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## **Introduction**

This pamphlet contains the obituaries presented in the Regimental Publication of the 79<sup>th</sup> Queens Own Cameron Highlanders.

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## May, 1954

### ***Major James MacNeil***

The death of Major James McEwen MacNeil 1122 Pacific Highway, Cloverdale, B.C., took place on December 14th, 1953, at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver. He was born at Beaulieu, Inverness, Scotland, April '16th, 1891.



The late Major J. M. MacNeil

He was a drummer in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders at the age of 8, and among his most prized possessions was a letter from Queen Victoria to her "youngest soldier."

In his youth he was included in the 1st Battalion Detachment at the unveiling of the Queen Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace in 1911. He was with the 1st Battalion on duty at the funeral of King Edward VII, also for the Coronation of King George V.

He served with the 1st Battalion in France and was wounded in 1914. Received his commission in the Gordon Highlanders.

Released from active service in 1917 due to wounds. Later attached to the

R.A.F. in England; then Superintendent of the Scottish Hostel for the Blind Servicemen in Edinburgh ; and, in 1918, was Adjutant and Sports Captain at St Dunstons, London.

He came to Canada in 1919. During World War II he was weapon training officer, 1940-1942, and Commandant, Common to all Arms O.T.C. Wing, Gordon Head, Chief Instructor, Basic Training Centre, Vernon, in 1942; Special Duty, H.Q. Pacific Command, 1943 ; Officer Commanding Reinforcement Wing, 11th D.D. ; Officer Commanding, 2nd Echelon Pacific Force, 11th D.D. Made a Major in 1944, and retired in November, 1945.

From 1924 to 1940 he served as Captain in the Seaforth Highlanders, Canadian Militia, and during the war as a Seaforth, but not with the active force. Was still a member of the Seaforth Highlanders when he died.

He was present in Vancouver at the ceremony when Field Marshal Earl Haig inaugurated the B.C. Command of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., at the time of the amalgamation with the Great War Veterans' Association . Charter President of Cloverdale Legion 6 ; also Charter President of the Old Comptibles (British Columbia).

He was also Master of the Royal Arch Masons, St Andrews, Inverness, and a Knight Templar, Grand Priory of Scotland, a 33rd degree Mason.

President of the B.C. Rifle Association since 1948, having been an active member since 1924 when they shot at the old Richmond Ranges. He went with the B.C. Rifle team to Ottawa that year and every year except the war years when the Meets were not held. Served as Commandant many times, and, in 1952, coached the Western team to win the Carling Match. A member of the Council and Executive of Dominion of Canada Rifle Association since 1948. Attended the Bisley meets in 1912 and 1919 with the Regular Army; and, in 1935, attached to the Canadian team. Was an active shot until the summer of 1950 when he was taken ill on the Range at Victoria, B.C.

The pallbearers at the funeral were all members of the B.C. Rifle Association, and a piper played the Lament at the graveside.

### ***Mr J. Sanderson***

Mr Joseph Sanderson, South African War Veteran (4448) died at 21 Church Street, Galashiels, on the 27th December, 1953. He had been in indifferent health for some time.

He was serving abroad with E Company when the South African War started and he went with the 1st Battalion to South Africa. He was in possession of the South African War Medal with clasps, Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal, and the King's South African Medal with clasps, South Africa, 1901, and South Africa, 1902.

In World War I, he served with a unit of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and attained the rank of C.S.M.

### ***Mr Angus MacLeod of Skeabost***

The death of Angus Malcolm MacLeod of Skeabost, Isle of Skye, took place in London on January 7th after a short illness.

A son of the late Mr Duncan MacLeod of Skeabost, C.B.E., he served in the 4th Battalion, 1926-1929, and on the outbreak of war he rejoined the Regiment and served in the Middle East. He was with the 2nd Battalion for a short period in the Western Desert.

Both his brothers, Captain Alan D. MacLeod and Captain J. MacLeod, M.P., served in the Regiment, the former being killed in Sicily in 1943 whilst serving with the 5th Battalion.

His nephew, 2/Lieut. J. J. MacLeod, is now serving with the 1st Battalion.

The funeral took place at Skeabost on the 12th January, and was attended by many representatives of the Regiment.

### ***Mr Hugh W. Scott, M.S.M., Inverness***

Cameron Highlanders, past and present, learned with regret of the death of Mr Hugh W. Scott, M.S.M., which took place suddenly at his home at 99 Ballifeary Road, Inverness, on 8th January. Mr Scott was a member of a family which had long association with the Regiment.

His father, the late Mr Walter James Scott, was a Colour Sergeant, and two brothers, Captain F. P. Scott and Sergeant Walter Scott, also served with the Regiment. Hugh, or "Scottie," as he was affectionately known to his comrades, served with the Camerons in India and during the First World War in France. Before he left the service in 1936 he was Cook Sergeant at the Cameron Depot at Inverness. On the outbreak of the Second World War, Mr Scott immediately volunteered for service. and he served in this country with the Territorial Brigade and the Home Guard.

His association with the Camerons extended over 30 years, and in April of 1952 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was an enthusiastic member of the Cameron Highlanders' Regimental Association, and of the Cameron Club, Inverness, and the British Legion Club, Inverness. After the war he was on the staff of the Post Office at Inverness. Mr Scott was a fine type of soldier, and he had a host of friends in service and civil life.

He is survived by Mrs Scott and a married daughter. The funeral took place on 11th January from St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, to Tomnahurich Cemetery, and was attended by representatives of the Regiment, postal workers, and many old comrades of Mr Scott - *Inverness Courier*, 12/1/54.

### **Mr J. Price (6391/2921053 late C.S.M., 1st Battalion)**

All who served with him in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battalions before World War I, and during that War in the 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalions heard with profound regret of the death of Mr J. Price, which took place on the 15th February.



The late C.S.M. J. Price

He served with the Colours from 1902-1924, and was C.S.M. of A Company, 1st Battalion, when he left. Most of his peacetime service was with the 1st Battalion except for a tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion and a period of duty as P.S.I. of the 4th Battalion at Nairn.

On mobilisation he proceeded with the 4th Battalion to Bedford, but was withdrawn along with the other P.S.I.s to train recruits of the New Army.

Later he was appointed to the 3rd/4th Battalion when it was raised and went with them to Ripon in the autumn of 1915 as C.S.M.

From there he was posted to the 4th Battalion in France as R.S.M., 1915-1916, joining the Battalion at Le Preol at the beginning of October.

He rejoined the 1st Battalion in 1917 and was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action near Passchendaele in November, 1917.

He embarked in 1919 with the 1st Battalion on its tour of foreign service after World War 1, and at the ceremonial parade in Calcutta, when new Colours were presented to the 1st Battalion in 1923, he and C.S.M. J Harvey were selected to receive and case the old Colours at the centre of the rear of the line after they had been trooped.

### **Colonel M, J. Grant=Peterkin, O.B.E., D.L.**

Colonel Montagu James Grant-Peterkin died at his home, Grange, Forres, on the 27th March, 1954, at the age of eighty-two.

He joined the 3rd Battalion in 1890, and shortly after the outbreak of World War 1 became Adjutant. He remained in this appointment until August, 1916, when he assumed command of the 9th Battalion. He took the Battalion to France in September, 1916, and remained in command until the Battalion was disbanded in May, 1917, upon the formation of the Labour Corps.



For his services in World War I. he was awarded the O.B.E.

