Morty walked away with the amateur MSR. It is excellent to have piping events like this at Horseferry Road and we look forward to continued cooperation with P/M Roger Huth and the Piping Society of London.

On 23-24th May the band travelled north to Redford Barracks and the TA Pipe Band Championship and bands concentration. We entered in the Quartets and the Band competition and although we did not take away any silverware, we acquitted ourselves well. The Band that won almost everything was P/M Gordon Walker's 52 Lowland who are winning prizes in Grade 2 this season. This was an important weekend in two ways. First was for the practise and training we put in before we got there and the two days of concentrated instruction and practise while we were at Redford. Secondly we re-established links with Scottish piping circles and more especially the Army's piping organisation. Since leaving 51 Highland ten years ago it has been more and more difficult to maintain contact with piping in Scotland and the TA in Scotland. Events like this one re-establish these links and reinforce the relationships. It was also good to see wayward London Jocks again. L/Cpl Davy Moir and Sapper Andy Abbess are playing with 71 Engineers and L/Cpl Colin Gregory is a drummer with an Argyll Coy of 51 Highland.

And finally in June, just before we left for Gibraltar, we were very pleased to accompany Isla St. Clair in a series of three concerts for charity, firstly at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, secondly in Borehamwood and then at 95 Horseferry. Only a week later we would be Isla's "Backing Band" once again in Gibraltar.

This quarter we welcome Piper Stuart Hume who was thrown in at the deep end at Isla's concert, played with us in Gibraltar and despite that, keeps coming back to practise. And new to the pipes and drums, though no stranger to the Regiment, Ali MacDonald made his musical debut in Hodden Grey in Gibraltar.

Regrettably, because of the lack of numbers able to commit on the particular weekend, we will not be playing at the Cowal Games this year. On the same weekend, however,

individual members of the band will be contributing to a massed bands at the Star and Garter Charity Tattoo at Fort Nelson, Portsmouth.

Don't forget our web page hosted on the Regimental website www.londonscottishregt.org. This is being continually updated and now this article as well as the past two editions of the bandnotes can be accessed from the webpage.

The "Piping Lion" coffee mugs are still for sale and can be purchased from any member of the band or from behind the bar at HQ. The band practises at 95 Horseferry Road 1900-2200 every Thursday night. The beer is cheap and the door is always open. New members (and old ones) are always welcome. See you at practise.

Pipes and Drums in Gibraltar

USUALLY the band charges extra for playing outside the M25. This time they quite happily paid for the privilege. On the weekend of 26-30th June, the Pipes and Drums, along with a large contingent of the Regimental Association, travelled to Gibraltar where the band participated in the ceremonial guard mounting and later in a charity concert.

Some time ago, D/M Nobby Foulis spoke with various people who were involved with the garrison in Gibraltar and they expressed an interest in having the London Scottish Pipes and Drums perform out there. Some months ago Nobby flew out to Gibraltar on a joint recce and sales trip where he met with the Band Master of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment and inspected the lay of the land. Once the dates were confirmed and the official invitation was issued, it was decided to make it a combined Band tour and Regimental Association trip – a bit like Celtic supporters going to Barcelona for the final of the Champions Cup, only in Hodden Grey. We are all grateful to Liz Foulis and Charlie Dobney for organising the trip.

The band were 21 strong: twelve pipers; five snare drummers; two tenors, a bass and a Drum Major. This reflects the good work in recruiting P/M McLucas has been doing in the past year and perhaps not a little to do with the chance for a weekend in the sun. More remarkably, 33 members of the Association *et.al.* flew out with us. There were more London Scottish ties in the crowd at the Guard Mounting ceremony than there were Royal Gibraltar Regiment ties. Each person paid his own way including the band. The pipers and drummers received a partial subsidy for the air fare from the band fund. But as the money in this fund comes from the money the band earns from performances throughout the year it is true that the whole trip was self-funded and no money either came from, or was solicited for, out with the band or the individual members of the association.

On Thursday 16th June, a party of 54 London Scottish pipers, drummers, members of the association, their wives and Ron Younger descended on Luton airport. Everywhere you looked there were regimental ties. Luton, you see, was the Forming Up Point for our weekend occupation of Gibraltar. And by jings, did the Luton Airport Bar take a hammering.

I mentioned Ron Younger, the occasionally genial Bar Steward at HQ, separately as he was on the roster as a working member of the band. Ron, or Osama as he became known for his splendid whiskers, did yeoman service fetching water, taking photos and generally acting as OC baggage for the tour. It would have been much more difficult for everybody without Ron's assistance. Many thanks.

We arrived in the early evening and the temperature was still above 30°C. The band went off to their billet in the Devil's Tower Camp, the former RAF Barracks next to the airport. members of the association and their partners went their separate way to two rather more comfortable hotels in the centre of town.

The next morning, with a few thick heads it must be said, the band had a practise at the Barracks. The drummers, interestingly, were employed assembling their drums. Six brand new snare drums were purchased to replace the rather tired older ones they had been playing. Unfortunately these lovely new drums were not delivered until the day before they left. Because of the skill and perseverance of our drummers those brand new drums were good to go for the combined rehearsals in the evening.

The Pipe Major, Drum Major and Major Ludlow were invited to lunch with the Colonel of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, Lt Col M. J. Randall and the Band Master WO1 D. B. Hammond. While the high hieians were eating cake, the rest of the party took the opportunity to explore the town. A pattern established itself very early. Some of the ladies were seen to explore the shopping establishments while some of the gentlemen explored the licensed establishments. One marvellously mustachioed member of the tour had already become a "regular" at one pub by about noon on the first day.

Some may wonder why Major Mark Ludlow TD appears in this narrative. Was he the secret guest bass drummer, has he taken up the pipes, is he the mysterious fifth man? Er no on all counts. Major Ludlow was very kindly standing in for the Band President, Major Stuart Young TD who was unfortunately detained at the last moment. Selflessly, Major Ludlow threw himself into the fray when the Band President knew he could no longer make it and put everything on the line for the band. Such devotion to duty! Regiment above self etc. etc. Don't tell them what really happened Sir, or all the Officers will want to come next time.

On the evening of the first day various people went off to restaurants and bars. By 1800 the band were on a parade square rehearsing. We didn't believe them when they said that it would last until 2300. We finished at 2245. The band formed up at the marvellously named "Devil's Bellows" camp. There we met up with the Military Band and the Corps of Drums of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment and the Corps of Drums of 2 Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers). The massed bands of some 60 musicians practised for the rest of the evening in preparation for the next day's ceremonial duties. Even though it was the end of the day it was still very hot by English standards (even hotter by Scottish standards) about 30-32°C. Ron Younger earned his wedge by keeping us supplied with life saving water. It was quite an odd sensation to be marching up and

down on a British Parade Square, marching in one direction towards Spain and then counter marching towards Africa clearly visible just across the Straits.

Saturday 28th June was the big day. The Guard Mounting was at noon and then the concert was in the evening. As the Changing of the Guard is only done three or four times a year we were indeed honoured to be asked to participate. We formed up about 500m from the Governor's residence, where the changing of the guard was performed. The building was a convent until Gibraltar became British in 1704 and the Governor's Residence is still called The Convent. The ceremony takes place in a small square, not much bigger than the drill hall at '95. Necessarily each guard consisted of an officer and four men. The bands were only five abreast but even then we were squashed into the street with very little room to manoeuvre on either side.

Fortunately, there was a pub with a decent sized beer garden, right in front of the action. Needless to say, most of the London Scottish contingent were to be found there. The massed bands paraded up the street and counter marched a few times in front of the square. For the majority of the ceremony the bands were conveniently tucked away down a side road so

those towards the rear of the massed bands saw very little indeed. Pipers Chris Newton and Andrew Morty took the starring role in "Highland Cathedral". They played the "solo" piece together (does that make it a duet?) from a roof top looking onto the square. Not only did they get the glamour role but they avoided marching up and down in the Mediterranean high noon, in late June, wearing full highland No.1 woollen uniform. Highland Cathedral sounded lovely but the rest of us on the ground lost about a stone in perspiration. Next time can the Band indent for some tropical lightweight tunics?

The soldiers of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment were very smart indeed and everyone was most impressed by them. The musicians were all very happy with the performance and the spectators (including 33 London Scots and Ron) were very pleased by what they saw and heard.

After the guard mounting a number of the Regimental Association were invited to the Old Comrades club of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment. There, they were treated to heartfelt hospitality, free flowing refreshment and excellent food. They returned on their final day for a meal hosted by the Old Comrades at which Charlie Dobney presented their Association with one of our Regimental wall plaques.

The London Scottish P&D's perform with the Royal Gibraltar Regiment and the Anglian Regiment at Gibraltar on Saturday, 28th May 2003.



In the evening there was the charity concert at St. Michael's Cave. The proceeds of the concert went to service charities, the Red Cross and the War Child Music Project in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The band members had been rehearsing in the cave since 5.00pm for an 8.00pm start. The rest of the party had a more leisurely afternoon and were transported up the narrow winding road along precipitous cliffs in a series of shuttle buses. Apparently there were 350 tickets available and all were sold out well in advance of the concert. We were told that before this they had never filled the amphitheatre. I suspect that most of the people were there to see Isla St. Clair and not to see us exclusively.

St. Michael's Cave is actually a series of natural caves which open out into a large natural amphitheatre. It was a perfect place for a performance with the impressive backdrop of the cave, sympathetically lit and with surprisingly good acoustics for a room made of solid rock. The caves are spectacular even without a concert inside with giant stalactites and stalagmites and dizzying drops to seemingly bottomless pits. And because it goes a long way into the centre of The Rock, it was mercifully cooler inside than it was outside. Unfortunately, as it is a natural cave, it was also rather wet with puddles on the ground and several people felt the odd disconcerting drip of cold water from the ceiling in the middle of the set.

The Royal Gibraltar Regiment Band were the main draw and in between their numbers the "guests" took their turns. Isla St. Clair, travelling with the London Scottish party performed in the first break. Then, in the darkness, down slippery stone steps the Pipes and Drums took their places "sneaky beaky" style on the stage above Isla and burst forth with a "surprise" verse of her song "When the Piper Plays" to much applause. We played one more set in the first half, another ten minute spot in the second and all the bands squeezed on stage for the grand finale. The Corps of Drums of 2 Anglians and the Royal Gibraltar Regiment performed separately and later joined to do a particularly entertaining number using fluorescent lighting, glowing drum sticks and wearing skeleton bodysuits.

People genuinely seemed to enjoy it. "Best eight pound I spent for a long time" – Mr H. London; "Brilliant, absolutely Brilliant" – Mr A. London "Hundred Percent, Hundred Percent" – Mr C. Essex "Personally I thought the chappies in the skeleton outfits were the best" – Mr M. Surrey (oh well, you can't win them all). The audience was appreciative and for that the band is grateful. If nothing else then there are about 300 more people who know that the London Scottish exist and are still going strong.

To celebrate the occasion, many of the players and not a few of the association hit the town. One of the ex-regular soldiers rang his wife on the mobile at about midnight to say "Won't be long dear, just going out with the band for a swift half". The last thing he was heard to say before going to bed was "You don't often see the sun come up before last orders". Result: one sair heid – one very sair wifie.

The remainder of the time on Gibraltar was spent sightseeing, exploring the tunnels and being attacked by the monkeys. On the Sunday night P/M John Spooore played the first draft off for home at the Airport under a brilliant sun and in the lea of the Rock. The remainder of the party



Four Ancients in Gibraltar: 28th June 2003: David James, Charles Dobney, John Spooore, Bryan Anderson.

arrived home on Wednesday 2nd July after a few quiet days of sun and sea.

