

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

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RABBITS BREAKFAST

Front Page

Some of the many photographs from the “Rabbits Breakfast” at Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh on Saturday 16 February 2019. A very good get together of Rabbits. Breakfast was good and the talk was better. Congratulations to the club & the organising committee for a job well done. There are lots more photo’s on Facebook in the SGA Group mostly taken by Rab Sharp. If you haven’t seen them so far, check them out and see who you can recognise.

I did wonder how the name comes about and have just read of G Company 2SG described as “The Rabbits” in a privately printed history about 2nd Battalion Scots Guards in Malaya 1948 – 1951. I’d never heard of C Company 1SG described as the Rabbits before the 2nd Bn when into suspended amalgamation for a short time in 1971. Does anyone know how far the name of the Rabbits goes back?



Young Rabbits

**Old Rabbits – From G Company, Belfast 1971
Neil Crockett (Gdsm 9 Pltn), Eddie McKay (LSgt Sigs Det), John Campbell (LSgt 9 Pltn)**

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Surrey

The branch held a successful Burns Supper at Chandon Regus GC near Guildford.



P/M Roger Huth



Surrey Chairman Gavin & Cath Ives



**Another “Holy Willie” by
Eddie McKay**

For more information of events contact Branch Secretary David O’Connell Tel: 01483 233223 or
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

MARCH

Fri 8 SGA Borders Dinner, Hawick Rugby Club.
Fri 22 SGA Glasgow Dinner, Partick Burgh Halls.

APRIL

Sat 13 Major Munro Davidson Farewell, SG Club, Edinburgh.
Fri 26 SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Dinner, SG Club Edinburgh.
Thu 25 Middle East Guards Association (MEGA) Dinner, QE2, Dubai, UAE.
Tue 30 - Fri 3 May SG Golf Week, Bathgate Golf Club, West Lothian.

MAY

Fri 3 WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association AGM, Wellington Barracks.
Sat 4 SGA AGM, Wellington Barracks.
Sun 5 Regimental Remembrance Sunday, Guards Chapel.
Fri 10 SGA Surrey Dinner, Clandon Regus GC, Nr Guildford.
Sat 25 Major General's Review, QBP

JUNE

Sat 1 Colonel's Review, QBP.
Wed 5 - Thu 6 Beating Retreat, Horse Guards Parade.
Sat 8 Queen's Birthday Parade, 1st Bn Grenadier Guards.
Fri 28 SGA Fife Golf Competition, Thornton GC.

JULY

1-5 Royal Week, Edinburgh. F Company.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 7 (TBC) SG Reunion, SG Club.
Sat 7 AM Regimental Band, Kirkcaldy Town Square, Fife.
Sat 7 Evening Regimental Band Concert, Dunfermline Abbey, Fife.
Sat 7 SGA North America Dinner, Coburg, Ontario.
Sun Afternoon Regimental Gathering, Fife Airport, Glenrothes.
Fri 13 SGA Highland & Islands Dinner, Inverness.
Fri 27 SGA Durham & Yorkshire Dinner, Woodham GC, Near Newton Aycliffe.
Sat 28 SGA Berks, Bucks & Ox Dinner, Datchet Golf Club.

OCTOBER

Sat 12 SGA Dundee & Angus Dinner.
Sat 12 SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway Dinner, Shepherds Inn, Carlisle.
Fri 29 SGA Aberdeen Dinner.

NOVEMBER

Fri 1 SGA Ayrshire Dinner, RAF Assoc Club, Prestwick.
Thu 7 Suspenders Dinner, Whites, London.
Fri 8 SGA Fife Dinner, Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy.
Fri 8 SGA Manchester Dinner, Ukrainian Club.
Fri 15 SGA Preston Dinner.
Sat 30 SGA London Dinner, Sgts Mess Regents Park Barracks.

Middle East Guards Association 21st Anniversary Annual Dinner

On Thursday 25 April aboard Queen Elizabeth 2 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

For more details email: hodgemeister@hotmail.co.uk Must book by 28 March 2019.