A man of charming personality, he endeared himself to all who were associated with him in the Regiment and in public service. Many an officer who served with the 3rd Battalion at Invergordon, while awaiting drafting to the 1st and 2nd Battalions in France in the early part of World War I, will recollect much kindness and consideration from his hands.

He entered the County Council of Moray in 1911 and was Convener from 1929-1949. Appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 1899, and during World War II he acted as Vice Lord Lieutenant.

An outstanding figure in northern cricket in his younger days he was one of the most outstanding batsmen in the north, and for many years was President of the North of Scotland Cricket Association. Colonel J. A. Grant-Peterkin, D.S.O., his eldest son, succeeds him, and to him and to his brother and sister the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

A memorial service was held prior to the funeral, which was private, at Kinloss Church on the 30th March. The Colonel of the Regiment attended, and Major-General Collier, Lieut.-Colonel Noble, Major Baird, Major C. A. MacLeod and Brigadier I. C. Cameron were the other Regimental representatives.

### ***Dr John M. McEachern***

Dr John M. McEachern, the eminent heart specialist and Honorary Lieut.-Colonel of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, died in Winnipeg on March 20th, a few days before his 58th birthday.

He enlisted as a private in February, 1915, and in March of the same year he became a Lieutenant with the 43rd Cameron Highlanders. He served for two and a half years in France with the 16th Canadian Scottish and the 27th Battalions.

His appointment as Honorary Lieut.-Colonel in June, 1953, re-established a longstanding tradition of service with The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. His father, John McEachern a leading Banker and one of the founders of the Regiment, was Honorary Major of The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada from 1911-1942.

His sudden death is a severe loss to Winnipeg and to the medical profession, of which he was an outstanding member - he was at the summit of his power as a heart specialist and might have expected to have had many more years of healing and ministrations before him - it may well be that he tended to serve beyond his strength.

Mr McEachern and his family contributed greatly to the progress and well-being of Winnipeg -his father had been head of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and he himself held many distinguished appointments in his profession. He was associate professor of medicine at the University of

Manitoba: cardiologist at the Misericordia Hospital: consulting cardiologist at the Children's Hospital ; internist at the Manitoba Cliaic, and a Fellow of the Royal and American Colleges of Physicians.

Beyond that, he was active in many public services, and notably with all that concerned The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

His brother, Dr Donald McEachern, was a brilliant member of the Staff of the Neurological Institute of Montreal.

The funeral service was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, on Monday, March 22nd, and burial took place at St John's Cemetery.

To his wife, daughters and sisters the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and to The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada sympathy and condolences on the loss of their Honorary Lieut.-Colonel.

### ***Mrs A. W. MacDonald of Blarour***

The funeral of Mrs A. W. MacDonal of Blarour took place on the 13th April 1954, at Killiechurriel Cemetery, where, after a sung Requiem Service at St Margaret Church, Roy-Bridge, she was laid to rest beside her husband, Colonel A. W. MacDonald, D.S.O., of Blarour.

Colonel A. W. MacDonald served as a Regular officer in the Regiment from 1890-1891, and later with the Militia Battalion 1892-1903. In the South African War he was attached to the Lovat Scouts, and gained the D.S.O. for distinguished service in the Field in 1908 he commanded the Lovat Scouts.

A grandson is 2/Lieut. D. R. MacDonald, who has just left the 1st Battalion on release from National Service, and who is now serving with the 4/5th Battalion.

### ***Mr Murdo Grant, M.M.***

We much regret to record the death at, his home in Dunbartonshire, on 1811 April, 1954, of Mr Murdo Grant, M.M., the burial took place on the 22nd April.

MurdoGrant, a Gaelic speaker, joined the Regiment at Portree in March, 1912, and, after his recruit's training, joined the 1st Battalion. He was a very well-known, popular and highly respected personality of the Regiment.

He proceeded with the 1st Battalion to France on the outbreak of World War I and served with the Battalion until February, 1915, when he was wounded.

He was later posted to the 7th Battalion, and gained the Military Medal for gallantry in the field.

After the war, he served with the 2nd Battalion in Ireland and Aldershot, and also as an Instructor at the Depot and with the 4th Battalion and Lovat Scouts.

He served again in World War 2, and for a time was C.S.M. of No. 2 Independent Company, Cameron Highlanders.

To his widow, the Regiment sends deepest sympathy.

## **January 1955.**

### ***Rose-Miller***

At Croy, in a motoring accident, suddenly, on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1954, Mrs Millicent Rose-Miller, daughter of the late Mrs Lang Rose of Holm Rose, and wife of Brigadier G.P. Rose-Miller, D.S.O., M.C.

The funeral service at St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, at which the Colonel of the Regiment and Lieut.-General Sir Colin Barber, G.O.C.-in-C., Scottish Command, were represented, was attended by a large gathering of her many friends.

The burial took place at Croy in the afternoon.

To Brigadier Rose-Miller, his sons and daughters, the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

### ***Brigadier-General F.A. MacFarlan, C.B***

#### **MacFarlan.**

On October 7, 1954, peacefully, at The Glebe House, Chudleigh, Brig.-Gen. Frederick Alexander MacFarlan, C.B. late Queens Own Cameron Highlanders, aged 88. Cremation (private), at Plymouth, tomorrow (Saturday). *Daily Telegraph, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1954.*

Major-General J.W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,, pays this tribute to his memory:-

The death of Brigadier F.A. MacFarlan brings to a close a chapter in the history of the Regiment, in the sense that he was the last of the officers entitled to wear the old Blue and White ribbon for service in the operations in the Soudan (*sic.*)1885-86.

He was Adjutant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion when I joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Gibraltar in 1897, In the days when all 2/Lieutenants, no matter whether they had passed through Sandhurst or had held a commission in the Militia, were put back on the square and drilled with the other recruits.

Amongst my batch were Murdoch and Horne, both of whom were killed, the former at Nooitgedacht and the latter early in 1914.

MacFarlan was a fine cricketer and Captain of the Regimental XI. I can always remember the dim view taken by my fellow sufferers in the ranks when he excused me from early morning parade on the days we were playing for either the Regiment or Garrison.

I can still see Freddy MacFarlan and Henry Brown going out of the Pavilion to open an innings.

MacFarlan, a powerfully built giant, towering above Henry Brown, although he was of average height. They nearly always gave us a good start, and I can still remember MacFarlan's roars of protest, which could be heard all over the ground, when he was called for a short run by his more agile partner.

I am sure all those of us who ever served with MacFarlan would agree that not only as an outstanding athlete and officer, but as a kind-hearted and considerate friend, he would stand very high in the History of the Regiment.

*J.W.S.*

Note by Editor.

In the January Number, 1898, of the "79<sup>th</sup> News" a full description of the three matches is given, in which, after beating the 21<sup>st</sup> Lancers, the Lincolns and the Warwicks, the Regimental Cricket (sic) XI won the Cairo Cup.

The names of MacFarlan, Brown and Sandilands appear prominently, and MacFarlan and Brown are mentioned as having made 75 runs for the first wicket against the Lincolns, scoring very fast, and Sandilands is mentioned as having taken 4 wickets with 4 balls in one match, and 3 wickets in 5 balls in another.

*I.C.C.*

#### **Tribute by Major-General N.J.G. Cameron C.B., C.M.G..**

I ask to be allowed to pay a tribute to the memory of Freddy MacFarlan, my oldest friend in the Regiment. He and my eldest brother joined almost within a year of each other in Egypt, and were very good friends: so when I joined some eight years later there was already a link between us. I think he made a point of befriending young officers when they joined. I certainly remember with gratitude his many kindnesses to me.