Many thanks again to Liz Foulis and Charlie Dobney for organising the trip; the flights and the hotels. Thanks also to the Band Master, WO1 Hammond who arranged things at the Gibraltar end for the Pipes and Drums. The whole expedition was a success in large part due to all the participants, Band and Regimental Association, and of course, Ron. Conclusion? It is well worth paying your ten pounds subs to Charlie Dobney to maintain your membership in the Regimental Association.

HOLLAND TRIP 19th-22nd September 2003

It is still not too late to go on this trip – there are still five places remaining. We feel sure that this tour in Holland will be of great interest, especially to World War Two 'buffs'.

Please contact Charles Dobney for further details.

A VOLUNTEER WANTED

Sadly, last year Oliver Smart passed away, he was responsible for keeping our *Gazette* Card Index Records up to date; so we are now looking for a keen volunteer to carry on this important work.

REWARDS: The possibility of learning more about the Scottish than anyone else, with many cups of tea and coffee in pleasant surroundings.

Please contact HQ re above

Cadet News – 102 (Wandering Gipsy) Platoon

The London Scottish Cadets

TIME marches on for the wandering gipsies of 102 (Bromley) Platoon, as we are still homeless. The work on our new accommodation was started in March, due to be finished 28th May, and is now at the 'We've got a few problems with contractors, it will be the end of July, maybe'. Any one who has had problems with extensions, or buying a house will know how we feel. Numbers have dropped off as we get nearer to our hoped for new home. Sgt Homes and Cadet Reardon A have both moved to the Irish Guards unit in Hayes, Sgt Lawrence, L/Cpl Flood and L/Cpl Lowe have all decided that they have had enough and 'wrapped', and lastly if anyone see's L/Cpl Eaton and Cadet White can they let me know.

However we have had a busy first half of the year, in January eight cadets helped out at the Children's party, this was followed by our first bit of green training for some time. A range weekend at Lydd helped blow some of the cobwebs away, and Sgt Homes was selected for the 10 (Kent) Cadet Regiment shooting team, and managed to win two individual runner-up medals, and two team gold medals at the sector shoot. He carried on into the London District finals and finished by shooting at the National Championships at Bisley, where he was part of the team that fought hard against the best in the land. He can be proud of his exploits, shame he will finish his last six months with the 'Micks', before joining the Regular Army after Christmas. Thanks go to WOII Pete Taggart (LDSTT) who assisted on our range weekend, I have a feeling the cadets will remember his novel way of gaining their attention on the firing point.

In April the third Glenworple Trophy Competition took place, with three teams from our near neighbours 95 (Eltham) Detachment, The London Scottish, fighting with one team from 102. C/Sgt Levitt and Sgts Turner and Gallagher can be proud of the way they have turned 95 around. They are parading 20+ cadets each week, and brought along 24 cadets for the competition including two who joined the week before.

The trophy took the form of a military skills competition this year for the first time. Each team was of eight cadets at least one of whom had to be a female. The stands that the teams went through included First Aid, air-rifle shooting, orienteering, command task, Skill at Arms and Foot drill. By the end of the first day 95B captained by L/Cpl Wendon were leading Sgt Homes team from 102 by a short head. 95B had won the shooting, orienteering and first aid. Sgt Homes had replied by winning the command task and Skill at Arms coming second in every other event.

Sunday morning was the battle royal with just the foot drill to get through, to make it fair a draw was taken to give the running order for the foot drill. 102's team going last and L/Cpl Wendons going first. With a new recruit among his team things didn't look good for 102. Sgt Homes had them practicing all morning, and by slowing down the drill he was able to produce a winning performance from the team. By winning the drill we had a tie after all events with both 95B and 102 scoring 23 points. A shoot out using lucky

targets was to be the way to separate the two. 95B were looking confident at this stage, as they had wiped the floor with 102 in the shooting on Saturday. 95B went first and didn't manage the scores of the previous day. 102 then scored three successive perfect score before recruit Lindow shot 17 to take 102 past the 95B score.

Lt Durrant took great pleasure in being able to present the trophy in his capacity as a Glenworple Highlander. It was an excellent weekend where the two London Jock units South of the river were able to make new friends which it is hoped will be a catalyst for more joint training in the future.

Easter was our next outing, only nine London Jock cadets were present at the first camp as part of 10 (Kent) Cadet Regiment, and they all faired differently, L/Cpl Durrant H gained invaluable experience on the Junior Cadet Instructors Cadre, Cadet Lindow passed his recruit course, and Cadet Charlesworth passed his one star badge. Others gained experience that should help them with their two star boards and JNCO cadres at Annual camp in August.

After Easter camp the start of the exodus began, with Cadet C/Sgt Durrant leaving as an adult only to re-appear a few weeks later as a budgie wearing member of 103 (Orpington) Platoon RRF, where she is now a potential instructor. Cadet Lindow also joined her at 103 as he would be unable to travel from Orpington to Grove Park.

After Easter the next big thing was our bi-annual trip to Capul Curig in North Wales to undertake a week of adventurous training. This entailed kayaking, mountain



Cadet Chris Taggart and former Gordon, Fred Kavanagh at the Centoph Parade, 15th June 2003.

walking, climbing, abseiling, dry slope ski-ing, mountain biking and a day out in Lundudno, which became something of an adventure for the cadets in Sgt Liz Durrant's minibus. The directions were fairly simple, drive into Bets-coyed, turn left over the five arch bridge stay on the road until you reach the junction with the A505 and turn left, stay on that road till Lundudno.

The fourteen-mile trip got a bit hairy after Sgt Durrant turned left after the five arch bridge and found her minibus going up a near vertical cliff. Even with all the cadets out and in first gear she only just reached the summit. To show it was not just luck that caused this mishap on the way back she took the wrong turning and went back by the scenic route to Lundudno, followed by the second minibus. The journey took a little over two hours more than the forty mins. allocated for it!

Other activities that the cadets have taken part in include acting as waiters at both the Glenworple Highlanders dinner and the Ancients dinner. They were out in force at the Kilted caper where they acted as wine waiters (well there were seven of them, if you only have eight that's force!) where they again enjoyed themselves tremendously. Lastly at the request of John Spooore, Cadet's Nicola Spencer, Chris Taggart and Callum Durrant all assisted at the Normandy veteran's parade at the Cenotaph. Cdts Taggart and Spencer, in kilts acted as wheelchair pushers for Fred Kavanagh, a D-Day veteran who served with 1 Gordons during the war. Cadet Durrant stayed with Fred's wife during the parade as she felt it was too hot to go on the march. There were many positive comments made towards the cadets who looked extremely smart and apart from the band of the Irish Guards and the Regular army SNCO's acting as markers were the only ones in uniform.

Our next exploits will be annual camp or moving to Grove Park, the smart money is on going to Annual first, with the move to Grove Park vying with Christmas Camp as to which comes earlier. Hopefully we will be in soon, as my next job is to arrange an official opening which we want to be attended by as many London Scots as possible to make it a memorable day for the Cadets.

I also have a space for a SNCO, so any one who is thinking of leaving the serving company, or has recently left and has no home life or mates, you too can lose all vestiges of sanity if you live in SE London by joining us at 102.

The future's bright, the future's Hodden Grey...

(Apologies to Orange)

Lt FB2

"Bassetts" 2003

OUR many thanks go to Colonel John and Heather Clemence, who were kind enough to invite members of the London Scottish to a most enjoyable lunch and tea, at their fine house and gardens at "Bassetts". Musical entertainment being provided by the P&D's. As is the norm we were blessed with very fine weather – which was even hotter than usual!

Sadly there is not enough room to put photographs in this edition – which has already been made larger than usual – but hope to put some in next time.



Cadet Callum Durrant up a wall, North Wales, 2003.

Diary of Events

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| Annual Camp | Okehampton, Devon | 6th-21st September |
| Association | Holland WW2 Trip | 19th-22nd September |
| Hallowe'en Dinner | | Friday 31st October |
| Westminster Abbey | Garden of Remembrance | Thursday 6th November |
| Church Parade | | Sunday 9th November |

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| Glasgow Branch | Annual Reunion | Saturday 8th May |
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Bosnia Calling Again – Capt R A Shaw

Come in London, this is Banja Luka Calling.

BEYOND the half-way point of the tour, the London Jocks service with 1 Highlanders in the Balkans is now turning into the home straight, nevertheless, rather than easing off the gas the operational commitments are as constant and demanding as ever. Following the history lesson of my last entry, in this submission I will report on the geography and a mixed bag of etchings about what we are doing and the conditions in which we are living and operating.

Rough Guide to Bosnia

Introduction. Bosnia and Herzegovina is a republic in South-Eastern Europe in the Balkan peninsula, bounded on the north and west by Croatia and on the east and south by Serbia and Montenegro. Formerly one of the six republics of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, it declared its independence in 1992.

Climate. Most of the Republic is characterised by hot summers and cold winters. Short cool summers and long winters are common at higher elevations. The average temperature in January is -1°C and in July is 20°C although the maximum can go to 40°. Temperatures along the Republic's short coastline are warmer, and winters are rainy.

Agriculture. Bosnia was one of the poorest republics of the former Yugoslavia. The economy is largely based on agriculture, with tobacco, cotton and fruit the major products. The war, however, has devastated much of the country's farmland. Much of the Republic's industry is located in the cities, and it is estimated that 80% of the industrial plants were destroyed. The main industries were textiles, food processing and military arms. Today Bosnia depends mostly on international aid, especially from the United Nations and the EU, though there are rich deposits of lignite, iron, copper – and hydroelectric resources.

Ethnic Groups. there are three main ethnic groups. The Muslims, descendants of Turks and of Slavs who converted to Islam when Bosnia was controlled by the Ottoman-Turks are the largest group (44%). Bosnian Serbs contribute 31% whilst Bosnian Croats make up 17% and the 8% remainder are other minorities such as Romanies.

Population. Before the war in 1991, the population was 4,124,000 with two thirds inhabiting the cities – Sarajevo (the capital), Zenica, Banja Luka and Mostar. During the war, 1.5 million people were forced to flee, and 160,000 people died in the conflict.

Religion. The Primary religions are Islam (the major religion of the ethnic Muslims), Serbian Orthodoxy (practiced by Serbs) and Roman Catholicism (practiced by Croats).

Linguistic Groups. The Serbian and Croatia languages are in the Slavic group of languages. They are very similar and used by the three Bosnian groups, including Muslims. In addition, the Serbs use the Cyrillic alphabet, while the Croats and Muslims write in Roman script.

Social Ranks. Before the war, Bosnia was a Socialist Republic where people were mostly divided according to the place where they lived or worked. Peasants in the

countryside, and labourers in the cities. Today's Bosnia is different, and social differences are much greater than before. The middle class no longer exists, there are just the rich and the poor.

Notes from a Foreign Land

The countryside is beautiful with small hamlets in between the bigger towns. There are haystacks in most fields and strange wooden pyramid structures which we tried to figure out the purpose. We concluded that they must be the skeletons for the haystacks but we never saw them half-built, as if the haystack fairy comes overnight and hey-presto. Many of the roads run alongside rivers, since the habitations are in the valleys around the rivers, but the locals insist on throwing their rubbish into the rivers and there is lots of it stuck in the undergrowth and on the banks, spoiling such a beautiful landscape.

