

# 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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**FRONT PAGE PHOTOGRAPH**  
**CORONAVIRUS / THE EVER OPEN EYE**

“The Ever Open Eye” - Used since World War 1 is best known as the formation sign for the Guards Armoured Division during World War 2 and later 4 Guards (Armd) Brigade in BAOR.

It doesn't take me to tell you that we all need to take notice and heed the information and advice we are given by the Government and health experts on the restrictions of Coronavirus. Some in our number are vulnerable and SGA branches are making special efforts to keep in touch and particularly keep an “Ever Open Eye” out for members of the whole Scots Guards family in our local areas in these strange and difficult days.

The contact details of all branch secretaries are listed below. Scots Guards Association or the wider Regimental Family if you have any concerns that you think we can help with please get in touch with the Secretary closest to you.

**Keep an “EVER OPEN EYE” - Watch out for each other – Watch out for family & friends – Watch out for yourself.**

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Michael Nutter Vice Chairman SGA Preston and Vice Chairman Preston District Veterans Council getting his daily fitness at 0700hrs. Peter an 86 year old RE Veteran who's on his own waits for a chat and for Michael to do his daily shop. **Watching out for friends.**

## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Closed with the Regt Adjt calling into RHQ twice a week to check mail and otherwise working from home.

Other members of RHQ staff are working at home. For essential information only, telephone the number you need and a message will give the contact details.

Major Mark Cape - Welfare & Finance Officer is working from home with some visits to Edinburgh Castle to collect mail and pick up telephone messages. His email is [finance@scotsguards.org](mailto:finance@scotsguards.org)

## REGIMENTAL & SGA EVENTS

The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel had to make the decision that Black Sunday couldn't go ahead in London in mid April, The SGA AGM on Saturday 18 April in Wellington Barracks over the same weekend is also cancelled. If possible that Regimental Wreaths will be laid by Major James Kelly, without ceremony at the Guards Chapel and the Guards Memorial on Sunday morning 19 April.

Those branches that traditionally hold their dinners in the Spring have all cancelled them, which included the Glasgow dinner on Friday 20 March. Both the Edinburgh & Lothians and the Surrey branches who's dinners were set for 1 May are also off.

All those branches whose AGMs were due and those who hold monthly meetings have called them off until the all clear is given.

The Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh was hopeful that it could open on a limited basis but now has made the decision that it should close for the moment. They will continue to review the situation and will reopen as soon as humanly possible. The club remains contactable by phone and email.

The Op Motorman Reunion in mid May in the SG Club is cancelled.

The Installation of the New Governor of Edinburgh Castle involving F Company is postponed. New date to follow.

## SCOTS GUARDS MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The SGMBVA have cancelled their bi-annual reunion at the Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy, Fife over 8 – 9 May due to the Coronavirus.

Treasurer Captain Ronnie Paterson has been diagnosed with kidney cancer, he is upbeat and reacting to this health set back in his normal robust style. He had an operation to remove a kidney on Friday 27 March by 10pm that night he was on Facebook telling us all a stunning red head nurse was dancing at the foot of his bed. Ronnie is out of hospital and convalescing at home.

## TUMBLEDOWN VETERANS & FAMILIES ASSOCIATION – REUNION WEEKEND 12 – 14 JUNE 2020

To date the TV&FA committee are closely monitoring the situation and hope that the weekend will be able to go ahead. News will be updated and circulated in due course.

## VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 75 – FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020

Commemorations due to take place across the UK on Friday 8 May the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day have been postponed although the occasion will still be marked. The major commemorations will be rearranged when it is safe to do so.

## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### Borders

The branch annual dinner took place on Friday 13 March at Hawick Rugby Club. A good night, led by President Major Iain Dalzel Job. Secretary Eck Barclay is already planning for the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner in March 2021.



**Borders Dinner Top Table: Captain John Craib, Revd John Murdoch, Mrs Sombat Craib, Major Iain Dalzel Job, Lt Col Ian Shepherd (RHF), Mrs Margaret Crockett, Major Willie Nicol (RA, FOO 2SG Falkland Islands), guess whose head it is in the left bottom corner.**



#### **Borders Dinner:**

**Left - Bob Stuart - Served 2SG in Malaya 1948 - 51, Eric Parker - Served Irish Guards, Guards Armoured Division during WW2 in NW Europe. Both were in great form and travelled from Newcastle to enjoy the night.**

**Right - LCpl Jamie Bell, Heather Scurfield, Kenny Hanson, Andrew Dowlan-Gilliland (RM), Colin Spence, Les Braby.**

The branch held it's AGM before the dinner. Office bearers for the year ahead are:

President: Major Iain Dalzel Job  
Chairman & Treasurer: Jim Renwick (re - elected)  
Secretary: Eck Barclay (re - elected)

The branch has recruited new members, Kenny Hanson - served 11Pltn LF 1SG, Aldergrove, Instructor at the Gds Depot & 2SG. Keith Jepson - served 1SG from mid 70s, Aldergrove, Hong Kong to Pirbright.