He was an enthusiastic piper and encouraged me to become one too: for some years we used to play together constantly – yet another link between us.

He was exceptionally strong physically and played most games well. I think it was the spirit with which he played them that I admired more than his proficiency: to me he always seemed to be the very embodiment of good sportsmanship. He always played for the side, and for the sake of the game: one could never have connected him with anything like selfishness, pettiness, or jealousy.

He was a very powerful oarsman. I believe that it is rare for a man over thirteen stone seven to row up to his weight in a boat race: if ever a man could do so the man was Freddy MacFarlan.

His strength of character matched his physique. There was a rugged simplicity and steadfastness about him that inspired confidence, trust, and affection, in everyone who has the good fortune to serve with him.

For many years he was crippled with lameness. He bore that disability with the most admirable courage and cheerfulness, helped in doing so, I feel sure, by his unflinching sense of humour.

He was a real loyal and devoted Cameron Highlander, and never ceased to take the deepest interest in everything that concerned The Regiment: we hear that there was a copy of the "79<sup>th</sup> News" by his bedside when he died.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to his daughter, Mrs Sheila Robertson, wife of Major-General C.B. Robertson, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and her children.

Neville G. Cameron.

### **A summary of his Services.**

Brigadier-General F.A. MacFarlan joined The Regiment in 1885 as a lieutenant from the Essex Regiment. He served throughout the operations of the Sudan Frontier Force 1885-86, was present at Kosheh during investment, at the reconnaissance on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1885, and at the engagement at Ginnis; he also served in the Sudan campaign of 1898, being present at the battles of the Atbara and Khartoum, being twice mentioned in despatches and awarded 4<sup>th</sup> Class of the Medjidhie.

He was adjutant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion from 1<sup>st</sup> February 1894, for a period of four years. He later served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion as a Major in Pietermaritzburg, 1906, and was one of those who embarked with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion for China from S. Africa in December 1913.

In March, 1909, he relieved Lieut.-Colonel Scott Elliot in command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion then in Aldershot, and was succeeded on completion of his four years' tenure of command by Lieut.-Colonel J.D. McLachlan in March, 1913.

After a period of half pay, he commanded, in turn, 1<sup>st</sup> West Riding Infantry Brigade, Northern Command; 146<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, British Expeditionary Force, and 194<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Home Forces. In June 1918, he was appointed Commander, Ceylon.

For his services in World War I he was awarded the C.B. and mentioned in dispatches three times. He retired in 1920.

### ***Mr Thomas James Procter.***

The death of Mr Thomas James Procter took place at his home in West Hendon on 1<sup>st</sup> November. He was 76 years of age.



The late Mr Procter with his son middle and two friends on the left and right of the group taken May 1954

Mr Procter served in the Regiment for twenty-one years. He fought with the first Battalion at the Atbara and at Omdurman and in the South African War.

In World War I, he rejoined the Regiment and served with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion. In this, his third campaign, he was wounded twice, the first wound being through the shoulder and the second, a serious wound, resulted in the loss of an eye and severe head injury.

In World War II, he enlisted in the Home Guard and helped to train a Home Guard Unit furnished by the De Havilland Engine Company, Stag Lane, a firm with which he had been employed for 15 years.

A very loyal and enthusiastic member of the London Branch, Mr Procter was one of those who attended the Re-union organised for the South African Veterans in Inverness in 1950. He was on parade with the London Branch at the Royal Review of Ex-Servicemen in Hyde Park in July, 1953.

Mr Procter attained the rank of Corporal in the South African War and of Sergeant in World War I.

His career of selfless service and devotion to duty to his country and Regiment should, indeed, be an example and inspiration to us all.

The funeral took place at Hendon Park Crematorium on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. The Standard carried by the London Branch in the Royal Review being used to drape the coffin.

Mr L.A. Brown and Mr A. Cox, who had also served as a Sergeant in World War I, represented the London Branch at the funeral.

To his widow, Mrs Kathleen M. Procter, to his son, Pte. J.E. Procter, now serving the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Germany, the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

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### ***Mr George Edward Tarrant.***

The death of Mr G.E. Tarrant occurred in Inverness on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1954. He joined the Regiment as a Boy and saw service with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion as a Bandsman in Malta, South Africa, China and India prior to World War I. During that war he served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion in Invergordon, and whilst on active service in France he was wounded.

After he left the Regiment in 1921 he was employed for many years in the recruiting office, Inverness, during which time he was a leading player in local orchestras, including that of the late Mrs Logan.

A Memorial Service, attended by past officers of the Regiment who had served with him, was held at St Andrews Cathedral on 17<sup>th</sup> December, and the funeral took place at Tomnahurich.

### ***Mr T. Pentland, M.M.***

The death of Mr T. Pentland, M.M., took place at the British Hospital, Lisbon, on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1954.

The funeral on the 18<sup>th</sup> December was conducted by the Rev. Alan M. Davidson, C.B.E., M.C., M/A., D.D., who was asked by Lieut.-Colonel N.C. Fraser, Military Attaché in Lisbon, to send this short tribute.

Tom Pentland's medals and a Cameron Glengarry were laid upon the Union Jack which draped his coffin. The funeral was attended by every member of the British Embassy Staff.

"Once a Cameron, always a Cameron," is a saying readers of the "79<sup>th</sup> News" have applied, and rightly, to many members of the Regiment. But I make bold to say that seldom can it have been applied with more truth than to Tom Pentland, who died here, in Lisbon, on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1954.

My first peacetime contact with the Regiment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion – was in 1920-21 when I went to Aldershot as a young Chaplain. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion returned from Southern Ireland in 1921, served in Aldershot until October 1923, when it left for Cologne, B.A.O.R.

During the three years at Aldershot, both in soldiering and in sport, the Battalion carried all before it. To review the successes of those years might be of little interest to your younger readers, unnecessary for veterans of those days, and would use up more space than you are prepared to allow.

Tom Pentland, a C.S.M. then, was an outstanding, and upstanding, figure in that honoured 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Tug of War! The only team that ever defeated the Battalion was that of the Royal Marines.

Navy, Army, or Air Force were as nothing when faced with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Camerons. And one of the greathearted giants on the rope was the massive Tom Pentland. On the square or in sport, he gave all he had. In war his valour gained him the immediate award of the Military Medal.

On leaving the Regiment he entered the Security Section of the Foreign Office, and served in many stations abroad. It was my joy to find him here in our Embassy when I came to Lisbon in 1950. And always, when I had occasion to visit our Embassy, Tom would waylay me and we would turn to



talking of the years to whose success and greatness he had made such a worthy contribution. I visited him in hospital a few hours before his death. Even then, though fighting for breath, he still spoke of the Regiment and his pride in it, and of his many friends and comrades. He was, to the end a Cameron. May the Regiment see many more such days, and continue to have on its roll many more like Tom Pentland.

Alan M Davidson.

## **May 1957**

### ***Major Charles Lionel Patton-Bethune, M. C.***

The death of Major C. L. Patton-Bethune, M.C., took place in London on 5th January, 1957. He was aged 74.

The funeral service, followed by cremation, was held at St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, Westminster on the 10th ,January, 1957.

Captain A. G. Findlay represented the Regiment.

The death of Major Patton-Bethune has reduced to nine the roll of our regular officers who served in Queen Victoria's reign.