Living conditions

The camp in Banja Luka is based around a metal manufacturing factory which was taken over by the UN and then NATO when they came into the country. It is about 400m by 200m in size and filled inside with corimecs, iso-containers, kit, vehicles and offices, with a football pitch all amongst the original metal-making machinery. Outside are purpose-built offices for the headquarters, a couple of cafes (the Brit one is called 'Tommy Tuckers'), and the corimecs. Now these are the ubiquitous metal boxes 6m x 2.5m in which we live, work, ablute or store kit. Another feature of the camp are massive palletted loads of bottled water. The local water is unsafe to drink so everyone cuts around with the bottled variety.

Pte Ian Dawson with a cache of arms.



‘Victor Two Three, Requiring EOD Assistance Now’

On a daily basis the callsigns conduct regular urban and rural patrolling. This is in order to increase situational awareness, create an SFOR footprint on the ground in that area and gather vital PIR (Priority Information Requirements). Pte Medina had one interesting moment when out patrolling around the corner of a house only to be confronted by a local who thrust a grenade into his chest! Cpl Miller also recounts a patrol near a small settlement when a London black cab passed by and all that could be heard over their PRR (Personal Role Radio) was “*Sorry, don’t go sarf of da riva guv!!*” in fluent jock-cockney. And Pte Dawson was unlucky enough to part company with the back of a moving 4 tonner, only to be almost run over by his Platoon Commander who was following in the next vehicle!

Rotating duties ensured that all had their fair share of staggering on in the four man rebro stations high in the mountains (not the most popular of duties) and acting as QRF on five minutes notice to move to an incident.

The Battle Group has been involved in a variety of operations from Cordon and Search for weapons caches; Operation Harvest (the collection of weapons and munitions); to upholding the Rule of Law; to VCPs in conjunction with the local police to prevent criminal action; anti-smuggling operations; and security for the Pope’s Visit to Banja Luka in June.

Additionally various Peace Support training enhances our operational effectiveness – evidence handling, mine awareness, aviation familiarisation and the usual suite of ITDs.

Bothers in Arms

There are three main nationalities in the Brigade – the Brits, the Canadians and the Dutch; each of which contribute one Battle Group and assorted Brigade assets, National and Support organisations; although there are one or two American and German Liaison Officers from the two other

Brigades in Bosnia, the Italian Carabinieri police force who wear swanky police kit designed by Armani (the ‘Men in Black’) and a small contingent of Aussie and NZ blokes.

It is frequently observed that ‘the world is a small place and the army even smaller’ and inevitably we have come across brothers in arms, many of whom will be familiar. Maj. Fred Moore (Toronto Scottish) is SO2 G3 Operations in Brigade and Maj. Dwayne Hobbs will be the incoming Canadian Reserve Company Commander in Bihac on the next rotation. One of my sergeants in KCoy 1/51 is now a SSgt Royal Artillery and has been in theatre for almost one year. The current Bn 2ic of the Gibraltar Regiment, Maj. Selby Macduff-Duncan, also formerly of the Red Hackle, came across to Bosnia on a recee in his capacity as their Band President.

Of the numerous high-ranking visitors (Lord Ashdown, Gen. Jackson, Gen. Fry, Gen. Reith and Brig. Young) it was Brig. Munro who remarked to the boys “*Where are you from then?*”. “*The London Scottish, Sir*” was the reply loud and bold. “*Fantastic. Were you at the Halloween Dinner?*” he asked. “*Aye, Sir, and an excellent night was had by all*” replied Cpl Miller. Brig Munro sighed “*Yes, however past 2200 hrs was a bit of a blur and had trouble with the coordination.*” OC D Coy looked on in amazement.

Let us not forget the ‘returning heroes’ who have completed their tour of duty and go back to duty with the London Regiment. Cpl Wilde has been shoring up the G2 position firstly with the Royal Scots and latterly with the Gurkha platoon in the Kotor Varos outback and he returns to prepare for (what has now become) the traditional War Studies degree at Kings College. Our other loss is Pte Dawson who after much to-ing and fro-ing trying to extend is wrenched away from the Banja Luka Ops Company. Both have provided sterling service to the Highlanders and will be sorely missed.

Hodden Grey in Bosnia

I ARRIVED in Bosnia last December with snow on the ground and little idea what I was supposed to be doing. The two weeks at Chigwell had been spent going over stuff that the RRTT teach our recruits and being stuck with needles by sadistic medics and had not really been given any info as to exactly what we would be doing. I didn’t help that when we arrived, it was half past ten at night, the temperature was -10° and C(Cobra) Coy, 1 Royal Scots was not expecting our contingent of reservists and TA wallahs. Not that they weren’t happy to see us. As with most regiments, the Royals are badly under strength, even with a handful of Fijians and South Africans to bolster their numbers. Officially, this means that the battalion has more men to spread the work around. Unofficially, this means that the regulars can go on courses while the reservists and TA take up the slack!

Once the confusion of our arrival was cleared up and we had all had interviews (mine was with coffee!) with the Coy commander Major Johnny ‘King Cobra’ Bristow, it was

straight into a three day cycle of Guard commander, patrols and fatigue parties. The next month was a steep learning curve, the main lesson being about dealing with CO’s, RSM’s, Camp Commandants and HQ Coy CSM’s who all see the Guardroom as their personal space and the Guard Commander as a fair target for all complaints, comments and random pointless tasks.

Patrols were more exciting, especially with the state of the roads in winter and the standard of the Bosnian drivers. These two are a lethal mix and there are more SFOR casualties due to RTA’s than any other causes combined. The patrols varied between driving to the local market towns and some foot patrols around remote villages. These were good because they got you away from camp and because you got to see how people lived and talk to them about their lives.

After a couple of months, I started work in the G2 (intelligence) cell (not the most obvious place for me!?!).

This was fascinating as JNCO's in the rifle platoon rarely get to see the whole picture but in the G2 cell I was able to get involved with plans and see where the battle group was going. Two weeks later, I was posted out to a platoon house and had two more weeks to settle in and get to know my way around before the Royal Scots battle group was replaced by the Highlanders battle group. The platoon that took over the platoon house was a Gurkha platoon from the reinforcement company that is with the regiment until November. This brings some interesting dynamics to the whole peacekeeping thing. They are very friendly and interested in everything that is going on around them. On one occasion, a company search operation was held up and the required speed and aggression vanished when a Gurkha section commander spent half an hour chatting to a farmer, whose house he was supposed to be searching, about cattle. We did not find any weapons on that search but we did find out that the farmer stored his meat in exactly the same way as the section commander's father in Nepal!!! The Gurkhas are very professional though and have been able to snatch some of the main players in the local mafia which has made them popular with a lot of the locals.

April saw a very welcome two-week R and R and a break from the daily slog of briefs, reports, interviews with civilians and intelligence summaries. On my return, I was pleasantly surprised to see the jug-eared commoner (Cpl Miller) and the unique figure of Capt. Shaw. Sadly due to the remoteness of the platoon house, this was the last contact I was to have with the other London Jocks in Bosnia, apart from a brief visit from Capt Shaw and his American counterpart on business (yeah, right!).

I would say that my tour in Bosnia was very successful and highly educational. I would like to think that I have come back with a better idea of what soldiering is all about and look forward to putting some of the lessons learnt into action to the benefit of 1 Platoon. The one thing that I would say to any one who wants to do a tour is this; try and do your



Cpl Wilde map reading with The Royal Scots in Fwian – somewhere in Bosnia!

first tour as a private soldier and you can keep your head down until you find your feet where ever you end up! This has been a good year for the London Jocks in terms of our support of the regular army. This shows how important we are and how important it is to keep our individual skills up as we could get called on at short notice – talk to L/Cpl Wilden!!

Strike Sure
Cpl Noel Wilde

The Future is Not That Far Away

THE country ultimately wishes stabilisation and prosperity, which is a prerequisite for entry into the EU, support for Defence Reform of the armed forces in BiH, rationalising, downsizing, reducing the number of weapons and ammunition storage sites, and training for Partnership for Peace.

On the economic front, there is a major push for privatisation and the selling off of state industry. The 'Bulldozer Committee' has already rewritten 50 pieces of obstructive legislation aimed at state and entity level at an average of one every four days. These have been ruthlessly pushed through by the High Representative, Lord Paddy Ashdown. Already, Bulldozer 2 has been instigated 'freeing up the wealth' at municipal and corporate level. Investigations of state-owned companies and the movement of money to the power structures will place additional pressure on criminals and PIFWC (Persons Indicted for War Crimes).

Under the Dayton Agreement refugees and returnees will be returned to their pre-war homes. The Krijina Serbs will go back to Croatia and their current homes will be reclaimed by their Catholic Croat owners. Many do not wish to leave and the Republica Srpska supports them staying. However, the OHR (Office of the High Representative) will heavily back the move this year which will undoubtedly lead to much tension between the ethnic groups.

SFOR is increasingly attempting to reduce its commitment to the Balkans – this will start with downsizing the Brigade of three Battle Groups to one after the next rotation. In order to achieve the necessary 'safe and secure environment' it will concentrate on a number of key areas.

On an operational level this will involve implementation of the 'MOST concept' of small monitoring teams. Ensuring 'seamless boundaries' with cross boundary operations and support within and between Brigades. Secondly, a combined assault on tackling the parallel structures with an increased

pressure on PIFWCs and their support networks; and in conjunction with the EUPM (European Union Police Mission), reinforce the 'good guys' position within the local police at the expense of the 'bad guys'. Finally supporting economic development, with CIMIC projects aimed at management support.

The road to the desired end state does contain many large obstacles and booby traps but as Fitzroy Maclean, the leader of the British Mission to support Tito and the Partisans in WW2, remarked "*Stranger things had happened in the*

Balkans!". The next two years will be a critical time for the future of BiH. With the gradual withdrawal of SFOR the country will be expected to stand on its own two feet and live up to the responsibilities of a modern Western European country. If it fails there is always a very real chance of slipping over the precipice into the spiral of crime and corruption and another bout of civil war and its associated atrocities. The world will be watching anxiously...

Banja Luka, Out.

Ruins in Bosnia. ▼



London Scottish Welcome the FANY

THE London Scottish Regiment gave a fabulous welcome reception to the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) on May 28 2003. The FANY was previously based at the Duke of York's headquarters in Chelsea and from day one was made to feel at home at the TA Centre in Horseferry Road.

Many members of the FANY were delighted to attend: from Mrs Lynda Rose, Corps Commander; to new recruits as well as several members of FANY's Advisory Council. Their hosts included London Scottish Regiment's CO Lt Col Jeremy Mooney, other senior officers, Trustees and a mix of members that included Pipes and Drums.

London Scottish had set up a competition for pipers to compose a tune for the FANY. The winner was Piper

Sandy Gibbs who was presented during the evening with his winning cheque by Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter who added a short speech to the welcome already given by ex-Regt. Col. John Clemence standing in for Col. Henwood. A reply of appreciation, on behalf of the Corps, was given by FANY's C.O. Mrs Lynda Rose, who was later presented with the framed manuscript of the composition.

The Regiment and Corps mixed well during the lively and enjoyable evening and will no doubt be good neighbours in the future.

Georgina Frank
FANY PRO

FANY Reception 28th May 2003



The two main players – CO Lynda Rose and Colonel John Clemence.



Kathryn Lynch, Charles Dobney, Annie Hamilton.



Training Officer Sandra Webb, Alex Muir, Stuart Hedley.



Major David Rankin-Hunt, Colonel Peter Cook, Major Richard Robinson.



Kate Pink, Emma Carpenter, Annie Hamilton, Georgina Frank PR.