#### **Berks, Bucks & Ox**

The branch AGM due on Friday 27 March was cancelled. Secretary Rab Ritchie now intends that the branch will conduct the AGM by email & letter. Branch members will vote on the various proposals including the election of office bearers in this way, email: [rab.ritchie@icloud.com](mailto:rab.ritchie@icloud.com)

#### **Surrey**

Sadly Moira the wife of Ian Waterston passed away on Monday 23 March, she had been ill for some time. In the current circumstances the funeral will be private.

#### **Preston**

The Annual General Meeting took place. Secretary Steve Hills stood down with thanks from the branch for a job well done.

Officer Bearers for the year ahead are:

President: Captain Ben Wallace MP  
Chairman Alf Clempson (re-elected)  
Vice Chairman Micky Nutter (Elected)  
Secretary Jimmy Marsh (Elected)  
Treasurer Steve Hills (re-elected)

I received an email from a former member of R Sigs to say former Gdsm Jan Marsh had passed away (see below) and was it possible to arrange support at the funeral from local Scots Guardsmen in the Preston area. This was forwarded on to the branch, they pulled out all the stops and SGA members and men from the wider Preston veterans community attended in force.

#### **London**

At a recent meeting the following office bearers were voted in:

President: Major HM Snow  
Chairman: Ian Blair (Elected)  
Secretary: Mark Whatmough (re - elected)  
Treasurer: Major Tom Ormiston (re - elected)



## DEATHS

### Third Guards Club

Major ADG Llewellyn Died late March 2020. Served 1941 – 1954 2SG NW Europe & Malaya.

### Third Guards Club & Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway

Captain Fred Moody, Died late March 2020. Served in ranks 1SG Malaysia, Sharjah, Munster. 1961 – 1980.  
Commissioned served in 2SG 1980 – 86.

### Association Members

#### London

22594437 Gdsm Gordon Irvine, Aged 89, died 10 February 2020. Served 1SG 1952 – 54 Cyprus, Egypt. Lived Tunbridge Wells.

#### Highlands & Islands

Alistair Milne (Hon) died 27 March 2020.

#### Durham & Yorkshire

David Wood died 28 March 2020. Lived Aycliffe, Durham.

#### Non Members of the Association

23908006 Gdsm Jan Marsh died 28 February 2020. Served 2SG. Lived Preston

Gdsm Hank Tweedie died 18 February 2020. Served 1SG Mid 1970s to 80s, C Coy and Milan Pltn. Lived London area.

## THREE SCOTS GUARDSMEN SHORTLISTED FOR SCOTTISH VETERANS AWARDS

Many congratulations to Jim Renwick, Les Mason and John Bradley who have been shortlisted for awards at Scottish Veteran of the Year ceremony.

Jim and Les are in the Role Model Award category and John in the Community Award category. The award winners were due to be announced at a Gala dinner at the Village Inn, Edinburgh on 1 April. The award ceremony has now been postponed to 2 September.



**Les Mason – Shortlisted in Role Model Category**



**John Bradley – Shortlisted in the Community Award Category**



**Jim Renwick – Shortlisted in Role Model Category**  
**Jim with his wife Jean at the Borders Dinner**

Jim Renwick aged 85, volunteered (as did wife Jean) to the Red Cross to drive cancer patients all over Scotland from their home town of Kelso. Jim served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1955 – 58 and is Chairman / Treasurer of the Borders Branch.

## NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT.

### Ex Tartan Glacier – Mount Denali Expedition

The expedition is due to take place later in the year to climb Mount Denali the highest mountain in North America & the coldest mountain on Earth!

Expedition Patron Sir Chris Bonington CVO, CBE, DL, Britain's greatest living mountaineer gave the following message:

“Exercise Tartan Glacier is a challenging and inspiring expedition that reflects the ambition and character manifest in the Scots Guards team.

Mount Denali will prove extremely physical and mentally testing, particularly for the team members new to mountaineering, but an exciting opportunity and the experience a just reward. I am proud to support the team and wish every member the best of luck.”

