SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



That some no longer serve with the colours does not matter,
What does matter is that we are all of us Scots Guardsmen.
Bound together in the Queen's service until we die by a chain,
the links of which are invisible but which are as strong as steel:
Constantly striving, in all that we do, to maintain the high traditions
of loyalty and devotion to duty upon which the Scots Guards are founded

General Sir Michael Gow GCB — **Palace of Holyrood 1965**

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GOOD LUCK TO THEM & GOOD LUCK TO FRANK ~ HERE'S HOPING HE GETS A COMFORTABLE JOURNEY

A team of 12 SP supported by a small G4 team of 4 will conduct the West Highland Way. It consists of a 96 mile walk from Glasgow through the highlands to Fort William, carrying a 50kg dummy called 'FRANK' to simulate a battlefield casualty being extracted. The team will set off on Sunday 23rd August from Somme Barracks and begin the event Monday 24Th August in Milngavie. The route will be complete NLT Wednesday 26th August.

The aim of this event is to primarily raise money and awareness for three charities the first of which is The Scots Guards Charity. The others are - ABF The Soldiers Charity who I'm sure you are all aware of and the great work they do. The other is Men Matter Scotland, a charity that holds great significance to me personally after losing my brother to suicide earlier this year.

I would greatly appreciate if you could send this our throughout the Scots Gurds Associations to try and raise as much money as possible

Any other details can be found on the link below and updates of the event will be pushed out on the Scots Guards social media pages as well as Men matter Scotland and ABF's social media channels.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ross-trainer-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Yours Aye,

Ross Trainer

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The start point of the West Highland Way is Milngavie, Glasgow and 96 miles on is the finishing point at Fort William. Plans are in an early stage for the SGA Glasgow to see the team off at Milngavie at 0600hrs 24 August or more likely as they pass Drymen. SGA Highlands & Islands hope to arrange a welcoming party as the team reach the finishing point in Fort William.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING AUGUST IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

Afghanistan

1 August 2010 25081839 LSgt Dale McCallum age 31. B Company 1st Bn Scots Guards, Killed Checkpoint Said Abdul.

Northern Ireland

11 August 1978 24312328 LCpl Alan Swift age 25. Killed Bogside, Londonderry.

2 August 1990 24782295 Dmr Paul Brown age 21. 2nd Battalion Scots Guards. Killed Strand Road, Londonderry.

2 August 1992 24754493 Gdsm Damian Shackleton age 24 Right Flank 1st Battalion Scots Guards,; Killed New Lodge, Belfast.



LSgt Dale McCallum



LCpl Alan Swift



Gdsm Damian Shackleton

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION

Third Guards Club & SGA North America

Lieutenant DWH McCowen Died 28 June 2026, Age 89. Enlisted 1956, commissioned into Regt in 1957. Served with 2SG BAOR 1957, left the Regt in 1959. Took part in the 1964 Olympics in the 2 men & 4 men Bobsleigh teams.

Third Guards Club & SGA Fife

Lieutenant AMJ Wemyss. Died 2 July 2026. Age 100. Enlisted 1945. Serving at SG Training Battalion as at VE Day. Post war he served in Germany until 1947.

SGA Glasgow

23908986 Sgt Ronnie McFall. Died 5 July 2026. Served Right Flank 1SG in Malaya & Borneo 1964 – 67. Most of his service was RF 1SG to 1978. He also served at the Guards Depot. Lived Glasgow.

SGA Fife

239609050 LCpl Robert Anderson. Died 27 July 2026. Served 1SG Left Flank in Malaya/Borneo & Edinburgh. HQ Coy Stores Chelsea, Sharjah, Windsor, Belfast. Lived Glenrothes.

Guards Parachute Association

24021319 John Thomson. Died 5 July 2026.

NON ASSOCIATION

23908922 LSgt Gerry Cunnea. Died 8 July 2026. Served 1963 1SG Pirbright, Malaya & Borneo, Edinburgh, Chelsea, Sharjah, Windsor, Belfast to 1972. Lived Hampshire.

23451795 Gdsm Ronald Christensen. Died 6 July 2026. Served 1957 – 59 National Serviceman. 1SG Windsor & The Guards Depot as a Trained Soldier. Former Member of SGA Glasgow. Lived Bridge of Allan.

James Barr Died June 2026. Served 1SG 1996 – 2005. Previously reported in the June 2026 Newsletter. The funeral date is now confirmed as 1200hrs 11 August 2026 at Lincoln Crematorium.