Sumitra Tikaram QM, Alan Morris, Rachel Wyatt-Smith, John Hudson, Carmella Troise.



Eyvor Fogarty, Venla Freeman, Kaite Garrrod, Advisory Council Member, Angela Mortimer, MO, Dr Anne Riches, Caroline Adelnmann.



Gill King, Eyvor Fogarty, Gill King, Rachel Wyatt-Smith, Carmella Troise.



Piper 'Sandy' Gibbs presents his pipe tune composed for the FANYs to their CO Lynda Rose. Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter is in the background.



Members of the FANY who went to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 28th July 2003. A painting of their Commandant-in-Chief, The Princess Royal is in the background.

Some Photographs from Afghanistan



The old British Embassy in Kabul.



Afghan houses from the air.

Canteen Chat

TA soldiers of Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers have been called-up to help rebuild towns in Iraq.

IT is rumoured that three Royal Irish Regiment Battalions will be disbanded as further concessions to the IRA.

LORD Robertson has obtained a position as a director with Cable & Wireless.

GENERAL Sir Mike Walker in his first interview since becoming CDS has stated NATO is the only show in town ... Euro Force must not go it alone.

OUR many congratulations go to Alison Holliday who was married to Mr Scott Laird at Tain on May 3rd. We wish them a happy life together in NSW Australia and that Alison will find the weather more agreeable than the UK.

A FIRM which has supplied boots to the Army has had to go into administration.

A CAMPAIGN has been started for a new war memorial in Dunkeld as the original one was built on a steep hill and is now inaccessible to many veterans.

IN the TA SKILL AT ARMS held in June a L/Cpl A. Chapman of the London Regiment won the Queen's medal. 51st Highland were second in the Champion Unit Competition.

A SOMME Centre is being built in the shadow of the Thiepval Memorial to the missing. This is an Anglo-French project and it will enable visitors to trace the last resting place of their relatives who died during the Battle of the Somme.

YOUR Editor was greatly saddened by the death of the six Military Policemen in Iraq, as he had served in their corps during National Service 50 years ago.

A REPORT states that 200,000 demobilised Iraqi soldiers are going to be paid by the coalition. The British are operating a scheme for 8,000 near Basra. We wonder where the money will be coming from!!

ISLA St Clair was seen on a TV Celebrity 'Weakest Link' in June, but unfortunately didn't do too well.

INVERALMOND Brewery suppliers of Ossians Ale and Lia Fail premium bitter to the canteen have recently won three national awards for their products. They already supply to Europe and have now had their first order for Ossians Ale from the US. It must be good stuff!

IT is hard to believe that 100s of Kenyan woman are suing MoD because they said that they were raped by British Troops in the 60s.

A VICTORIA Cross won by an officer during the Indian Mutiny fetched nearly £130,000 at auction in June.

THE George Cross has been awarded to a Sgt in the SAS. It is believed that it was for gallantry during an incident in Afghanistan.

WE were sorry to hear that Bob Jones had to have an operation for appendicitis. We believe that he is making a steady recovery.

WE regret to announce the death of Mrs Vera Cowie, widow of the late Piper Bill Cowie (1st Bn. P&D's 1939-45). She was 86 and died in hospital recently.

CLARENCE HOUSE was opened to the public on August 5th – many items of the late Queen Mother's extensive art collection were on show; and souvenirs of the visit were on sale.

WITH modern technology TV has now produced a series 'WW1 in Colour.' It is believed there was a shot of the London Scottish wearing grey kilts – rather than Hodden Grey – but we must not complain.

THE AMERICANS are having more soldiers killed 'winning the peace' in Iraq than they lost 'winning the war'. How long are they prepared to put up with this? The British Troops seem to have more finesse in dealing with the Iraqis and have suffered less casualties.

IT is good news for BAE Systems that they have been awarded a contract for 20 Hawk Aircraft Advanced Trainers.

GUY Lindsell Stewart from South Africa has been back in the UK visiting family and friends, but unfortunately was unable to visit HQ.

IT was an amazing feat by the Austrian who glided across the channel with the aid of carbon fibre wings – no doubt this will interest the military. Specialist parachutists could be dropped several miles from their target undetected and then glide in before opening their shutes – but they would have to be good navigators!

WE were sorry to hear that J. S. (Wally) Williams has not been feeling too good recently. We all wish him well and that he gets better soon.

Matter intended for publication in the December issue must reach the Editor by the first Tuesday of November 2003, and should be addressed to the Editor, at 95 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2DX.

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LORD Robertson was interviewed for *Saga Magazine* and the title given to the article was *The World's Policeman*.

ALSO in the same magazine was an article on the late Queen Mother's Castle of Mey which became her beloved holiday home for the rest of her life.

A REMINDER that the Royal British Legion are having a **PEDAL TO PARIS** from 4th - 7th September and perhaps younger London Scots would like to take part in this worthy cause?

ONE estimate is that British Troops will be staying in Iraq for another four years – another for ten years.

OLD COMRADES may like to be reminded that the bar is open each third Wednesday at HQ at midday.

60 YEARS AGO The 1st Battalion were in action during the Sicilian Campaign and an extract from the Regimental History read as follows:

A COMPANY was, therefore, the first sub unit of the Battalion to go into action against the Bosche in the 1939-45 War, and the small action which they fought early on the morning of July 17 was a most gallant and skilfully fought

operation. Lieut. J. H. Gillans's platoon particularly distinguished itself, and for the loss of only one man killed, the Company captured 12 officers and 160 other ranks of the Hermann Goering Division, and 111 Luftwaffe (Paratroops) Regiment. For their part in the action Captain H. R. R. Attwooll and Lieut. J. H. Gillan were subsequently awarded the M.C. and Private A. Proctor the M.M.

AMONG those sighted at HQ this quarter were: Regimental Colonel, Chris Adams, Bryan Alderson, Jim Barnard, Ted Beattie, Gareth Blyth, Peter Brodie-Fraser, Alex Callender, Ron Catlin, John Clemence, "Compo", Bill Conolly, Charles Dobney, Murdo Durrant, Stephen Fay, Martin Felstead, Liz and Nobby Foulis, Roger Glancefield, David Henderson, Les Hunt, David James, Bob Jones, Pete Jones, Graham Kellas, Pat King, Jack Laird, Norman Lennie, Steve Lovelock, Chris Macpherson, Alan Morris, Alan Neale, Alan Niekirk, Tom Nicholls, Mark Ormiston, Cyril Phelps, Ernie Pooley, David Roberts, Charles Redman, Len Rose, Ted Silvester, John Spooore, Pete Taggart, George Tidey, "Tomo" Tomlins, Clem Webb, Brian Welsh, Ron Younger.



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"BASSETTS" Our charming hostess, Heather Clemence.

Notes – Autumn 2003

ANOTHER eventful period for the Association since the last *Gazette*. Alan Morris organised another successful 'boot sale' on the 1st Tuesday in May which attracted much interest, not least from his carefully preserved collection of lapel badges circa mid 70s which brought memories flooding back. 1st Tuesday's continue to attract a mix of the regular and not so regular and it is always good to see old faces after a period of absence. It was particularly good to see 'Tommo' Tomlins back in his spiritual home after a long absence battling illness. Martin Wilson was back in town in August and was joined by Reg Renwick, David James, Bill Edmundson, Bob Harman and myself for a splendid meal at the Naval and Military (aka 'In and Out') Club in St. James. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all, with much reminiscing. As I write this Colonel John and Heather Clemence are making the last minute preparations for their Summer Soiree for Association members at 'Bassetts' and the weather forecast looks glorious. A most enjoyable afternoon in the offing I'm sure.

The Isla St. Clair concert took place on 19th June to a packed sunlit drill hall. An enchanting selection of familiar and not so familiar Scottish folk music was complemented by a first class set from the Pipes and Drums. This was the first time I had heard Miss St Clair perform and I thought the whole evening was splendid. I certainly recommend it to

those who have yet to support what seems to be becoming an annual event.

The principal event of the past quarter was the Regimental Association trip to Gibraltar to support the Pipes and Drums in a weekend of musical events on the Rock also featuring Isla St Clair. Whilst I unfortunately could not attend I know from speaking to those who did that a superb time was had by all. A detailed account of the trip is to be found elsewhere in this issue. We are now looking forward to a similarly successful trip to Holland in September. On the subject of future events we intend to repeat last year's successful last First Tuesday of the year with another military lecture for the first Tuesday in December followed by a buffet in the canteen. Make a note in your diary now.

Bob Harman continues to work on arrangements for the proposed return to Messines next year. Whilst details have yet to be confirmed June would appear to be the most likely time. Details will be announced once known.

As this will be the last *Gazette* issue before Hallowe'en and Church Parade can I encourage you all to support both events with a good Association turnout.

Yours aye
Steve Lovelock

The Ancients

THE AGM of The Ancients was held in the Library at RHQ, on Monday 12th May at 1900 hrs. Our main business was to elect our officers for the coming year. Brother Colin Granger is to be Mine Ancient, Brother Neil McTavish is Vice Mine Ancient and Brother "Split" Waterman is Scrivener.

Our other task was to Rejoice, Jubilate and generally congratulate ourselves on winning the Gibson Trophy at the Sgts' Mess Wapenshaw, after umpteen years of dismal failures.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 13th October.

H. J. W.

Bring and Buy Sale

ONCE again, the Benevolent Fund Committee extend their thanks and appreciation to Alan Morris for organising the 'bring and buy stall'. To date this has raised £305 for the Benevolent Fund, with the possibility of a further £50-£100, depending on the skill of Barney, and his contacts in the antique trade.

Alan has a very arduous task, in running this "boot sale", not only does he man the stall, but has the hard work in pricing the items, and disposing of unsaleable goods.

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Glasgow Branch, Annual Reunion Lunch – May 2003

IT is no exaggeration to say that this year's lunch at the Ramada Jarvis Glasgow Hotel was an extremely pleasant and jocular affair, thanks to the hotel's standard of service and, without doubt, those attending.

Despite a fairly large number of weel kent faces being missing, numbers were up from last year to 38 members, their ladies and friends, including Harry Gordon Slade, Alan Neale with his wife Zena from London, and other first-time faces.

The Very Rev Dr John McIndoe set the ball rolling by a Grace which reflected on current events and absent friends. The Chairman's proposal of the Loyal Toast preceded the comfort break during which Bob Harman plied his excellent stock of Regimental wares. Sandy Baigrie piped the recall and followed this with a rousing set, which had the assembled company singing and humming to some of the tunes.

Marie Galbraith covered apologies for absence received from Dallas and Pat Allardyce, Mary Cleland, who had generously donated a bottle of Hodden Grey for the company to enjoy, David and Sheila Henderson, Colonel Richard and Gillian Holliday, Steve Lovelock, Jimmy and Betty McCabe, John and Eci MacKay, Hamish Sutherland, Colonel Stephen Henwood and Colonel the Lord Robertson. Marie also asked Bob Harman to pass on our thanks for a very generous grant towards the cost of the lunch from the Regimental Association and the Regimental Trust.

In respect of the Silent Toast, the Chairman spoke of the Regimental family and those no longer with us. Following the toast, David McArthur delivered the address to the ladies. He took the opportunity to tell of medical staff for whom he has some responsibility, on service in the Gulf, some of whom had received injuries when the Iraqis "mistakenly" mortar-bombed the military hospital area. Dorothy Lynam gave a most gracious reply, which highlighted the fact that from its inception 67 years ago, the Glasgow branch had always welcomed the ladies and treated them very well at various functions.