DEATHS

Aberdeen and North East Scotland Branch

22551332 LSgt David (Bunny) MacLeod Died 18 February 2019. Served 1953 - 69 P&Ds Gds Trg Bn, 2SG, 1SG, Gds Depot Piping School. 1970 Transfer to RAF as Sgt Piper. Age 81 years. Lived Kemnay /Elgin.

Glasgow Branch

22511746 LSgt William Brockie Died 19 February 2019. Funeral 1415hrs on 4 March 2019 at Maryhill Crematorium G23 5AA. (See below).

Preston Branch

23587870 LCpl Geoff Sharples Died 15 February 2019 Served Corps of Drums 1SG 1958 – 1967.

Highlands & Islands

Lieutenant Colonel P Higston OBE (Coldstream Guards). Died 22 January 2019.

Not Members of the SGA

23229848 LCpl Andow (Eagle) Died 21 January 2019. Served Apl 1957 – Jul 1967 inc Malaya 1SG. Lived Torquay (See below).

Sgt William McNeill Died 25 January 2019, Served late 40s – early 1950s inc Malaya 2SG lived Midlands.

23517198 LSgt David Ward Died 3 February 2019, Served 2SG & RHQ 195.7 – 1968 inc Kenya 1962 – 64. Lived Hornchurch, Essex

Willie Brockie



L Company Scots Guards 1956

LSgt W Brockie, Maj MH Webb MC & Bar, CSM J French MM

22551746 LSgt William Donald Brockie was born on the 10 May 1935 and later enlisted into the Scots Guards on the 12 Aug 1954. His first posting was to the Guards Training Battalion on the 23 November 1954, he remained there and was promoted rather quickly to LCpl on the 30 September 1955 and then LSgt the year after on the 3 September 1956. He was then posted to 2 SG on the 18 May 1957, who were heavily committed to public duties from Chelsea Barracks, London and was later released from the Army on the 31 August 1957.

Willie joined the Glasgow Police and later became the Secretary of the Glasgow Branch. Above all he is widely known and respected as a gentleman. Sincere condolences from across the whole Scots Guards family to Willie's wife Alisha and their family.

David Andow (Also known as Eagle)

David's death came to our notice from Philip Hutchen, Secretary of the Coldstream Guards Association in Exeter, Devon. In turn Philip had been contacted by the care home where David was a resident because he had no family and it seems there would be no one to attend the funeral. In David's possessions was a letter listing his service and was sent to him in the 1970's when living in Canada by the late Major Joe Hughes who was then Record's Officer at RHQ.

Local veterans groups in Devon swung into action to ensure that there was a good turnout. The news of David's passing was widely publicised on Scots Guards Facebook groups. Afterwards Philip Hutchens reported "David Andow's Funeral went extremely well today with well over 200 attendees having travelled from all parts of Devon & Cornwall. In the congregation were former members of Grenadiers, Coldstream, Scots, Irish and Life Guards. Truly 'Septem Una Junta' and there were many representatives from other Regimental & Corps Associations including the Devon & Dorsets, Submariners & Royal Marines. There were 16 Branch & RBL Standards which were led by our Exeter Branch Standard carried by Mike Cook a former Grenadier.

WO2 Ben Martin, CSgt Rab Galloway, Sgt Matt Callaghan & Sgt Dan Raisbeck 1SG Rear Operations Group were there as was Colin Hollomby (SG MBVA) from Exmouth.

NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT

F Company At the start of February as part of London Central Garrison F Company pitted their wits against the other Public Duties Incremental Companies and the Foot Guards Bands at a Sports Day. F Company achieved overall top prize with great team performances coming 1st both in the 5-a-side Football and Squash & runners up in the Rowing. **Well Done**

1st Battalion A short term training team from the Bn deployed to Malawi to teach navigation and battle lessons. This training assistance on an Instructor Development Course. Malawi Defence Force personnel received Certificates of Achievement and enables to conduct their own training exercises

Army Rugby Squad LSgt Kabainacaucau and LSgt McMillan are part of the Army Rugby Union side. **Brilliant.**

1st Battalion Some of the Battalion's Adventurous Training Instructors in Cyprus completed a joint exercise with 84Sqn RAF to practise emergency rescue drills.