Mr Andrew Wemyss passed away aged 100
In May 2025 as at VE Day 80 he was presented with HRH The Colonel's Certificate by Colonel JM Clavering OBE MC for his service during World War 2.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE REGIMENT

Welfare & Finance

Welcome to Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Stuart Rowe who has replaced Major (retired) Mark Cape as the Regimental Welfare and Finance Officer in the Edinburgh Castle office. His email remains finance@scotsguards.org.

Thanks to Major Mark Cape for his work in the important role of help & support on welfare matters also looking after the Regimental Finances. All the best for a very enjoyable retirement.

Regimental Headquarters

WO2 (RQMS) L Masters has replaced WO2 (RQMS) J Munro as the new Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant.

His email is luke.masters761@mod.gov.uk.

As a WO1, J Munro will move his office about 150 yards to the west, to become the Regimental Sergeant Major of London Central Garrison in Wellington Barracks.

Presentation of New Colours 2027

Next year is a big one for the Regiment. It is very much hoped that His Majesty The King will present F Company with new Second Battalion Colours in the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the last week of April. (The exact day is not yet confirmed). There will be some restriction on numbers at PONC in Edinburgh.

Kings Birthday Parade 2027

F Company will Troop their New Colour on Horse Guards on Saturday 12th June 2027. It is expected that the Regiment will receive an enhanced allocation of tickets and details of how to apply for them will be given out nearer the time.

It is being planned that London Scottish House, now very much available for us to use, will be the venue for three lunch events after the Major General's Review, the Colonel's Review and after the King's Birthday Parade. Details will follow.

1st Battalion Scots Guards

The First Battalion will deploy on a two year posting to Cyprus in the early Summer 2027. It has been announced that their next Commanding Officer will be Lieutenant Colonel Edward Roffe-Silvester Irish Guards.

Scots Guards Magazine
Regimental Magazine is being put together at the moment, with a view to being printed in mid-September and sent out to all members by early October. If anyone has any interesting photographs, historical stories, anecdotes or letters to the editor, please submit them to the Regimental Adjutant for consideration in the next two or three weeks.

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SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION ~ LONDON BRANCH

In line with the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel's intent to re-establish the Scots Guards Association London Branch, the Wellington Barracks Sergeants' Mess has been booked for Friday 4th September 2026 from 1900hrs.

The purpose of this meeting is drinks and meet and greet, which will hopefully start the foundation of the London Branch going forward.

If you are able to attend, please reply to WO2 Munro by email by 1 September 2026.

James.Munro837@mod.gov.uk

Please pass this information on to anyone else that you know.

Yours aye

WO2 JM Munro
Scots Guards

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 8 NOVEMBER 2026 - CENOTAPH, LONDON





The Royal British Legion Website (Portal) to register for a place to march with the Scots Guards Association Detachment on this National Event is now open.

Anyone wanting to take part should contact Neil Crockett email sga@scotsguards.org to receive the link to the portal and details of how to register.

This is a Veterans Event, there is a cap on total numbers to 10,000 and the SGA allocation is 25.

The Portal will close in early September and the documentation to get those taking part into the assembly point on Horse Guards Parade is sent out at the end of October.

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SGA DINNERS SEPTEMBER 2026 – JANUARY 2027

September

Fri 25 SGA Fife (72th) Dinner, Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy.

Sat 26 SGA Durham & Yorkshire Dinner, Sgts Mess, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Somme Barracks, Catterick.

October

Sat 3 SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway (76th) Dinner, Auctioneer, Carlisle.

Thu 15 SGA Manchester Annual Lunch, Ukrainian Club, Manchester.

Sat 10 SGA Dundee & Angus Dinner (100th Anniversary).

Sat 17 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Dinner, Datchet Golf Club.

Fri 30 SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland Dinner, Altens Hotel.

November

Fri 6 SGA Ayrshire Dinner, RAFA Club. Prestwick.

Sat 7 SGA Australia Dinner.

Fri 13 SGA Preston, Masonic Temple, Saul Street.

Sat 28 SGA Pipers Dinner, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

Sat 28 SGA Glasgow Dinner, Arts Club, Bath Street.

Sun 29 SGA Merseyside, Annual Lunch.

2027

January

Sat 23 SGA Highlands & Islands Dinner, Legion Scotland Club, Inverness.