In the absence of our Regimental Colonels, Bob Harman responded to the Toast to the Regiment with a very extensive and detailed account of Regimental activities. Among many matters this covered: the members of the serving company on active service in the Gulf and Kosovo; the adornment of the Drill Hall with 116 clan crests from the Caledonian School Bushey; the residence at 95 of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps); some recent and future activities, including a visit in 2004 to Messines to mark the 90th anniversary of the first Battle of Ypres; as a boost to Scotland's exports, statistics which showed the Regiment had consumed some 104,400 drams of Hodden Grey; and that the canteen also stocks bottles of the excellent ales brewed by our very own Ken Duncan at the Inveralmond Brewery, Perth.

The Chairman gave thanks to the hotel and its staff, Dr McIndoe, Sandy Baigrie, members, and most especially Marie Galbraith. He expressed the hope of seeing everyone again next year.

The reunion concluded with Auld Lang Syne which, in the absence of Hamish Sutherland and mindful of the recent debate and research, followed the version published in the Spring 2002 edition of the *Gazette* and the HQ practice of individual volunteers singing the first four verses.

ERIC BEE

Those attending were: Mairead Anderson, Sandy Baigrie, Eric Bee, Jack and Georgie Cameron, William Crowe, Ken Duncan and Arlene Baird, Margaret Duncan, Bob and Christine Drylie, Marie Galbraith, Alistair and Sara Gemmell, Margaret Hannah, Bob and Meg Harman, Colin Hutcheson, Alastair Kinloch, Helen Kinloch, Eric and Gwen Leach, Patrick Layden, Dorothy Lynam, David McArthur, Ian and Janet McLuckie, Dr John and Eve McIndoe, Alan and Zena Neale, Eric and Irene Ostman, Alex Rennie, Hector Robertson, Ian and Sylvia Scott and Harry Gordon Slade.

Returns to the Library

THE following books have been taken on loan from the Regimental Library and there seems to be no record of them having been returned.

Would the borrowers kindly arrange either for the books to be returned or for the Librarian to extend the loan.

| BOOK TITLE | BORROWER | DATE BORROWED |
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| Allied Forces in Italy | John Haynes | 01.10.2002 |
| British Regts' 1914-18 | G.L. Blyth | 29.01.2003 |
| Uniforms of Yeo. Regts' | G.L. Blyth | 29.01.2003 |
| Regtl Records 1660-1901 | Pte O'Brien | 18.02.2003 |
| The Scottish Regts | Pte O'Brien | 18.02.2003 |
| Perth Special Day | Compo | 18.02.2003 |
| First of Few | Compo | 18.02.2003 |

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HALLOWE'EN
2003

Friday 31st October
at No 95

Chief Guest:

Lt Gen Air Alistair Irwin, KCB, CBE, Colonel
Commandant The Scottish Division

FANY Reception 28th May 2003



Hector Robertson, Mairead Anderson, Patrick Layden, Colin Hutchesson.



David McArthur, Meg Harman, Eric Bee.



Alan Neale, Zena Neale, Eric Leach, Gwen Leach.



Sandy Baigrie, Christine Drylie, Bob Drylie, Dorothy Lynham.

London Scottish Sergeants' Mess Wapenshaw – 10th May 2003

FOR several years the Sergeants' Mess was fortunate enough to be able to use the Artists' Rifles Clubhouse at Bisley for the annual Wapenshaw. This was cosy and just about the right size for the numbers of people attending. Sadly, in 2001, this facility closed its doors and, dispossessed once again, we wandered homeless in the Wapenshaw Wilderness for a couple of years. So, after a two year hiatus, it was good to have this fine recreational event held once more, this time based at the H.A.C. Shooting Lodge, right next door to the old London Scottish Clubhouse where so many of us had life changing experiences in days gone by. This year 18 Mess members and their guests, a total of 35, came together to contest the spoils on the range and enjoy dinner and each other's company in the salubrious surroundings of the oldest unit of the British Army.

Having overcome various administrative difficulties with the National Rifle Association, our civilian club status, the weapons and butt markers, or at least so I thought at the time, the assembled throng moved off to the 300 and 500 yard firing points where "two sighters and seven rounds to count" was the order of the day for the afternoon's activity. As we are no longer permitted to use army weapons we had to make do with four rather nice 7.62mm target rifles hired from the N.R.A. Further confusion caused by the absence of butt markers was overcome by the efforts of a splendid body of handpicked volunteers who had a great afternoon hauling targets up and down – just like the old days – well at least we were out of the biting chill that had come across the ranges – thanks to Messrs Pendleton, Challis and Llewelyn, three of the "Hazelwick four" and veterans of many Wapenshaws. Several optimistic contestants rued the day that they had decided to trust in the weather and turned out in just shorts and tee shirts. I believe warming libations were called for at frequent and regular intervals to help stave off the onset of exposure, or at least numb the affected parts sufficiently for the victims to survive the afternoon.

As is traditional at this event after a shaky start we soon got into our stride and just about managed to get all of the competitors through the shooting detail in time to adjourn

back to base for a change of clothing and a snifter or two before dinner. The evening was presided over by the senior mess member present, Alan Morris, who used several cunning ploys to take wine with all assembled including Neil MacTavish who had travelled down all the way from Ecosse, and Roger Carlile, whose son, Iain, is currently serving in the HAC! The meal was a splendid affair and we were done very proud by the HAC Steward, Tina Blackledge, who put before us a menu that included Haggis and some very fine roast beef.

Due to a late change of training schedule we had an unfortunate shortage of serving mess members. To balance things up the rules of the shooting competitions were curved if not actually bent to allow young Murdo to compete as a serving Sergeant even though he is actually a serving Lieutenant in the ACF, but no matter. Although competition between him and Pete Taggart for that finest of trophies, the Wooden Spoon, was fierce, Murdo emerged triumphant (?) and he now has the honour of being the only winner of commissioned rank. More evidence, if it were needed, of the decline in standards in this modern world! Where will it all end...

Martin Felstead

Shooting Results for 2003

Chick Shield Steve Hirlehey (55.1)
(Highest Score – Mess Member – gun score)

Darling Cup C/Sgt Geoff Hetherington (44)
(Highest Score – Serving Sergeants – gun score)

Wooden Spoon Lieut Murdo Durrant (25)
(Lowest Score – Serving Sergeants – gun score)

Gibson Rose Bowl Ancients
(Ancients/Serving Sergeants/Ex-Sergeants Teams)

Fingringhoe Cup Richard Stanley (50.1)
(Highest Score – Guest)

Handicap Competition Richard Stanley (70.1)

WO2 Pete Taggart, 2Lt Murdo Durrant, ACF, Dave, guest of Pete Taggart.



Sgts' Mess Wapenshaw, Bisley 10th May 2003



Ian King, Pete Taggart, Murdo Durrant, Andy Hunter, Alan Morris, Peter Brodie-Fraser, Graham Kellas, Martin Felstead, Neil McTavish, Roger Carlile, Steve Hirlehey, Mark Ormiston, Mark Randall, Ian Robertson, Geoff Hetherington.



Andy Hunter, (guest), Neil McTavish, Peter Brodie-Fraser, Graham Kellas, David Franklin, Murdo Durrant.

The Royal Scottish Corporation

THIS year marks the 400th anniversary of the Royal Scottish Corporation, and to celebrate, an event was held in Covent Garden West Piazza on 12th June 2003. The occasion was also used to publicise the launch of *Scotsline* (a helpline for Scots in London), a new information and advice centre, together with the official History of the Corporation.

Scottish musicians and dancers gave a fine display, and following this London Scottish Pipe Major Jim McLucas piped the President, Sir Thomas Macpherson and the Scottish Advocate General, Linda Clark to the Piazza: The original main guest Helen Liddell, the Secretary of State for Scotland, was unable to attend, as she had just resigned her position.

Sir Thomas made an address, giving a brief history of the Royal Scottish Corporation, and then introduced the Scottish Advocate General, Linda Clark. Following this, the party returned to the Royal Scottish building at 37 King Street; where the Scottish Advocate General performed the official re-opening of the refurbished building, by cutting a blue ribbon: Following this, there was a reception for 100 invited guests.

Details of the Royal Scottish Corporation objectives and a brief history is given below:

A British charity celebrating its 400th anniversary this year the Corporation intends to mark the occasion by

P/M Jim McLucas pipes the Scottish Advocate General Linda Clark; Sir Thomas Macpherson, President; Wylie White, Chairman; to the Royal Scottish Corporation, 37 King Street, from Covent Garden West Piazza.



Linda Clark, the Scottish Advocate General cuts the ribbon at the refurbished Royal Scottish Corporation building.

launching its new strategy incorporating new services for Scots in London.

The Royal Scottish Corporation, which helps people in Greater London with a Scottish connection, is marking the anniversary with a dynamic new strategy to modernise and expand.

The Corporation is justly proud of its reputation for helping Scots in need, hardship or distress over the past four centuries. It is a sad reflection on our times that much more of this vital work remains to be done. To achieve this, we now have in place a strategy to reach out to even more Scots in the capital who have fallen upon hard times.

The Corporation, the oldest Scottish charity outside Scotland, traces its origins to the Union of the Crowns on this day in 1603 when King James VI of Scotland became James I of England. Scots who followed him to London and prospered helped their less fortunate countrymen, a tradition it continues today.

The Corporation, which has helped over a million people since its founding, supports anyone in need within 35 miles of Charing Cross born in Scotland, with a Scots-born parent or the widow of a spouse born in Scotland, irrespective of other factors like colour or religion.

In 2002, it spent £1.3 million helping more than 1,200 people and their families with everything from grants for students to sheltered housing for the elderly and disabled.

The new strategy focuses on low-income individuals in three groups: older people and those with disabilities, people of working age, and students.

The Corporation is to launch Scotsline, a freephone service (0800 652 2989) for Scots to call in times of need, and is stepping up fundraising by developing a network of potential corporate sponsors.

The Corporation has also invested in improving its services through the provision of an information and advice centre at Covent Garden.

The Royal Scottish Corporation: history

The Royal Scottish Corporation dates its origins from the accession of King James I in 1603 and was first incorporated by royal charter in 1665. It is the oldest Scottish charity outside Scotland and one of the oldest in Britain.

Its royal charters, a number of key masters, presidents and other significant benefactors at crucial times in its history, together with sound property deals and equity investment decisions since the late 18th Century, have ensured the charity's survival for four centuries.

The charity estimates that it has helped over a million London Scots as its history has mirrored evolving social issues and trends in the capital which have affected the elderly, the disabled, the widowed and the orphaned.

The Corporation evolved from an earlier mutual aid society or box club called the Scots Box which had been established soon after 1603 to help impoverished Scottish merchants and craftsmen, especially tailors, who were not entitled to parish relief in London. It was described in the early 18th Century as having been the first of its kind in the city.

Incorporated as the Scottish Hospital in 1665, the charity nursed and buried more than 300 Scots who died in London's Great Plague. After the Great Fire in 1666 it built and opened its workhouse and hospital in 1673 for poor Scots artisans who could no longer work and also trained their orphan children in manual skills.

By the beginning of the 18th Century the hospital had closed and subscribing Scots were helped in their own homes as "out-patients" and "out-pensioners". The Corporation became a real focus for Scots in London and the East India Company once the Duke of Montrose took over as a rejuvenating president at the end of 1781.