He was educated at Winchester and got his regular commission from the 3rd Battalion in April, 1900.

Shortly afterwards he was sent out to join the 1st Battalion in South Africa in command of a draft of 100 Militia reservists and men from the Depot. But his progress upcountry from the troopship was not all plain sailing. Owing to DeWet's activities, Patton-Bethune and his draft, in combination with our Volunteer Service Company, under Lieut. John Campbell, came in for some fighting, in which he distinguished himself, and in which John Campbell and four other ranks were wounded. On at least one occasion (at Rhenoster Camp on 14th January, 1900) his draft acted on orders given personally by Lord Kitchener.

Not until 24th August did he and his men manage to join the 79th. He was promoted Lieutenant on 21st November, 1901, and served with the 1st Battalion (less a period with the Imperial Yeomanry) until on the declaration of peace he was sent home from Kraal with 3 N.C.Os. and 7 men to attend King Edward's Coronation. He had earned the Queen's Medal with 3 Clasps (Cape Colony, Orange Free State, and Transvaal) and the King's Medal with 2 Clasps (S. Africa 1901 and S. Africa 1902).

After the South African War, Patton-Bethune continued to serve in the 1st Battalion when it was quartered in Fort George, and was with it when it went to Edinburgh in 1903 for the visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

In 1904, he went to the Chinese Regiment in the Far East, and was for some years rather lost to regimental ken.

He was Inspector of Chinese labourers in the Transvaal, 1907-1910. He was a fluent speaker of the Chinese and Japanese languages.

He retired in September, 1910, but not for long, as on the outbreak of World War I he rejoined the 3rd Battalion, and at Beuvry in January, 1915, for the second time, he joined the 1st Battalion from the 3rd, bringing with him a welcome draft of 100. About a month later the Battalion was moved from Ecquedecques into other billets in Bourecq, leaving under Captain Patton-Bethune, 150 N.C.Os. and men, suspected cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis. One of his subalterns on that occasion (now Lieut.-Colonel Pringle-Pattison, M.C.) refers to the splendid example set by Captain Patton-Bethune during this difficult period in his tribute.

When the 1st Battalion was at Rue de L'Epinette, in March that year, the Germans suddenly opened a heavy small arms fire on a house in our support line at " Indian Village," and several men trying to get out or in became casualties. Patton-Bethune with great courage got the door open and held it while the casualties were removed. Fortunately, he was unharmed, though three men were hit beside him.

In the same year, on the 9th of May, before our attack from the Rue du Bois, Patton-Bethune's Company was tightly jammed in a communication trench with men of another regiment and there seemed no hope of their getting up to the front line in time for the assault. Patton-Bethune, however, took the initiative, clambered out of the crowded trench and led his Company up over the open. Two of his Platoons arrived in time to take part in that afternoon of terrible casualties. Of all the officers who went over the top only three survived Patton-Bethune (who was awarded the Military Cross) and Haskett-Smith, both very severely wounded, and Pringle-Pattison, miraculously unscathed.

Apart from his gallantry in the field, he endeared himself to his men, inspiring confidence and morale, by interesting himself practically in their troubles and by helping to get them sorted out.

Captain Patton-Bethune lost a leg as the result of his wounds, and on recovery was employed at the War Office in the Directorate of Mobilisation. He was mentioned in Despatches in the *London Gazette* of 1916.

In the Second World War, in which Patton-Bethune lost his only son, he served again in the rank of Major throughout the war at the War Office in the Directorate of Recruiting and Demobilisation, his previous experience in demobilisation being of great value.

The deep sympathy of the Cameron Highlanders goes to Mrs Patton-Bethune and to all his kin.

## **A Tribute**

There may not be a great many officers still going strong who had the privilege of knowing and serving with Patton-Bethune, though amongst them will be Brig.-General Craig-Brown, Puggy Stewart, Haskett-Smith and John Ford (besides myself).

When I was posted to the 1st Battalion from Invergordon on January: 30th, 1915, Patton-Bethune was commanding A Company, with Alastair Gordon-Cumming as his senior subaltern. Shortly after this, owing to an outbreak of Spinal Meningitis, a portion of the Battalion, who were possibly contagious or considered suspected carriers, were isolated in a neighbouring village to that where the rest of the Battalion was billeted.

Captain Patton-Bethune was detailed as officer in charge and Haskett-Smith and I as his subalterns. During this trying and disagreeable period, I well remember the fine example Patton-Bethune set us with his cheerful courage and equanimity amongst a rather scared mixed lot of all ranks, as if we contracted this dread disease in those days it seemed to be mostly fatal.

Then, later, on the 9th May, 1915, at Festubert, when so many good friends and comrades were killed [and when I think I am correct in stating I was the only officer of those who actually went " over the top who returned unscathed], Patton-Bethune got the wound which cost him the loss of his leg, and thus the Regiment was deprived of the active services of a splendid regimental officer. It was a great loss, as there could never be too many of his fine stamp and character.

After the 1914-18 War, it was a genuine regret that he was seldom seen at Regimental re-unions. To me his memory will always be cherished and I am proud to have had the honour of knowing and serving with such a gallant gentleman.

My only regret is that I was unavoidably prevented from attending the Funeral Service on Thursday, 10th January.

P.-P.

## ***Lady Gemmell***

The death of Lady Gemmell occurred at her home in Liverpool on the 22nd February, 1957, after a long illness. To Sir Arthur Gemmell, M.C., to whom she was married in 1919 whilst Sir Arthur was serving with the 2nd Battalion before he retired to resume his medical career, the Regiment sends deep sympathy in his bereavement.

***Mr F. B. Kidd (6056/2921045)***

Francis Bruce Kidd died on 25/12/56 at, his home, 16 Dalneigh Road, Inverness, at the age of 73. He served with the Regiment for 21 years and was well known as Regimental Tailor with the 2nd Battalion at Aldershot, in Ireland, and at the Regimental Depot.

The funeral took place on 28/12/56 from his home to Tomnahurich Cemetery, and was attended by a large gathering of his comrades.

Mr Kidd was in possession of the 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

In World War 1 he was made a P.O.W. in November, 1914, whilst serving with the 1st Battalion.

Mr Kidd was discharged from the Regimental Depot on 6th February, 1923, with the rank of Corporal. He had enlisted on 7th February, 1902, at Edinburgh.

Few people can claim a longer and more interesting connection with the Army and the Regiment than the late Corporal Kidd.

His great-grandfather was present at the Battle of Waterloo. His grandfather, Sergeant John Kidd, served in the Regiment from 1830-1847, and from 1848-1867 with the 109th Foot, as a Sergeant-Major. He was in possession of the Indian Mutiny Medal with clasp " Central India " and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

His father, Corporal Francis Kidd, enlisted in the 79th Foot on 1st June, 1855, and later transferred to his father's regiment. He served in the 79th in the Indian Mutiny Campaign, and was in possession of the Indian Mutiny Medal with clasp " Lucknow."

His mother, during the Indian Mutiny Campaign, was on the nursing staff with the Army and was presented with a Parchment Certificate.

One of his sons served in the Regiment on active service in World War 2 ; another served with 21st Army Group, and a third son in the Royal Navy was lost when H.M.S. Penelope was sunk.