Sir Chris Bonington, CVO, CBE, DL



### Motivational Preparation College for Training – Teeside

Members of 8 Pltn C Company are already based in Catterick and they were back at the college to help learners from MPCT – Teeside.

The Military Preparation College (MPC) is a unique training college that helps 16-19 year olds develop their fitness, vocational qualifications, and employability skills to help prepare for employment, including rewarding careers in the British Armed Forces. The unique active learning curriculum inspires students to achieve their personal best, with 50% of every day spent learning outdoors or taking part in physical training. The MPC curriculum has been designed to develop our students' physical fitness, essential skills and self-confidence. The college operates a 'roll on, roll off' joining process with no set deadline by which to apply, allowing new recruits to join on a weekly basis.

### F Company

3 March - The Company passed the annual Major General's Inspection which marks the transition from winter to summer and the change to Tunic Order.

11 March – F Company took the opportunity to get onto the ranges to carry out the annual Transition to Live Fire Tactical Training (TLFTT).

### Rugby

Well done to Sgt McMillan who was selected to represent the army men's senior XV against Coventry in early March.

### Captain Stade – Jones

Taking part in International Women's Day 2020 the Bn's Captain M Stade- Jones was a member of the Value Panel for the Army Servicewoman's Network Panel.

### Scots Guardsmen on BBC TV

Members of the Battalion on the STTT (Short Term Training Team) to Kenya were prominent on a BBC TV Programme. The Team highlighted the importance of the UK's continued relationship with the Kenyan Army in the face of instability from neighbouring states. They were based at Camp Isiolo which is the Kenyan School of Infantry which offers a versatile landscape and challenging climate.

### B Company

13 March – The Bn's Javelin Pltn were rehearsing their mounted and dismounted contact drills.

15 March – The Company trained on a live Close Quarter Battle Range. The range was more complex because it was in a woodland setting, (Fighting in Woods and Forests).

### Coronavirus

The Battalion has been adapting to the Coronavirus situation by adapting their work practises in order counter its spread and maintain maximum ability to deploy if needed to assist the civil authorities in the coming days. The Bn has taken action by keeping a minimum of 2 metres apart, 50/50 workforce, PT in the open, essential training only and more measures. The key is to maintain standards and fight to stay fit. A course to train Husky drivers continues taking appropriate precautions.

F Company continues to provide the Queen's Guard & Windsor Castle Guard in its turn during April and beyond. Administrative Guard Mounts are now taking place until further notice, this is without music or ceremony as per wet weather.

## GUARDS PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION (GPA)

by **Captain Alex Allender**

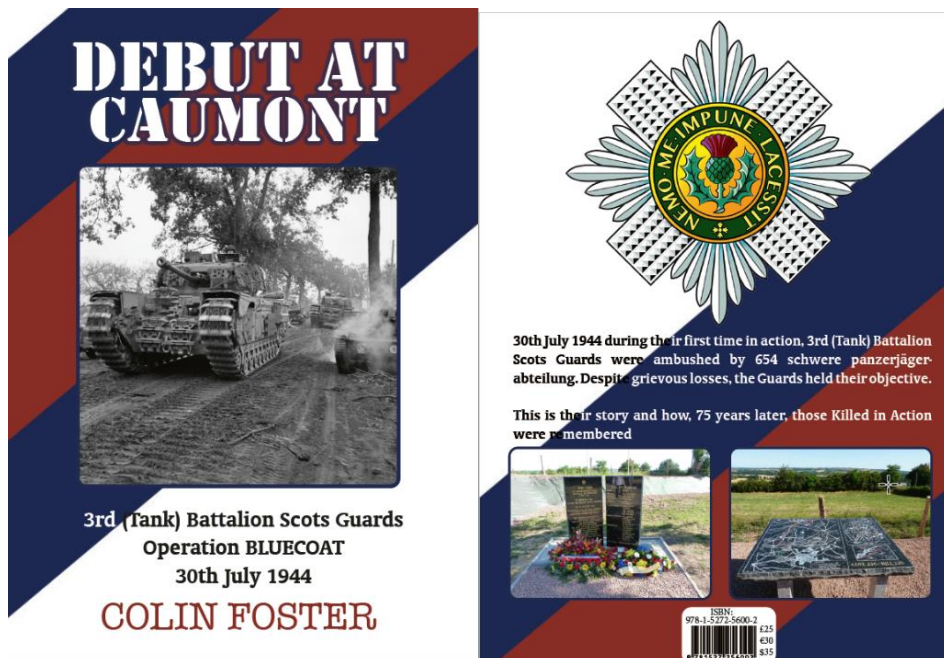
On the 10th & 11th July around 12 members of the GPA will be staying in Darlington. They are all members of the GPA golf society and will play at Blackwell Grange GC, on Friday afternoon 10th July. That evening we are holding a soiree at the Premier Inn Morton Park Darlington.