The charity continued to grow in stature as the Duke of Clarence, the future William IV, became an active first royal president in 1813 and patron upon his accession in 1830. Queen Victoria and Edward VII were also active royal benefactors. Queen Elizabeth continues the tradition as Patron.

During the 19th and early 20th Centuries the charity continued to attract philanthropic Scots in London to its cause, including three Archbishops of Canterbury as honorary chaplains and several Scots Lord Mayors of the City of London. Sir Walter Scott, the light house engineer Robert Stevenson, Lord Lister, the founder of antiseptic surgery, and shipping magnate Sir Donald Currie, were among other benefactors and vice-presidents.

In 1973 it sold its premises at Crane Court near Fetter Lane in Fleet Street to release capital for charitable housing activities and moved to its present site at King Street, Covent Garden in 1974.

The building has recently been extensively refurbished, with the establishment of an information and advice centre for Scots in London incorporated within the new design.

On June 12th 2003, the Corporation produced a 20-page colour brochure outlining its long tradition of providing assistance and support to Scots in London. It will also produce a full and detailed written history in time for St. Andrew's Day 2003.

Pipe Major Jim McLucas bearing the Royal Scottish Corporation Pipe Banner at 37 King Street.





This is the Christmas card of this year – Members of the London Scottish Regiment, circa 1908.



Further to last quarter's Gazette, this is Jack Hague, the London Scot whose name is on the Ackworth War Memorial aged 19.

CORRESPONDENCE

CONVERSATION PIECE

Dear Clem
 Paying a bill after a meal, I thought I recognised the accent of the young lady at the till.
 Where do you come from?
 Aberdeen
 Ah! The Gordon Highlanders
 The what?
 The Gordon Highlanders
 Do you know the Brig O Don?
 Aye
 But you have never heard of the Gordon Highlanders?
 No
 How old are you?
 Sixteen
 Did you not learn anything at school about the two wars, the Great War and the 39/45 war?
 Aye, yes, I understand! THE MILITARY!! (This spoken in true Hollywood fashion).
 End of conversation. She on her duties

quite happily and me to get into my box for the lid to be firmly screwed down!

Yours aye
 Colin Duff
 15 Holmesdale Park
 Cooper Hill Road
 Nutfield
 Surrey RH1 4NW

OBITUARY POSTSCRIPTS

Dear Clem,
 Just a postscript to two of the obituaries in the current *Gazette*:

Maxie (W.R.M. Maxwell). Public school educated, somewhat of a military misfit, he remained a private throughout the war, yet stuck it out honourably in a rifle company. He was a true London Scot, and a gentleman.

Johnnie Paddison. I remember Christmas dinner at Pola in 1945, Colonel Leask came round to the OR's tables and, traditionally, asked "Any

Complaints?" "Yes, Sir" said Johnnie Paddison, "this isn't cooked", and, unbuttoning his battledress blouse, he released a dove which fluttered nervously above the table. Another great first battalion character gone...

Sorry I missed the reunion lunch. Hope to pop up at Church Parade – not to march (my legs no longer under full control would probably cause the Regimental Association squad to disintegrate!) – but to watch and listen.

Barbara is on another course of chemotherapy now, and we are hoping that this may lead to another period of remission. She's fighting hard, eats well, goes swimming and to the gym, and this positive attitude is helping a lot.

Best wishes to Bob, Alan and Yourself.

Yours aye
 Keith Spooner.
 24, Dennis Road,
 Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3NS
 Tel: 01579 347260

ISLA ST. CLAIR

Dear Mr. King

Thank you for inviting a group of residents plus escorts to a spectacular evening on Thursday 19th June at the London Scottish Headquarters. The fact that, to gain entrance in a wheelchair, there was a small mountain to climb like about eight steps did not deter any of your colleagues; they lifted the chairs with occupants, as if they were a small child. The residents had no time to feel afraid and this process had to be reversed at the end of the evening, so thank you for this group of people who made it possible for us to attend.

The whole programme from the start to finish was superb. Isla St. Clair, alongside the Gordon Gunn Band from Caithness, with special guests from the Regimental Pipers of the London Scottish, complemented each other. It was evident from the moment Isla came on to the stage that she was a really nice person, her natural friendliness spread throughout the hall and made everybody

immediately warm to her. How many people can sing without being accompanied and not just sing but to infiltrate into our hearts as she did?

I purchased a CD of Isla's during the evening and I have already played it frequently, usually late in the evening. If I am not careful I will wear it out and I will be back in touch to buy a new one!

You very kindly mentioned that, when possible, Isla would be willing to come to the Royal Star & Garter Home to offer the residents a concert. This would be much appreciated. With 170+ residents, you can be assured of a great welcome. I hope that this will be feasible and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, thank you again for such a happy evening, one of which the residents who participated are still talking about.

Yours sincerely
Dorothy Crisp (Mrs)
Welfare Officer



Isla St. Clair giving us a song at the concert held on 19 June.



Isla St. Clair, The Gordon Gunn Band from Caithnes, and Regimental Pipers.

THOMAS A. MACDONALD

Dear Mr Harman,

I was so grateful to receive the *Regimental Gazette* containing the obituary of my husband Thomas.

I noticed that William Van Pragh was also mentioned in this addition. Being an uncommon name, I wondered at first whether it could be a relative, but reading on realized that he was the same man my husband had spoken of in the past, remembering his bravery and devotion

to his post as a Medical Orderly.

I am sure the families and friends of all those mentioned in this section of the *Gazette* experience a feeling of comfort and pride, and I would like to thank you for the hard work you put towards the production.

Yours sincerely
Ellen Macdonald
5 Auldcastle Road
Inverness IV2 3PZ

THE QUEEN MOTHER BOOKLET

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and everybody concerned in publishing the wonderful picture book of our Honorary Colonel, The Queen Mother.

My young grand daughter has made claims on this already, which I shall keep with the rest of my memorabilia of my time with the "London Scottish".

I do hope you understand my scribble, this caused by 'Parkinson's' disease, which is not very helpful when writing.

It made my day when I saw the picture of my CO Colonel Bennett, to me an absolute gentleman. Also Captain MacLeod; he was my drill Sgt when I joined the London Scottish at Folkestone in February 1940.

I was in the Parade at Broome Park for the then Queen. Happy Days.

Yours aye
'Strike Sure'
Fred Quartermaine
1 Ardley Close
Ruislip
Middlesex

FROM MEDALS TO AFGHANISTAN

Dear Clem

Thank you for your letter, received this week. My Father said you had phoned regarding the auction. The items I managed to secure were the following.
George Medal To W Crease
WW2 MM Group To Martin
TFWM To Graham
Vol Force LSM To Martin

I bid on the following but did not get them.

DCM group to Sanderson

VD pair Hampton

Trio to Holme

Afghanistan is like going back in time. The houses are made from a mixture of mud and straw. There is no sewage or running water. The houses have a small hole at ground level and they throw all their sewage and dirty water into the streets. I have been about quite a bit, I have been to the old Russian airbase at Bagram a number of times, and Mazar-I-Sherif twice. Will be going there again. I have taken lots of interesting pictures. I visited the old British Military cemetery in Kabul, casualties from the 1800s buried there.

We have had a grenade attack on our camp about three weeks ago; it exploded about 50 metres away from me. One soldier (TA Royal Rifle Volunteers) slightly wounded by shrapnel in the hand. The suicide car bomb yesterday was 500 to 600 metres from our camp that killed 4 Germans and wounded many more; they are expecting the death toll to rise. The



RQMS John Eagle in Afghanistan.

explosion was massive, followed shortly by a big mushroom cloud of smoke. We had a lot of the German wounded treated in our camp. So as you can see I have had an interesting tour so far. We have just been told we are off to Iraq in October/November time, so should be back in the UK about eight weeks before redeploying to Iraq! I am back in the UK for two weeks from the 23rd of June for R&R. I will try to get up to RHQ with some photos if you want to do something for the *Gazette*.

Best wishes

John

PS Badge enclosed for the Museum if they want it. ISAF International Security Assistance Force.

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Pte G.H. Martin's citation read as follows:

M.M. *London Gazette* 23rd December 1943. The recommendation states: 'During the attack on 12th August 1943 on an enemy post just North East of St. Venerina, one man of 'A' Company was badly wounded. Private Martin, under heavy machine-gun fire went out and tried to recover him, but discovered when he eventually got there that he had died. Two days later at Macchia, the Company were under heavy mortar and shell fire. Two men were killed and eight wounded at the outset. Private Martin showed the greatest gallantry in going to and fro under heavy fire, giving first aid and with the help of other Stretcher Bearers, in getting all the wounded back under cover. He showed throughout complete disregard for his own safety, and by his great example and devotion to duty so inspired those working with him that all the casualties were brought to shelter.'

THE ROYAL GIBRALTAR REGIMENT

by the sound of the pipes.

That evening they also performed at St. Michael's Cave at the Midsummer Musical Spectacular. Not one single empty seat could be found. Together with the outstanding performance of Ms. Isla St. Clair the London Scottish Pipes and Drums introduced a very 'savoury' Highland flavour to the event.

I just hope that the musicians enjoyed their visit to Gibraltar as much as I enjoyed their performances. The events were planned to take place at the same time as the visit of the Inspectorate of

Corps of Army Music who were very impressed with what they saw.

I could not close this letter without making mention of the Association Members who accompanied the Pipes and Drums and were very evident throughout the visit getting involved with our own association and proving to be such worthy ambassadors of the London Scottish Regiment.

Once again my congratulations to all involved in the visit and my most sincere thank you for allowing the Pipes and Drums to visit Gibraltar.

Yours Ever, Col Randall

THE REGIMENTAL GAZETTE

Dear Mr Webb

This is just to let you know that I have moved from "Cobblers" 7 Peverell Road, to the following address.

Thank you so much for continuing to

send this to widows – it is much appreciated. The Regiment was so much a part of our lives when our husband was involved

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Joan Ford

"Brioni" Cottage, 23a The Gue
Porthleven, Helston
Cornwall TR13 9DN

OBITUARY

RONALD EDWARD WARLOW TD

WE regret to have to advise that Ronald Edward Warlow passed away on July 2nd at his home in Chelsea, aged 95.

"Ronnie" was a regular attender at Gordon Highlander Dinners and the London Scottish Officers Dinner Club. He was sometimes seen in Victoria Street at the time of our Church Parade,

waiting for the return of the London Scottish from St. Columba's.

We give below in his own words a 'brief history' of his life:

Born: May 13, 1908 at Twickenham, Middx.

Married: June 1944 – Maria de la Luz Arbuthnot-Leslie, daughter of Don

Guillermo de Landa y Escandon, formerly Governor of Mexico City. Marriage dissolved 1951 amicably by mutual consent. Remained life long friends.

Married: December 1952 – Louise Cockburn, widow of Major Gilbert Cockburn, DSO, MC, Royal Irish

OFFICERS OF THE LONDON SCOTTISH. BARNARD CASTLE, 1952.



Back row: Lt N. N. Thorogood, NS officer, 2Lt T. G. Hutson, Lt J. J. Allen, Lt C. Cumming, Lt M. Gillespie, 2Lt J. B. Ure, Lt R. B. Cantile, Lt F. E. Thorne. Middle row: NS officer, Lt I. F. King, Capt T. R. S. Lyon, Maj R. E. Warlow TD, Capt D. McI. Ramsey, Capt J. A. Hewson, Lt M. J. Leighton. Bottom row: Maj J. E. Cameron MBE, TD, Maj A. G. Close, Lt Col A. M. Borthwick MC, Col R. J. L. Ogilby DSO DL, Dr R. F. V. Scott DD, Maj D. V. Penman TD, Capt I. C. S. Munro, Maj D. Ord MBE.