To his widow and family the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

## ***Lieutenant-Colonel D. D. Farmer, V.C.,*** M.S.M.

### **A Summary of His Career**

The death of Lieut.-Colonel Donald Farmer, V.C., M.S.M., occurred in the Radium Institute, Liverpool, on the 23rd December, 1956. He was aged 79. To his widow, whom he married in 1903, and to his son and daughters, the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement. Donald Farmer was the first Cameron Highlander to be awarded the Victoria Cross. He joined the regiment in March 1892, and became a colour-sergeant in 1905. He served in the Soudan Campaign of 1898 and was present at the battles of the Atbara and Khartoum.

The *London Gazette*, of 12th April, 1901, described the gallant action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in the South African War, as follows:-

" During the attack on General Clement's Camp at Nooitgedacht, December 13th, 1900, Lieutenant Sandilands, Cameron Highlanders, with 15 men went to the assistance of a picquet which was heavily engaged, most of the men having been killed or wounded. The enemy, who were hidden by trees, opened fire on the party at a range of about twenty yards, killing two men and wounding five, including Lieutenant Sandilands. Sergeant Farmer at once went to the officer, who was perfectly helpless, and carried him away under a heavy and close fire to a place of comparative safety, after which he returned to the firing line and was eventually taken prisoner."

In 1903 he married Helen Hall Menzies, daughter of Archibald Newton Bonuar of Biggar; her brother, Sergeant Robert Bonnar, served with the regiment in the South African War.

At the beginning of World War I, he was a Y.S.I. (Colour-Sergeant) with the Liverpool Scottish and went to France as R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion. He was posted from it to the 2nd Battalion when he received his Quartermaster's Commission, and a year later he was appointed Adjutant. For his services in World War I, he was mentioned in despatches.

In 1919, he was employed on the Naval and Army Canteen Board. In addition to the Victoria Cross, he was in possession of the Sudan Medal, 1898, the Khedive's Sudan Medal with Clasps Atbara and Khartoum, the Queen's South African Medal, the King's South African Medal, the 1914-15 Star British War Medal (1914-18), the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (King Edward VII), the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Coronation Medals of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

Though his health in recent years was not robust and his eyesight had been failing, he was able to be on parade on the 26th June, 1956, at the Review of holders of the Victoria Cross by Her Majesty The Queen, and to attend the various functions connected therewith.

He visited Inverness in August, 1950, when he attended a Reunion of South African Veterans, and met again Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B.,

C.M.G., D.S.O., whose life he had saved in the South African War. Lieut.-Colonel Farmer is survived by a widow and son, D. D. Farmer, M.C., who, whilst serving with the Liverpool Scottish, attached to the Highland Light Infantry as a Company Sergeant-Major, was awarded the M.C. for gallantry in action in North West Europe in World War II.

**The Funeral of the late Lieutenant-Colonel D. D. Farmer, V.C., M.S.M.**

The funeral of the late Colonel Donald Farmer was held at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, on Friday, 28th December, 1956. It was a bitterly cold, bleak winter's day. But despite the weather a considerable number of people were present.

The chapel was filled with flowers. Among those who sent wreaths were the 1st Battalion The Liverpool Scottish, The Liverpool Scottish Officers' Association, The Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association, Major-General Douglas Wimberley and All Ranks The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and Major-General J. W. Sandilands.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Bell, the minister of St Andrew's Church, Rodney Street.

The coffin was borne by eight serving Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion The Liverpool Scottish, to the tunes of "Flowers of the Forest" and "In Memory." Resting on the Union Jack, which draped the coffin were Colonel Farmer's twelve medals.

In a short and moving address, Colonel John Paterson outlined Donald Farmer's service history, underlining his close link with the Liverpool Scottish, with whose 1st Battalion he had served as R.S.M. during the Great War, and with the 2nd Battalion as Quartermaster and later as Adjutant,

"But," Colonel Paterson concluded, "it is not for these appointments that we shall chiefly remember Donald, nor for the outstanding act of valour by which he gained his Country's highest decoration nor yet for the great part he played in forming the Regimental Association of the Liverpool Scottish; rather we shall always remember Donald Farmer for his outstanding example and his wonderful spirit which he maintained right up to the end.

"He was, indeed, the guiding spirit, the elder Statesman, and the close and friendly link between the Old Comrades and the serving members of his Regiment."

At the end of the service, the congregation stood while Bill Gardner, himself once a Pipe-Major in the Scottish, played the lament, "The Death of the Chief," followed by the March, "Lieut-Colonel D. D. Farmer, V.C.," the "March of the Cameron Men" and the "Glendaruel Highlanders." And so Donald Farmer passed from our sight, leaving with us all a deep sense of personal loss.

The Colonel of the Regiment was represented by Major J. R. K. Sinclair,  
M.B.E.  
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## Tributes

From Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. January 24th,  
1957.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of my old friends and comrades, who served in the Khartoum Expedition and the South African War, I would ask you to offer our most sincere sympathy to Mrs Farmer and her family for the loss of a husband and father.

He was a brave man and a fine soldier.

I well remember the day when we were in Kelso, the great pleasure it gave my mother, who was the first to read the news that Donald Farmer had been awarded the Victoria Cross.

I also look back to the happy occasion when I was present at Donald Farmer's wedding in Edinburgh, over 50 years ago.

I very much regret that I was not able to be present to pay my last respects to my old friend in Liverpool.

Mrs Farmer and her family may rest assured that, while the memory of others who have gained high rank and honours may fade away, as the years go by, the name of Donald Farmer, as the recipient of the Sovereign's highest award, will always be remembered by future generations of Cameron Highlanders.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. SANDILANDS.

Donald .Farmer, V.C., was a man great in stature and great in spirit. He was one of " Nature's Gentlemen " and the mere casual meeting with him made one feel uplifted.

As a young private in the Liverpool Scottish in 1911, I admired the Permanent Staff, but the one who was a " schoolboy's hero" was Donald Farmer, a Colour Sergeant instructor, whose presence appeared to transcend all others.

The Liverpool Scottish was a unit to be proud of, and I am convinced that this was in no small way due to his influence. His way with recruits was kindly but firm, and he always had a cheery word for them off parade.

He went to France with the 1st Battalion on 1st November, 1914, as Regimental Sergeant Major. In 1916, he became Quartermaster of the 2nd Battalion and a year later was appointed Adjutant. In 1918, he was in command of a Training Camp for American Troops.

His affection for the Scottish never waned; and, in 1930, mostly through his efforts, the Regimental Association was formed. He was its first Chairman and was so until his death.

G. K. C.

***Vice-Admiral Lachlan Donald Mackintosh of Mackintosh, C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., D.L.***

The sudden death of the 29th Chief of Mackintosh at Moy Hall on the 20th March 1957, brought great sorrow to his countless friends in all walks of life by his death, at the age of sixty, a distinguished sailor, a fine type of Highlander and a great gentleman, who did his full share of public life faithfully and conscientiously, has passed away; his service to his country, his clan and his county will not soon be forgotten.

The eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Duncan H. Mackintosh, Drumalin, Inverness, Vice-Admiral Mackintosh had inherited the Mackintosh Estates under the will of the late Colonel A. D. Mackintosh of Mackintosh, C.B.E., who, after long service in the Militia of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, commanded the 3rd Battalion (Special Reserve) Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders for a long period in World War I, and died in 1938.

Recognised as the 29th Chief of Clan Mackintosh in 1947, he took a deep interest in the affairs of the Clan, and in that he was actively supported by Mrs Mackintosh of Mackintosh, who wrote a history of the Clan.