Members of Scots Guards Association and the serving Regiment are invited to join us for a meal and a drink; please book a table direct with the establishment. It is planned to play golf on the Saturday afternoon. I've provisionally booked BGGC, however, if any of members are with another club in the area, i.e. Catterick, etc; please contact me so we can arrange a game.

With the Coronavirus there is some uncertainty if the golfing weekend can go ahead but it is hoped there will be a clearer picture by June when a decision will be made.

If you do wish to take part contact Captain Alex Allender by email: [daallender@virginmedia.com](mailto:daallender@virginmedia.com)

## DEBUT AT CAUMONT By Colin Foster



Colin Foster tells the story of 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tank) Battalion Scots Guards and their first action in Normandy during Operation Bluecoat on Hill 226 during the Battle of Caumont. Some years ago Colin was invited to give a presentation to SGA Berks, Bucks & Ox Branch. Colin visits the area of the battle frequently. The book also describes the memorial to remember 3SG and those killed. The memorial was unveiled 75 years later overlooking the battle site on 28 July 2019. Branches of the SGA and many Scots Guardsmen and families contributed to the memorial.

The book has a modern feel with lots of colour and photographs,

If any one would like to order a copy of the book, then the most straightforward way is to email Colin directly with the following information...

- Your contact details,
- Number of copies of the book required
- Whether it needs signing and/or an inscription (and if so, what)
- Payment can be...
  - into his PayPal account ([colin@menintheshed.com](mailto:colin@menintheshed.com)),
  - direct transfer into his business bank account (Account name: Universal Solutions 4 Business – Sort Code: 09-06-66 – Account Number: 40082259), or
  - a cheque made payable to: C Foster to 268 Victoria Street, Newton, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 4DT
- When emailing to place the order (as well as making payment), please use your Postcode and the first 4 letters of your surname as a reference number that will allow Colin to reconcile name and payment to the order
- Colin's e-mail address is: [colin@menintheshed.com](mailto:colin@menintheshed.com)
- The book cost is £25 or €30 Euro or \$35 plus £5 per copy for postage..

## **JOTTINGS IN A GENERAL'S NOTE BOOK      A book by the late General Sir Michael Gow GCB**

I bought this book for £2.49 out of my favourite second hand bookshop, Oxfam in Stockbridge, Edinburgh. Coincidentally not too far from where the General lived. I hope he wouldn't have minded me using it.

General Sir Michael Gow was Commanding Officer of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards 1964 – 1966. As the last line of his jotting below relates, there is a certain similarity to the circumstance we find ourselves in at present!

### **Life In Detention**

It was decreed that all Army Commanding Officers, together with their Adjutants and Regimental Sergeant Majors, should visit the Military Detention Centre at Colchester (sometimes called 'the Glass House') An excellent and comprehensive programme was arranged, which covered every facet of the existence of an inmate, and at the conclusion there an opportunity to ask questions of the Commandant.

On one such occasion, when I was the visiting Commanding Officer, I asked if there was anyone from my regiment doing 'time', and when told there was, I requested to see him.

The soldier was produced and was asked how he was getting on.

'Oh fine, sir,' he replied. It's fantastic here, smashing food, good facilities for sport, first class accommodation. In fact, sir I prefer it to life back in the Battalion, except for one thing.'

'And what's that?' I asked.

**'The walking out isn't to good!'**

### **SCOTS GUARDS MAGAZINE 1952**

The magazine was published for the first time in 1952. HM King George IV passed away in February 1952 and HM Queen Elizabeth acceded to the Throne.

In April 1948, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards had assumed a new role as Guards Training Battalion at Pirbright. Only Bn Headquarters, Right Flank and Headquarter Company, were Scots Guardsmen. The remaining Companies were formed by other Regiments of the Brigade of Guards. After the Guards Depot, Caterham all Recruits spent time in the Training Battalion for training in minor tactics before joining a Battalion of their own Regiment. It was April 1951 before 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards reformed to a normal establishment.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion spent time in Cyprus, those in 2SG who spent time in Episkopi in 1984 -86 or 1SG on Op Tosca last year should identify locations.