WATERLOO UNCOVERED

Waterloo Uncovered is a ground breaking registered charity that delivers wellbeing support programmes for veterans and serving military personnel centred around archaeology. It was established in 2015 at the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo.

Waterloo Uncovered wishes to find serving soldiers who had relatives at Waterloo. Because of the huge rise in the numbers of people researching their forebears, they feel that this will be a good opportunity for soldiers. Even if someone does not have a direct relative who was at Waterloo, they can 'adopt' a participant who has possibly some connection, and research their life.

On their web site waterloouncovered.com you can find details if you click on Uncover, Uncover more, and scroll down to Tracing a Waterloo Ancestor.

The Scots Guards have excellent Waterloo archives. We can cooperate with Waterloo Uncovered to find suitable Scots Guardsman who were at the battle and link them with serving soldiers.

Waterloo Uncovered, is keen to work closely with the Scots Guards in this new genealogical research.

THE WATERLOO MEDAL

The Waterloo Medal was the first British medal given to all soldiers present during a campaign regardless of rank. The reverse shows the winged figure of Victory, the words 'WELLINGTON' and 'WATERLOO', and the date of the battle (18 June 1815). The obverse bears a portrait of the Prince Regent (later George IV). They were also credited with two years extra service and pay to count for all purposes. The soldier was known and described as a 'Waterloo Man'

It was also awarded to the next of kin of men killed in action.

The Waterloo Medal was the first inscribed the name of the recipient along its edge.

WATERLOO MEMORIALS

There are a number of memorials in and around the vicinity of Hougoumont Farm including a plaque in memory of the men of 2nd Battalion 3rd Foot Guards who died defending the farm. The plaque was unveiled by the British Ambassador on 12 July 1958. It is probably the best known memorial with a Regimental connection.

A VERY HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY



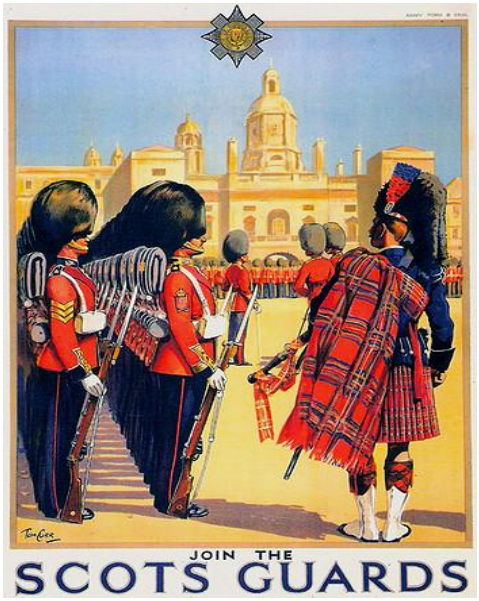
It came to note through life little bye-ways that Mr Lindsay Proudfoot, living in Brodick on the Isle of Arran had a special 100th Birthday on Saturday 25 July 2026.

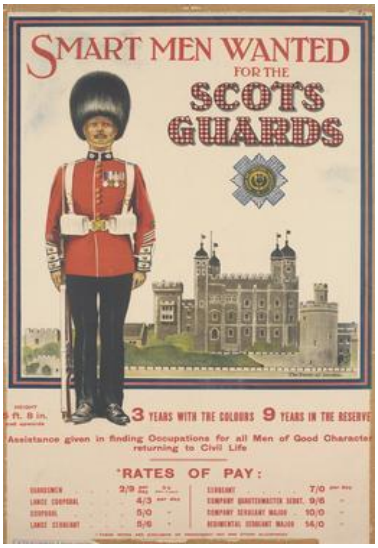
Hammy Stewart lives in Brodick spread the word. You may remember him (that's him with the white beard) serving in 1SG in Chelsea (late 70s), Aldergrove & early Hong Kong, a member of the Bn Shooting Team.

Reinforcements were summoned from Ayrshire and jumped on a passing ferry boat from Ardrossan. Callum Innes, Andy Kelly, John Benson, Rab Cummings.

Having heard in a timely manner a 100th Birthday Card was sent to Lindsay post – haste on behalf of the Scots Guards Association & all members of the Regimental family.

Lindsay was 18 years old on 25 July 1944, he enlisted in the Regiment in 1944. He completed his basic training at the Guards Depot, Caterham. Lindsay continued his training at The Scots Guards Training Battalion, Pirbright and later served in Germany.


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