The late Mackintosh like his predecessor, had great interest and affection for the Cameron Highlanders, and it was our pleasure and privilege to welcome The Mackintosh and Mrs Mackintosh to many re-unions and regimental functions. In the Regimental Museum are several exhibits gifted by him in recent years.

Greatly esteemed by the people on the Mackintosh estates, it was one of his cherished aims to rebuild Moy Hall, as the present Hall was infested by dry-rot and incapable of repair. He threw himself energetically into this task, and the new Moy Hall, built in proximity to the old Mansion House, is nearing completion. It is sad that he has not lived to see the fulfilment of his labours. In 1951, the Chief and Mrs Mackintosh held a great Clan Rally at Moy Hall as part of the festival of Britain celebrations. The funeral took place from Moy Hall to the Mackintosh Vault in Petty Churchyard on the 27th March.

Before the main service at Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, conducted by the Right Rev. Duncan MacInnes, M.B.E., M.C., Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, and the Very Rev. Leslie Pennell, Provost of the Cathedral, a short service was held at Moy Hall.

As a mark of respect, flags were flown at half-mast over the Town Hall, the Castle, Cameron Barracks, and other buildings as the cortege entered Inverness.

Her Majesty The Queen was represented by Lord Macdonald, M.B.E., H.M. Lieutenant for Inverness-shire.



The chief mourners were Mrs Mackintosh of Mackintosh (widow) ; Lieut. Lachlan R. Mackintosh, R.N. (son), the new Chief: Mr Malcolm Mackintosh, Dorset (brother); Mr Duncan Mackintosh, London (brother) ; Mr John Sanderson (nephew) ; Sir John Stirling of Fairburn (cousin) ; Brigadier J. E. Stirling, Holme Rose (cousin); the Hon. Mrs I. M. Campbell (cousin) : Major David Brodie of Lethen (cousin) and Mrs Brodie Rear-Admiral Piers K. Kekewich (cousin) ; and Mrs Arbell Montagu-Douglas-Scott (cousin).

There was a large attendance of relatives, friends, clansmen, and representatives of public bodies and voluntary organisations.

The following Cameron Highlanders and their wives attended: -Major-General A. L. Collier, representing the Colonel of the Regiment, and Mrs Collier, representing S.S.A.F.A., Inverness Burgh and County; Major C. C. B. Gordon, representing the Regiment: Brigadier J. A. Grant-Peterkin Brigadier G. P. Miller: Brigadier I. C. Cameron and Mrs Cameron: Major and Mrs C. A. Macleod, Lieut.-Colonel Hon. A. C. Campbell: Lieut.-Colonel Donald Cameron of Lochiel ; Major A. J. Cameron; Colonel R. C. Miers and Mrs Miers; Lieut.-Colonel H. Leah and Mrs Leah; Major John Ford and Mrs Ford; Lieut.-Colonel G. H. Munro ; Captain W. Mackay.

There was also a very large attendance at the Committal Service at, Petty Churchyard, conducted by the Bishop of Moray.

When the coffin was taken into the vault, " Mackintosh's Lament " was played, and among the numerous wreaths was one from the Gaelic Society of Inverness, of which Vice-Admiral Mackintosh was chief in 1948. It bore the Gaelic words: " Gaisgach de Dhream " ("A hero, to his people ").

Vice-Admiral Mackintosh is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1927, and one son, Lieutenant Lachlan Ronald Mackintosh, R.N., who succeeds his father as Chief of the Clan, to whom the Regiment sends deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

He is also survived by two brothers, Malcolm, who served in the 1st Battalion in World War I and for a period in India after that war and who is now farming in Dorset, and Duncan, an executive in the Shell Oil Company.

### ***Mr James Cameron***

The death occurred of Mr James Cameron, aged 74, at his home, 19 Hill Street, Inverness, on the 21st March, 1957.

Mr Cameron saw service with the Cameron Highlanders in the South African War and also in France during World War I.

Later, he emigrated to Canada, but returned to this country early in the last war with the Royal Canadian Artillery, with which he served in France.

He settled in Inverness again on demobilisation.

He took a great pride in the Regiment and was well versed in its history. An enthusiastic member of the Highland Branch, he never missed an Association Reunion and had in fact, just a week before his death, paid his annual subscription to the Highland Branch.

Mr Cameron was a keen cyclist and had cycled from Inverness both to Land's End and to John o' Groats in his 70th year, and a few weeks before his death was busy mapping out his cycling tour for the summer of 1957.

He is survived by three brothers and three sisters, all of who live in Inverness.

### ***Major H. B. Rowan, M.C.***

The death of Major Harry Birkmyre Rowan M.C., occurred at a nursing home in Prestwick on the 17th April, 1957. He was 67.

The funeral at Woodside Crematorium took place on the 19th April, after a service in St Ninian's Church, Troon.

Major Rowan originally joined the 5th (Lochiel's) Battalion as a Private in 1914, but received his commission in the 6th Battalion and was one of the original officers to go to France with the 6th Battalion as a Lieutenant.

He gained the Military Cross whilst serving with the 6th Battalion and was also mentioned in Despatches. He was twice wounded, in addition to being gassed in 1917.

He appears prominently in the Loos Painting of the 6th Battalion at Loos, by Joseph Gray, now in the Anteroom, Officers' Mess, Depot.

Major Rowan who, from 1913, was Joint Managing Director of Rowan's, Glasgow and Birmingham, continued to be deeply interested in the Regiment and in his old comrades, particularly those of the 6th Battalion, until the failure of his good health, some little time before his death.

He attended the Annual Regimental Dinners regularly and was President of the 6th Battalion Re-union Club, presiding at the very enjoyable dinners organised annually by the Club in Glasgow. He was also a keen cricket enthusiast and for many years Harry Rowan's XI included famous first-class players in their matches in Scotland against Glenalmond, Fettes, Merchiston, Strathallan, as well as Glasgow Schools.

After the Coronation of 1953, he presented to the Depot the very impressive picture of H.M. The Queen, which was displayed at Rowans during the festivities and which now hangs in the Regimental Hall.

To his widow, son, Major Russel C. Rowan, Private Secretary and A.D.C. to the Governor of Nyasaland, and daughter, the Regiment sends deep sympathy in their bereavement.

## **Mr A. G. McManus**

McManus. - The death of Alexander Grozier McManus took place at the Paignton Hospital on March 9th, at the age of 49.

Mr McManus (2924894) was in the Military Band of the 1st Battalion for many years prior to World War 2, and served with the Battalion overseas for a long period and at Catterick.

During World War 2, he embarked with the 1st Battalion for active service in France in 1939, but had the misfortune to be a Prisoner of War from 1939-1943.

To his widow, whom he married in 1938, and his children, deepest sympathy is extended.

## **January 1965**

### ***No. 2813608 Ex-RSM J. B. Akroyd***

It was with deep regret that we learned of the sudden death, at Halifax, on 19th August, 1964, of "Jack Akroyd."

Although he had not enjoyed good health for some years, his death was both sudden and unexpected. He collapsed whilst travelling on a bus, on his way home from work.

During World War I, he enlisted in The Royal Fusiliers on 21st December, 1915, serving until May, 1919. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

On 11th January, 1922, he enlisted in the Seaforth Highlanders, serving with the 1st Bn until 1931, when he was posted to the Depot, as a Sergeant Instructor.

He rejoined the 1st Battalion in 1933, and was promoted Colour Sergeant on 13th July, 1933; from then until he returned home to serve with the Militia in July, 1939, he was Colour Sergeant of MG Coy (later renamed S and then D Coy).