F Company & Regimental Band On 21 February the Company provided a Guard of Honour on Horse Guards Parade for General Fernando Alejandro Chief of Defence Staff of the Spanish Army. The Regimental Band provided musical accompaniment throughout.

3rd (Tank) Battalion Scots Guards, 6 Guards Tank Brigade - Normandy

The information below has been circulated widely on Scots Guards Facebook groups and also on Twitter. As you will read it is hoped that a memorial to the 3rd (Tank) Battalion Scots Guards can be erected and fund raising is currently taking place.

6 Guards Tank Brigade's first action in Normandy in July 1944 was in support of 15th Scottish Division at the start of Operation BLUECOAT. There are two memorials in Normandy to the Coldstream Guards (both on Hill 309). However, as yet, the 3rd Bn Scots Guards have no memorial. But we're looking to change that!! A couple of years ago, I mentioned to Stéphane Jacquet (the president of the Association TILLY 1944) & also involved in Operation Bluecoat - Musée de la "Percée du Bocage" museum that it would be a good idea if a memorial was erected to recognise 3Bn & their first day in action where S Squadron was badly mauled (to say the least) by Jaqgdpanthers of 654 sPzJAbt on their target of Hill 226. Last June, I toured some of the possible sites with Stéphane and others to look at what was possible to achieve & the conclusion was that an attempt would be to not only erect a memorial stone, but also an Orientation Table to explain that part of Operation BLUECOAT. The aim is to have this erected in July to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the action.

However, in order to make this a reality, it looks as though the first estimate (which we've asked to be confirmed) for the memorial we will need to raise £1,500. We've not yet received confirmation of the cost of the Orientation Table. Achieving this, especially in this 75th Year, would be a fantastic memorial for those guys that served (and died) in 3rd Bn SG.

Any funds raised in excess of those needed for the memorial will be carried forward to pay for the Orientation Board & any excess from that passed to the museum at St Martin for the specific upkeep & maintenance of both memorial & Orientation board.

The museum at St Martin is Crowdfunding via their Pay Pal account <https://me/musee44>

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

2333229898 The Late John Hardie

John Hardie served in the late 1950s – early 1960s. Former CSgt Billy Malley is looking for information for John Hardie's son (also John) and hopes to write a short article for the next SG Magazine. Can anyone help?



John Hardie – LSgt in No1 Dress



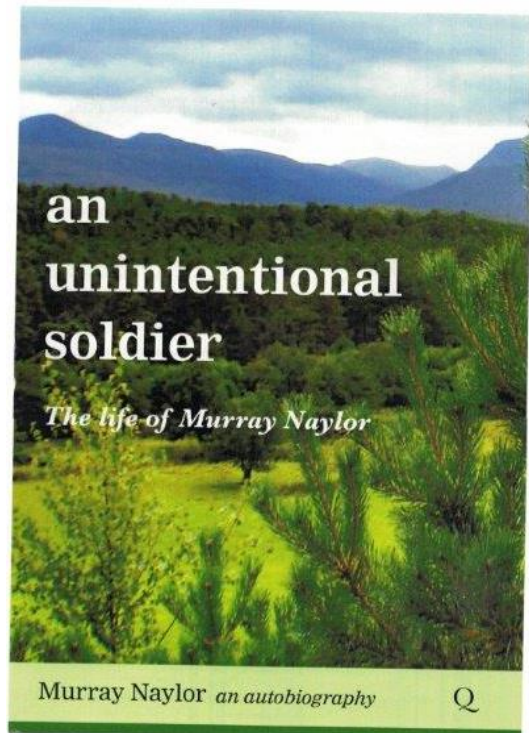
John Hardie on the left.

222625951 Kenneth Taylor

Served with C Company, 1st Battalion Scots Guards in Egypt and Cyprus for 18 months in 1952 – 53.

If you can help with information about either Scots Guardsman contact Neil Crockett, SGA Secretary as per the information on the from page of the newsletter.

THE LIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL MURRAY NAYLOR



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