Fusiliers, and the daughter of James Maitland-Gordon of Kenmure Castle, New Galloway and his wife Trenna Curwen (Workington Hall, Cumbria).

Residence: Flat One, 28 Elm Park Gardens, Chelsea, London, SW10 9NZ, since September 1952. Telephone 0171 352 5425.

Education: Mall School Preparatory, Twickenham 1915-1919, Bedford School 1919-1926, where I distinguished myself neither scholastically or in games – with the exception of Boxing, Fives and Cross Country Running.

Professional Life (Part 1)

1926-1931 Articled to Cyril Nathan of Howard Howes & Co. Chartered Accountants, London, WC2. A happy five years during which time passed both his Intermediate and Final Examinations first time – to the surprise of his Principal, his family, his friends, not least himself.

1931-1932 Haskins & Sells European Staff based in London, where he got “the bug” for international accountancy, which had been previously fostered by Cyril Nathan.

1932-1933 Guy M. Chantry & Co. – Senior Audit Assistant.

1934-1939 In practice on own account as R. E. Warlow & Co., Chartered Accountants at 48 Gresham Street, London, EC2.

Military Service

1927 Gazetted 2nd Lieut in 8th Bn The Middlesex Regiment, Territorial Army on February 12, 1927.

1931 Promoted Substantive Captain.

1934 Transferred to 6th Bn The Gordon Highlanders, TARO.

1939 Mobilised September 1, 1939 and posted as Staff Captain to the 27th (Highland) Infantry Brigade at 2 Rubislaw Place, Aberdeen.

1940-1942 Served with 9th Gordons and on various Staffs in the United Kingdom, until posted to India.

1942-1943 Brigade Major Dehra Dun Area and afterwards Quetta Area.

1943 GSO2 on Staff of Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia Command.

1943-1944 Served as Company Commander with 1st Bn The Seaforth Highlanders in the Burma Campaign.

1944-1945 Infantry Training Centre, Bridge O'Don and North Western Europe.

1945 Demobilised.

1950-1954 Served as DAA & QMG 47 (London) Infantry Brigade and afterwards with 1st Bn The London Scottish (Gordon Highlanders) TA and then for five years on the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, before finally being put out to “grass”.

1959 RETIRED with rank of Major and holder of Territorial Decoration and Bar.

Professional Life (Part II)

1946-1952 Visited the USA and Mexico, staying in the latter country for six months in 1946. Returning to the UK at the end of 1946 and working as a Director in a firm of Wine Shippers until 1953.

After this it was time to return to accountancy and serve with the following firms:

1953-1954 Arthur Young & Co's London office to gain knowledge of US auditing methods.

1954-1959 Sunderland Mountstephen & Co – Partner.

1959-1965 Edward Thomas Peirson & Sons – Partner.

1963-1971 Hallett Warlow & Co – Partner.

1963-1983 Secretary-General of DFK International, a consortium of independent accounting firms throughout the world, which he founded in 1960 with Francois-M. Richard, an eminent French Accountant with a worldwide reputation. Retired in March, 1983, with the title of Secretary-General Emeritus. This could not have been achieved without the devoted help and encouragement of my wife, Louise. DFK now has members in 69 countries.

Political Life

Fought unsuccessfully as a Conservative in the General Election of 1945 the Constituency of North-East Derbyshire.

Member of The 1900 Club since 1932. First Honorary Auditor (1934) and then Honorary Treasurer, having held these offices continually since June 1934. Resigned as Deputy Chairman, April 1987 and elected as a Vice-President.

Clubs

Carlton Club (Committee 1984-87), Honorary Member - 1995.

Pratt's; Old Bedfordians Club (Vice President and previously Honorary Treasurer).

Highland Brigade Club; The 1900 Club (Vice President).

Freemasonry

Past Grand Steward United Grand Lodge of England.

Member of (i) The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. IV (Time Immemorial), (ii) Adoniram Rose Croix Chapter No. 101.

Sports and Hobbies

Beagling, travel, reading, conversation and enjoying with friends good wines and the good talk that goes with them.

City Livery Companies

Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers – Senior Past Master and also former Churchwarden of The Guild Church of St. Margaret Patten, S. London, EC3. Finally, Church Warden Emeritus.

Founder Member of The Friends of Saint Margaret Pattens Charitable Trust.

Worshipful Company of Distillers – Liveryman.

Publications

The 1900 Club and The Conservative and Unionist Party – 1986.

The funeral was held at The Guild Church of St. Margaret Pattens, Road Lane, Eastcheap, EC3; and was well attended. Bob Harman, Don McAdie and Harry Gordon Slade were present at the service.

WILLIAM DALLAS ALLARDICE

WE regret to advise that Dallas Allardice died on 4th June, 2003 in his 84th year. Universally known as “Dally”, he was brought up in Huntly, Aberdeenshire and was educated first locally and then attended Aberdeen Grammar School. An all round sportsman, he Captained both the Rugby and Cricket team.

He joined the 1st Bn London Scottish as a volunteer in January 1940 and was posted to “D” Coy at Goodnestone. In April 1940 he volunteered to join a special mission, commanded by Major J. Peddie, comprising three other Officers and 34 other ranks, all London Scots, who saw active service in Norway. Known as No. 5 Independent Company, they were the forerunners of the Commandos. Dallas, amongst 12 other London Scots, opted to remain with the special force and he was subsequently

involved with No. 2 Commando, 1st Special Service, Middle East Commando and also attachment to SOE and LRDG.

In the Middle East he met another London Scot, John MacKay ex-2nd Bn who had been serving with No. 11 Scottish Commando. They became firm friends and stuck together through subsequent troubled times. Captured in a disastrous Commando raid on Tobruk they were in POW camps in North Africa before being transferred to one in Italy from which they made a daring escape into the Appenine Mountains. After nine months there they eventually managed to meet up with the advancing British forces.

On demobilisation in May 1946 Dallas went to Jordanhill College of Physical Education and then spent 15 years as PE Instructor at his Alma Mater, Aberdeen Grammar School, before being appointed Head of Physical Education at Dundee High School. After 25 years there he retired in 1984 as Assistant Rector.

Dallas' sporting achievements were many but he will probably be best remembered as an International Rugby Scrum Half. He was capped eight times for Scotland and the instigator of the "diving pass". The French dubbed him the Pocket Hercules! He was earmarked for a British Lions tour of New Zealand but a leg break put paid to that and virtually ended his International career.

Although his service with the Scottish was brief, he was proud of his early association. He was a member of the Regimental Association and eagerly awaited the arrival of the *Regimental Gazette*. In recent years he attended the annual Reunion Lunches of the Glasgow Branch.

His funeral service at Dundee Crematorium was attended by a very large number of mourners, indicative of the esteem in which Dallas was held throughout the spectrum of his life. An Address was given by Chris Rea, ex Scottish Rugby International and a protégé of Dallas in his youth. The Regiment was represented by John MacKay, William Crowe, Ken Duncan and Hector Robertson.

Dallas is survived by his wife, Pat, sons Rory and Graham, daughters Lorna and Catrina and nine grandchildren. We extend to them our deepest sympathy.



Dallas Allardice, Ghent, 6th September 1945.

W. DALLAS ALLARDICE 1919-2003

I FIRST met Dallas in the summer of 1941. I had arrived at the Commando Base Depot from Palestine having gone sick with "tonsillitis" on the dockside at Haifa whilst my commando (11th Scottish) sailed off to Cyprus and subsequent action at the Litani River in Syria.

Dallas on the other hand had arrived in Egypt via Malta where he and a special group had been operating from submarines in what was then known as "Folboats".

Our meeting was rather unusual, because, I was making my way down to the "Bitter Lakes" (part of the Suez Canal) for an afternoon swim when I saw what I thought was a "solar topee" on legs walking in the same direction. Being of a curious nature I followed this strange apparition to see what was beneath, once he had removed his topee.

Solar topees were not a very popular form of headgear in the Middle East, if you got one which was too large it tended to sit on your shoulders. (hence my description).

As this figure undressed he displayed what I can only describe as a perfect torso. Rather like Charles Atlas a popular figure of the day who advertised in newspapers his system for bodybuilding and physical fitness. This, then was my first meeting with a person who was to remain my friend for more than sixty-two years. At the time of his death we lived within a ten minutes car

ride from each other.

I cannot recall exactly how we got speaking, but speak we did. We discovered that we both belonged to the same parent regiment prior to volunteering for the commandos. Dallas in the 1st Battalion, I in the 2nd. Dallas had joined the London Scottish from Aberdeen in 1940 where he had volunteered for the Gordons. And as things happened in those days he found himself in the 1st Battalion London Scottish stationed in Kent.

His prowess at sport in the Battalion is well documented. His first love was Rugby. He was soon selected for the regimental first fifteen which at that time contained several "Scottish Caps". (Sampson, Buchanan & Horsburgh to name but three.) He so distinguished himself in that illustrious company that he was subsequently selected for the "sevens".

His prowess did not stop there. He was a soccer player of no mean ability having turned out for his home town (Huntly) at the age of fourteen. The youngest player in the junior league. He received offers to turn professional after the war, and, to my knowledge, for at least two first division teams, but chose teaching PE, for which several international rugby players have reasons to be grateful. He also boxed and swam for the Battalion.

It was from Kent that he volunteered for the "Independent Companies" the forerunner to the commandos. Dallas joined No. 5 Company commanded at that time by a London Scot (Major later Colonel Peddie).

Dallas saw action in Norway prior to evacuation and later in Malta with the "Folboat" section after which he was posted to Egypt where it was my good fortune to meet and befriend him.

We both landed up in the same group with another London Scot (Alec Griffiths) who had been with Dallas in Malta. We were posted to Palestine on a 5th column activities course. And later to Syria where it was suspected that the Germans may attack Egypt through Turkey. Our group's next posting was to the Western Desert.

It was here that Dallas and our group were attached to the LRDG (Long Range Desert Group) for operations. Our activities with the LRDG continued until the retreat to Alamein.

On our return to Alexandria our group officer a Lt Graham Taylor chose Dallas

and I to join him together with another officer, who, prior to being commissioned was a London Scot (Lt Michael Duffy) and two other "volunteers". We joined up with another commando for an overland raid on Tobruk. The object of which was to neutralise the coastal defence guns and destroy their oil dumps. This group was commanded by a London Scottish Major (Colin Campbell) the raid was not a success. Dallas and I together with the survivors were made POWs. The overall commander for the raid was a Col Hazeldene, who was unfortunately killed, as was Michael Duffy.

Dallas and I finally ended up in a camp in Italy from where we engineered an escape dressed as Italians. Unfortunately, the other two "volunteers" were caught, and spent the rest of the war in Germany.

We received much kindness from many Italians. Our escape took place on

September 26th 1943 and we reached our own lines in June 1944.

For most of this time we lived in the Appenines in a cave (one natural and two constructed). Dallas being a countryman was of immense help whilst living rough, and the success that we enjoyed was mostly due to his expertise.

Dallas at the end of the war took up where he left off. He qualified as a PE teacher, and, during this time won eight Scottish rugby caps. After several years at his old school "Aberdeen Grammar" he was appointed as head of PE to Dundee High School, where he was for twenty-five distinguished years, at the end of which, he was acting Rector. Dallas retired in 1984.