After Cyprus the Bn moved to Egypt and remained there to 1954. My wife's father was the then Lt (QM) Donald Fraser, she tells me she has early memories of the family quarter being a tent or tents. The family was Father, Mother, 3 sons aged 12, 10, 8. Margaret a toddler & a 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter a babe in arms. No doubt a challenge for Mrs Fraser and hard to imagine in this day and age!

Very few wives and families were with the Bn, the majority of other ranks were National Servicemen. Later the family moved into a flat.

Below is an extract from the 1952 Magazine about the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards.

### **THE GAELIC TOAST**

With the accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the correct Gaelic Toast to be used by Pipers of the Regiment will be:

**DEOCH SLAINTE NA BAN RIGH** (The health of the Woman King)

### **1st BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS**

The Battalion was re-formed at Roman Way Camp, Colchester, in April, 1951. Two Guards were found from the Battalion for the King's Birthday Parade in 1951. The Battalion moved to Edinburgh at the end of June for the Presentation of Colours by HRH The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel of the Regiment.

After returning to Colchester the Battalion was busily engaged in preparing to take part in the Autumn Army Manoeuvres, and also carried out the task of equipping and documenting large numbers of "Z" Class reservists from the Territorial Army. At the end of August the Battalion moved to Cranwich Camp in the Stanford training area of Norfolk for a very active and continuous period of Field Training, culminating in the Army Manoeuvres in the middle of October. In early September 1951 the Battalion received and trained over 300 Regimental reservists, many old friends met which was enjoyed enormously.



The Battalion returned from manoeuvres to Colchester and was looking forward to taking some much overdue leave when disturbances broke out in Egypt. As part of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Battalion was moved to the Middle East in November. Initially the Battalion was moved by air from England to Cyprus. This was the first occasion that a whole battalion of the Regiment has been transported by air. The Battalion transport went by sea in HMS *Illustrious* and the heavy stores were loaded into the unfortunate SS *Porlock Hill*, which broke up off Famagusta Harbour, Cyprus. Much of the Battalion property was lost to the Mediterranean, including most of the Drummers' and Pipers' full dress and the contents of the Battalion sports stores.

On arrival in Cyprus the Battalion spent a fortnight in a camp near the small town of Zygi on the south coast, but later moved to Waynes Keep Camp in the capital, Nicosia. Here the Battalion spent Christmas and Hogmanay in the usual way, and a donkey polo match was arranged for the Officers and Sergeants on New Year's Day. The Battalion found the guard on Government House, the residence of the Governor of Cyprus, and mounted two Guards of Honour, one for the reading of the Proclamation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and one for the C.-in-C., Middle East Land Forces. A good deal of training was done and many outings to Crusaders' castles, other places of interest and some skiing at Troodos was arranged.

For the last six weeks the Battalion was in Cyprus there were many false alarms of moves to Egypt. On two occasions everything was packed up, and on one occasion the Battalion actually embarked at Famagusta before the move was cancelled. However, the move eventually came at very short notice at the end of February and the Battalion moved to Port Said in the Suez Canal Zone, where they still are at the time of writing. The situation in Egypt improved rapidly during March, but the Battalion are still finding a great many guards and other Internal Security duties, which are mostly directed against well known Egyptian thieves.

Port Said is a good deal cooler than elsewhere in the Canal Zone and provides opportunities for sport, including athletics, swimming and sailing. The Battalion is also in the fortunate position of being able to entertain many Guardsmen from the other battalions of 1st and 32nd Guards Brigades and the Guards Parachute Company, who are less well placed farther south in the Canal Zone. A cruiser and other units of the Mediterranean Fleet are generally positioned in Port Said, and a good deal of entertainment is arranged at all levels. On two occasions Combined Operations exercises have been arranged in the Great Bitter Lakes and elements of the Battalion have sailed down the Canal in a convoy of H.M. ships. Several Officers and other ranks are taking part in expeditions with the Navy to Greece, and several officers have visited Jordan.

Before leaving England the Battalion was visited by HRH The Duke of Gloucester and also by the Major-General Commanding the Household Brigade, Major-General JA Gascoigne. The Major-General and the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding both visited the Battalion in the Canal Zone during March. The Battalion has received visits during the past year from many General Officers, including the then G.O.C., Eastern Command, General Sir Gerald Templer and the C.-in-C., Middle East Land Forces, General Sir Brian Robertson. General Sir George Erskine, the G.O.C. British Troops in Egypt.