During World War II, he was promoted to RSM, and served in North Africa. He was discharged to pension on 3rd November, 1945.

Jack was a fine sportsman, and played regularly for the 1st Bn Seaforth Highlanders, at both hockey and cricket. His enthusiasm for hockey was shared by his wife, Anne, who captained the Hong Kong Ladies in an Interport Match.

Major Tim Coleman represented The Regimental Association at the funeral, and wreaths were sent from the Leeds Branch.

To Anne and his daughters, we offer our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

### ***Captain D. H. Bell, MC***

Douglas Herbert Bell died at Crowcombe, near Taunton, on 17th September, 1964. Born on 11th May, 1890, he was the son of Michael and Leonara Bell. Educated at Coefe, and Christ's College, Cambridge, he was employed in the Hong Kong and Shanghai (*sic*) Bank.

He mobilised with the London Rifle Brigade, and went with them to France, in 1914. He was appointed to a Temporary Commission in The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders as a 2/Lt on 14th January, 1915, being granted a Regular Commission with effect from 14th January, 1916 and promoted Lt on 14th July, 1917.

He joined the 2nd Battalion at Sanctuary Wood on 8th April, 1915, and was wounded at Hill 60 on 25th April, 1915. On recovering from his wounds, he joined the 1st Battalion at St. Brebis on 29th September, 1915, being again wounded in the attack towards Hulloch on 13th October, 1915. He was awarded the MC for gallantry in this attack. He once again joined the 1st Battalion from the 3rd Battalion on 14th May, 1916.

On 4th August, 1916, he left the Battalion for service with the RFC. and was Seconded as Flying Officer on 14th November, 1916. Early in 1917 he joined No. 13 Squadron in France and was wounded in April, 1917.

Promoted T/Capt, he was in charge of a Training Flight at Worthy Down, Winchester, from July, 1917, until the end of the War.

He resigned his Commission in 1920.  
In addition to the MC, he was awarded the 1914-15 Star, BWM and VM.

He took up an appointment in Mincing Lane, but unfortunately developed " Sleepy Sickness " in 1924 and was unfit thereafter. He took up writing, and was author of seven historical books on Naval and Military subjects.

He married in 1916 Nora Humphreys, and they had one daughter who was killed by enemy action in 1942.

To his widow we offer profound sympathy.

R. C. M.

### ***Colonel Hon. David Bruce***

Col Hon David Bruce who died on 26th August, 1964 was born on 11th June, 1888, fourth son of the 9th Earl of Elgin. Educated at Eton and Sandhurst, he was gazetted and posted to the 2nd Bn Seaforth Highlanders in 1908 proceeding with them to France in 1914. He was wounded comparatively early in the war at Meteren, and on recovery joined the 1st Battalion. In 1915 he was severely wounded at Neuve Chapelle. He attained his Captaincy in 1915 and acted as Adjutant to the 3rd Bn at Cromarty in 1916 until March, 1918. when he assumed command of the 7th Bn in France. He was again wounded, but this time only slightly, and remained in command till May, 1919, when he retired with the rank of Lt Col in the Reserve of Officers.

Besides being wounded three times, once severely, Colonel Bruce was mentioned in despatches on three occasions and received a Brevet Majority as well as the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

In 1928, he was appointed one of H.M.s Commissioners for Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, and in December, 1928, he was appointed to the command of the 6th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders. He commanded the 6th Bn for four years.

During World War II he commanded the 8th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders (afterwards 30th Bn) from 1939-42.

He married in 1919 Jennet Rawstone, daughter of the late Right Reverend A. G. Rawstone, Bishop of Walley and the sister of the late Brigadier G. S. Rawstone.

He was Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Sutherland, and was appointed Vice-Lieutenant in 1957.

To his widow and family we express our deepest sympathy.

### **Appreciation**

I remember David Bruce for two things his attention to detail and his placid nature. These two incidents illustrate them.

I joined the 3rd Bn at Cromarty in mid-September, 1916, with 12 others recently commissioned. David Bruce, the Adjutant, was not in the Orderly Room when I reported. The next morning he met the 13 of us in a hut. This was the first time most of us had spoken to him ; yet, he knew each one of us by name. He commented on the uniform we were wearing, also pointing out what was wrong with what we had worn the night before in Mess.

In the mid-Summer of 1918, he was Commanding the 7th Bn in France. Late one night, he came round the front line and told me that as Bombs Anderson had been wounded earlier that evening, that I was then in Command of the Company. After a short talk, he turned as if to leave me, but came back, and, in his quiet voice, told me the Germans were expected over at dawn, and suggested alterations in our defences.

The Germans did attack at dawn-but, fortunately for us, many miles to our south.

L. G. C.

### ***No. 2813304 Ex RQMS H. A. Gillan***

It was with sincere regret that we heard of the death at Belfast of Harry Gillan on 23rd November, 1964.

He enlisted into The Seaforth Highlanders on 11th October, 1921, and joined The 1st Battalion at Belfast on completion of Recruits' Training.

For the next fifteen years, he was a Member of the Signal Platoon, being Signal Sergeant from 1930 to September, 1937, when he became Colour Sergeant in A Company. In September, 1938, he was promoted to CSM and posted to B Company.

In 1941, he was appointed RQMS of The 1st Battalion and served on the Assam Burma Border in 1942, in that capacity.

He later served in France and Europe with The 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, being discharged to pension on 29th November, 1945.

He became a Clerical Officer in The Civil Service, serving with the RAOC. He was also a Member of The RAOC (TA), from 1948 to 1950. After service at the Ordnance Depot in The Canal Zone, in 1954, he was posted to Belfast, and, prior to his death, was employed at The Army Recruiting Office, Belfast.

A great character, and wit, he will be sadly missed.

To his wife and daughter we offer our deepest sympathy.

### ***Major (QM) Alexander Creese Leckie, MBE***

Alec Leckie died in hospital in Aberdeen after an operation on 30th August, 1964. The son of Alexander Leckie, he was born at Niddrie Marshal, Midlothian, on 1st March, 1904. He was educated at Abbeyhill, Edinburgh, and married in 1930, Julia, daughter of D. Mackintosh, Inverness (3 sons, 1 daughter). He served in the ranks for 14 years 11 days and as a WO II for 8 years and 130 days. He was appointed Lt (QM) Emergency Commission on 3rd November, 1941, and WS/Copt (QM) on 3rd November, 1944. On 17th February, 1948, he was appointed Capt (QM) Regular Commission and Major (QM) on 13th April, 1951. He retired on 28th January, 1961.

He enlisted at Edinburgh as a boy on 17th March, 1919, and joined the Depot Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders on 21st March, 1919 (No. R/164) and (No. 2921669). He served with the 2nd Battalion in Aldershot, Ireland and Germany, until posted to the Depot as a Cpl on 31st October, 1925, to be appointed Lance Sergeant shortly afterwards. He served again with the 2nd Bn in Edinburgh until posted to the 4th Bn (TA) as PSI at Fort William in 1930. He rejoined the 2nd Bn in 1933 to serve in Aldershot, Palestine and Egypt until 1938 when he was posted to the Depot as CSM, being appointed RQMS on 12th May, 1940. He was promoted WO II on 22nd October, 1936, whilst serving in Palestine.

On promotion to Quartermaster, he served with the 1st Bn for twelve years, in India, Burma, Japan, Malaya, Tripoli, Egypt and Austria. He was appointed MBE for distinguished service in the Burma Campaign.