Dallas leaves his wife Pat and four children two boys (Rory & Graham) and two girls (Lorna & Catrina) all have qualified and teach in various capacities Rory teaches English in Dubai, having taught throughout Europe, including

Russia. Graham teaches PE in Huntly (Dallas' home town). Lorna is a primary teacher in Laurencekirk and Catrina teaches English in Singapore. All are married with families except the youngest Catrina who is married but no family. Dallas and Pat have nine grandchildren.

Dallas has been honoured in both Huntly and Aberdeen City for his achievements, and is held in high esteem in Dundee. His legacy is in his family and countless friends, many of which he found in his "Dry Stane Dyking" and fishing pursuits. Apart from all his other attributes he was a fine fisher. The only sport he did not take seriously was golf. Had he taken the game more seriously he might have beaten me (but I doubt it). Dallas was a great friend, father, husband, and person. He will be sadly missed by all who were proud to call him their friend.

John S. MacKay 2881250

JAMES MAURICE HARVEY

WE regret to advise that James Maurice Harvey died on 16th June, aged 93.

James was born in Southend-on-Sea in 1910. He attended Leigh Hall College and showed aptitude in sport, fishing, football and tennis.

During 1940 he volunteered to serve in the 3rd Bn London Scottish. The late Queen Mother was their Honorary Colonel.

James Maurice Harvey, 1945.



In later years he wrote, and published in 1979, a true account of the war experiences of his Regiment with the title 'D Day Dodger'.

On leaving the Army he returned to his position as cashier of the Scottish Provident Institution, London where he remained for 40 years until his retirement in 1970.

He continued to play tennis and was a member of the Old Southendians Lawn Tennis Club, where he held many a position of trust and was also elected to be on the Southend & District Lawn Tennis Association for several years. He thoroughly enjoyed writing and had many articles published and he was a member of the Society of Authors.

After playing tennis for many years he decided he would take up Bowls and joined the Prittlewell Men's Bowls Club and also Southend Indoor Bowls Club, where he made many friends.

It was with great sadness that his old pal Arthur Goldsborough heard of his death of, as they had been firm friends since 1940.

James had many a close association with St. Mary's Church during his lifetime, having been a choirboy and

attended church services until recently.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Pauline in her great loss.

James Harvey's book the 'D Day Dodger' will be found in the London Scottish and in Public Libraries.

The Song of the D-Day Dodgers

Sung to the tune of 'Lili Marlene'
(El Alamein, El Agheila, Tripoli, Mareth, Tunis, Sicily, Reggio, Sangro, Cassino, Gothic Line, Senio, Po River, Austria)

We are the 'D-Day Dodgers' out in Italy,
Always drinking Vino always on the spree.
Eighth Army skyvers and the Yanks,
We go to war in ties like swanks,
For we are the D-Day Dodgers in sunny Italy.

We landed at Salerno a holiday with pay,
Jerry brought the band down to cheer us on our way,
Showed us the sights and gave us tea,
We all sang songs, the beer was free,
For we are the D-Day Dodgers, the lads that D-Day dodged.

MEMORIES OF A MAN WHO SPOTTED DR WHO

The Volturno and Cassino were taken
in our stride,
We didn't go to fight there, we just
went for the ride,
Anzio and Sangro are just names,
We only went to look for dames.
For we are the D-Day Dodgers in
sunny Italy.

On our way to Florence we had a
lovely time.
We ran a bus to Rimini through the
Gothic Line,
Winter sports and the snow,
Then we went bathing in the Po,
For we are the D-Day Dodgers the lads
that D-Day dodged.

We hope the boys in France will soon
get home on leave,
After six months' service it's a shame
they're not relieved,
But we'll carry on for several years,
Because our wives don't shed many
tears,
For we are the D-Day Dodgers, the
lads that D-Day dodged.

Once we had a Blue Light we were
going home,
Back to dear old Blighty never more to
roam,
Then someone whispered 'In France
you'll fight'.
We said, 'Not that, we'll just sit tight'.
For we are the D-Day Dodgers, the
lads that D-Day dodged.

Dear Lady Astor, you think you know a
lot,
Standing on a platform and talking
tommy rot,
Dear England's sweetheart and her
pride,
We think your mouth is much
too wide –
From the D-Day Dodgers, out in Sunny
Italy.

Look around the hillsides, through the
mist and rain,
See the scattered crosses, some that
bear no name,
Heart-break and toil and suffering
gone,
The lads beneath, they slumber on.
They are the D-Day Dodgers who'll
stay in Italy.
For we are the D-Day Dodgers, the
lads that D-Day dodged.

A TOTNES man who saw the
importance of sci-fi legend Doctor Who
long before the BBC made it into a
television series has died.

Richard Henwood, 70, suffered a
stroke and died on May 28. His funeral
was being held at Staverton Church near
Totnes today.

Mr Henwood was well travelled and
arrived in Totnes in 1988, throwing
himself into a succession of activities,
from the Spanish Alliance to Scottish
Country Dancing. As a result he built up
an extraordinarily wide range of friends.

One of them, Nigel Ash, said he
would be sadly missed.

"Richard was an extraordinary man
who had a huge group of friends who
have all been deeply shocked by his
death," he said.

"We all have our good memories of
him, as any time spent with Richard was
mostly spent laughing.

"Richard's earnestness, even about
the most trivial of matters, caused his
friends much amusement, the greater
since very often Richard himself didn't
see the joke."

Mr Henwood had a varied career
spanning from a spell as a time and
motion consultant at the Heinz baked
bean factory to a stint in publishing.

While he was working for Dents
publishers, he spotted and bought the
paperback rights of the early Doctor
Who books.

His move meant that when the BBC

decided to make their television series,
the books became some of the
company's best selling titles.

A keen letter writer, he maintained an
expansive global correspondence on
subjects as diverse as Spanish
Polyphony, the Dancing Choirboys of
Seville, family history, the lost rivers of
North London and Scottish regiments in
the British army.

As a young man he had been a
sergeant in the London Scottish, serving
in Malaya in 1953.

His love of writing continued into
novels, with his first one being
completed seven years ago.

A founder member of the Ambulanti
Alberti walking club, based at the back
bar of Bridgetown's Albert Inn, he was
the first member to receive a leather
woggle for completing 100 walks
between the old Bridge and the Cider
Press.

Mr Henwood was buried in his
beloved kilt. The funeral was followed
by a wake in Staverton Village Hall.

He leaves two daughters, four
grandchildren and a host of smiling
friends.

With acknowledgements to the South
Devon "*Herald Express*"

NOTE: Richard Henwood was a Sgt
with the London Scottish in the UK,
serving from September 1954 to
September 1958.

JOHN HOOD BENNET 1932-2003

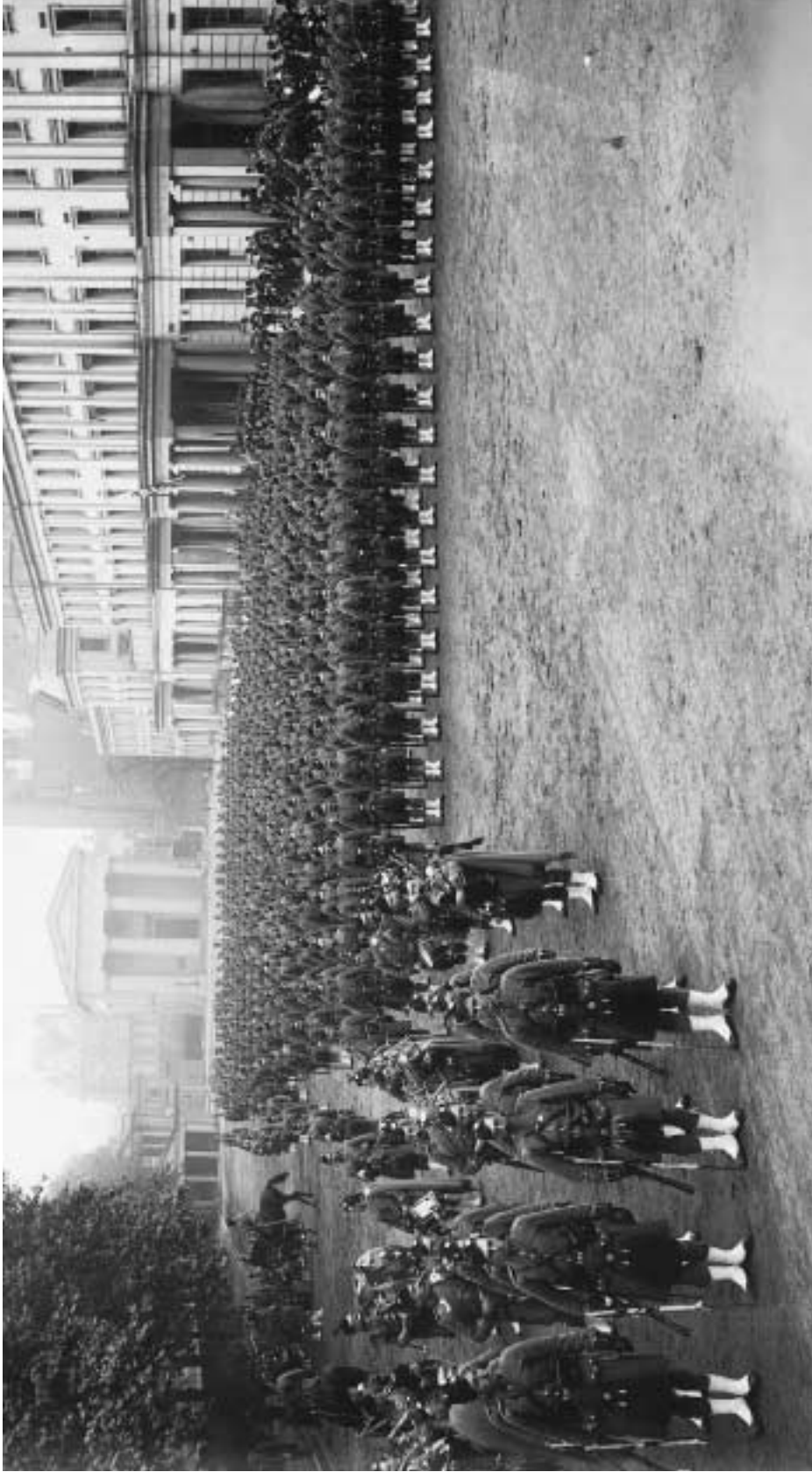
JOHN was born in Kensington in 1932
although he spent some of his childhood
in Edinburgh and Inverness. He was
called-up to do National Service in 1952
with 2nd Battalion The Black
Watch/RHR and extended his service as
a Regular until 1955. He saw service in
Germany achieving the rank of
Corporal. From 1955 until 1959 he was
on the Regular Army Reserve (Highland
Brigade AGR) during which time he
served in British Guiana.

John served with the London Scottish
between 1962 and 1967 where he
achieved the rank of Sergeant acting
CQMS. In civilian life he was a
shipbroker and was employed by Shell.

He never really recovered from the
loss of his wife, Margaret, several years
ago and after a series of illnesses he
moved from Hampshire to
Leicestershire to be near his brother
Gordon, who was of great support to
him during his final years. He is
survived by two daughters Alison and
Katrina.

This is further to the obituary in last
quarter's *Gazette* – Geoff Dickman

PS Perhaps others may be able to
embellish the London Scottish years. I
know he was L/Cpl or Corporal of A
Coy Anti-tank Platoon under Mr Peddie
and Sgt Padley-Smith.



*London Scottish. Wellington Barracks. 20th June 1903.
CO Lieutenant Colonel W. E. W. Montgomerie, VD.*