Lieut.-Colonel J. S. Sanderson, D.S.O., O.B.E., was commanding the 1st Battalion when it was re-formed in April, 1951, and Lieut.-Colonel P. F. Fane Gladwin, M.B.E., took over command in August, 1951. Other appointments in the Battalion are Major T. F. R. Bulkeley, Second-in-Command; Captain NG Ramsay, Adjutant. Company Commanders are Majors AJC Seymour, the Hon. CJ Dalrymple, J. Graham, M.C., C.J.R. Duffin and TN Douglas. Lieut. D. Fraser is the Quartermaster. RSM R. Thomson, DCM is the Regimental Sergeant-Major, with Drill-Sergeants, J Braid and J Hughes; RQMS S Watts; ORCS M Ford; Pipe-Major J. Roe and Drum-Major D. Grigg, who took over from Drum-Major W Graham, B.E.M., on his leaving the Regiment in May, 1952, after many years as Drum-Major. The Company Sergeant-Majors are C. Smith, A. Clark, G. Mitchell, B.E.M., J. French, M.M., and A. Croucher.

**SERGEANTS' MESS** The Sergeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion has seen many moves during the period April, 1951, to August, 1952. On leaving Pirbright in April, 1951, it took up residence in Roman Way Camp, Colchester. The first impression of most members on arrival there was that the Mess building could have been slightly more spacious and comfortable, little did they know what the end of the year would bring! No sooner had they settled in and rebuilt and decorated the Mess to their satisfaction than they moved to Edinburgh for the Presentation of Colours. The Sergeants' Mess at Glencorse Camp was shared with the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment.

After the ceremony they returned to Colchester and their television set only to be winkled out again for the Army Manoeuvres, which continued until October, 1951. During the manoeuvres the Mess was established in several out-of-the-way places, including Cranwich Camp, Norfolk, and Tweseldown Racecourse, Aldershot. The manoeuvres completed, they returned to Colchester, only to find that the Battalion was to be moved to the Middle East.

28th November, 1951, found the Battalion deplaning at Nicosia, Cyprus, and moving down to a sea of mud called Zygi Camp. There the Sergeants' Mess was established in a building which had seen many occupants during the war, when it had been used as a hospital and had been used on occasions after the war to house illegal immigrants from Palestine. The Battalion moved again in December, 1951, to Nicosia, where it was met by a terrific gale which completely demolished the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' quarters and threatened to remove the roof of the new Sergeants' Mess before it had been properly occupied. At first sight the Mess building looked rather like a large barn but, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Mess President and the members of his Committee, it soon assumed a very homely atmosphere. Christmas and Hogmanay were celebrated at Nicosia in the traditional manner, one of the high-lights of New Year's Day being a donkey polo match between the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. Yet another Battalion move was carried out at the end of February 1952, this time to the Canal Zone of Egypt, where the Sergeants' Mess is now established at Golf Course Camp, Port Said.

## Tae a Virus

(Author currently unknown)

A member of A Company, The London Scottish.

Twa months ago, we didna ken,  
yer name or ocht about ye;  
But lots of things have changed since then,  
I really must salute ye.

Yer spreading rate is quite intense,  
Yer feeding like a gannet;  
Disruption caused, is so immense,  
Ye've shaken oor wee planet.

Corona used tae be a beer,  
They garnished it wae limes;  
But noo it's filled us a' wae fear,  
These days are scary times.

Nae shakin hawns, or peckin lips,  
It's whit they a' advise;  
But scrub them weel, richt tae the tips,  
That's how we'll a' survive.

Just stay inside, the hoose, ye bide,  
Nae sneakin' oot for strolls;  
Just check the lavvy every hoor,  
And stock-take your loo rolls.

Our holidays have been pit aff,  
Noo that's the Jet2 patter;  
Pit oan yer thermals, have a laugh,  
And paddle ' doon the waater. '

Canary isles, no for a while,  
Nae need for suntan cream;  
And a' because o' this wee bug,  
We ken tae be..19.

The boredom surely will set in,  
But have a read, or doodle;  
Or plan yer menu for the month,  
Wi' 95 pot noodles.

When these run oot, just look about,  
A change, it would be nice;  
We've beans and pasta by the ton,  
And twenty stane o rice.

So dinny think yell wipe us oot,  
Aye true, a few have died;  
Bubonic, bird flu, and Tb  
They came, they left, they tried.

Ye might be gallus noo ma freen,  
As ye jump fae cup tae cup;  
But when we get oor vaccine made,  
Yer number will be up