He was posted to the Depot at the end of 1953, where he served until he retired on pension, in 1961.

He was in possession of the MBE, GS Medal (Clasp Palestine), 1939-45 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War Medal, LS/GC Medal, MSM and Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal.

A very keen and good athlete, he represented the 2nd Bn at football, running, cricket and tennis.



Major A. C. Leckie receiving his M.B.E. from F-M Auchinleck.

## Appreciation

It was a proud day for The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders when 1921669 Boy A. C. Leckie joined, on 21st March, 1919, the 2nd Bn in Edinburgh though probably few realised at the time what this new recruit was to give to his Regiment in his *nearly* 42 years of devoted service.

" Alec " as he was known throughout the Regiment was promoted Lieutenant-Quarter-master in 1941 and was confirmed as Captain-Quartermaster with a Regular Commission in 1948.

He extended his service in order to undertake the final closing down of the Regimental Depot in January, 1961-a sad time for him as he had done so much for the many Officers and men who had passed through its gates in its last eight years.

It may have been fate that Alec should have been the last of the Regiment to leave his beloved Cameron Barracks as the Depot would never have been the same without the " Leckies."

Alec served many Commanding Officers in his time and they would all agree that they could not have had a more responsible, hardworking and loyal Quartermaster. What was more we all trusted him implicitly and never, even at the most thorough Admin Inspection was this trust misplaced as his Department was always above reproach, happy and one ahead of the " Q " Staff Officers!

He always set a high example and many officers and men have him to thank for wise advice. He was a true friend to all and the hospitality of the Leckies' house was universally known and sought after.

His award of the MBE, in 1945 was richly deserved - if there was a job to be done for his Regiment, it got done and done well without any fuss. Alec lived for his Regiment and was intensely proud of it. His one regret was that after his retirement, he could no longer find employment whereby he could continue to serve his Regiment.

The high regard in which he was held was shown by the very large number of Camerons who attended his funeral in Inverness last September.

To Julia who did so much for Alec, and to their family, all sympathy. The Regiment lost a respected and much loved Cameron to whom the 79th meant everything with the passing of Alec Leckie.

### ***Major D. M. Lindsay, MC***

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on 12th October, 1964, at his home in Nottingham, of Major D. M. Lindsay, MC.

David Lindsay enlisted in 1899 in the hope of being sent out to join the 2nd Bn Seaforth Highlanders, who were fighting in the Boer War, but, to his disappointment, he was posted to the 1st Bn Seaforth Highlanders in Cairo.

He served with the 1st Bn in Egypt and India until the outbreak of World War I, when the 1st Bn was dispatched to France with the Dehra Dun Brigade. He was wounded in 1914 but, after a spell at Cromarty, he returned to the 1st Battalion. He was given a Commission in the Seaforth Highlanders on 20th January, 1915, later being awarded the Military Cross. After a severe gas attack, he was sent home and employed as an Instructor at Officer Training Schools, rejoining the 1st Bn on its return to the U.K. After service in Belfast, he was employed from 1923 until his retirement from the Regular Army in 1926 as Administrative Officer at The Machine Gun School.



On leaving the Regular Army, he joined the 7th Bn Sherwood Foresters (Robin Hoods) and, when too old for further service in the Territorial Army, he devoted much of his time to train a Squadron of the ATC.

David Lindsay was one of the best shots that the Seaforth Highlanders has produced, winning many competitions pre-1914 in India, and competing in the Regular Army competitions at Bisley, he shot in the Regular Army VIII, and was runner-up in the Army Hundred, just prior to his retirement. He had to wait until 1936 for his proudest moment, when, as a member of the 7th Bn Sherwood Foresters, he made almost a clean sweep of trophies being competed for by members of the Territorial Army, winning the following: - The King's Medal and Earl of Scarborough's Challenge Cup with the TARA Gold Jewel ; Class Prize-1st Class. The Officer's Challenge Cup and Silver Medal, Territorial Championship Aggregate Match K ; the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Cup (previously won in 1934) ; he was a member of the 46 Division team which carried off the China Cup, and he was also a member of the Territorial Army Small Bore team which won the United Services Medal ; he also came 8th in the NRA Rifle Championship.

Major Lindsay was in possession of the following Decoration and Medals:- MC, India GS 1908, 1914 Star, Victory and War Medals, Delhi Durbar (1911), King George VI Coronation and the King's Medal for the Champion Shot of the Territorial Army.

To his widow, we offer our deepest sympathy.

### ***Captain Charles Algernon Mackintosh-Waker, MBE***

Charles Mackintosh-Walker died in the Northern Infirmary, Inverness, on 1st September, 1964.

The elder son of T. E. B. Mackintosh-Walker, DL, of Geddes, and his wife, Ellen, only daughter of Rev. J. C. Gardner of Fluke Hall, Lanes, he was born on 28th September, 1894. Educated at Rugby and RMC Sandhurst, he married in 1937, Loxis, daughter of Clive Trench, of British Columbia (1 son, 1 daughter). His son, Charles James, joined the Cameron Highlanders in 1958, with a Short Service Commission, and was granted a Regular Commission in the Queen's Own Highlanders on 17th May, 1960 ; he is serving with the 1st Bn in Germany. His younger brother, Brigadier J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, DSO, MC, Seaforth Highlanders was Killed in Action in North West Europe in 1944.

He was gazetted 2nd Lt from the RMC on 15th August, 1914, promoted Lt on 12th February, 1915, and Capt on 1st July, 1917. He retired on 25th September, 1922. Recalled from the Reserve of Officers in 1939, he served until the end of World War II.

He joined the 1st Bn at Bourg, on the Aisne, on 21st September, 1914. He served at Langemark, being slightly wounded on 22nd October, 1914, and again wounded on 28th October, 1914. He was subsequently employed on

the Staff of the RFC. 1914 Star, BWM, VM. In 1919, he sailed with the 1st Bn for India, and served in Lucknow and Rawalpindi, until he retired. A keen and good athlete, he played cricket and polo, and was a good shot.

After ranching in Northern Rhodesia, and coffee planting in East Africa, he settled at his home at Geddes, and farmed.

On the outbreak of World War II, he was recalled from the Reserve and posted to the 2nd Bn in the Middle East. He was Extra Regimentally Employed, and went to Greece, where he was captured in 1941. On return from being a POW, in 1945, he was made MBE for his Gallant Services on the beaches during the Evacuation of Greece. 1939-45 Star, Africa Star, Defence and War Medals.

To his widow, son and daughter, his wide circle of friends extend their deep sympathy.

R. C. M.

### ***Captain W. MacDonald***

Captain William Macdonald, who died suddenly in Rogart recently, at the age of 53, served in the Sutherland Cadet Company for a period of twelve years, during which time he commanded the Rogart Platoon.

He came from a family of very strong Seaforth Highlander connections, and although he himself served as a Regular in the Royal Air Force all six of his brothers served in the Seaforth Highlanders. Two of them are still serving, Lt Col D. M. Macdonald, TD, as Commander of the 1st Ross Cadet Bn, and CSM J. Macdonald in HQ Coy of the 11th Bn Seaforth Highlanders (TA). To them both, and to his widow, we express our sincere sympathy in their sudden loss.

### ***Rev. S. R. Mackintosh, MC, BD***

War-time members of the 1st Bn Seaforth Highlanders will greatly regret to hear of the death of the Reverend S. R. MacKintosh, MC, BD, who died at Cumbernauld on 11th October, 1964. He was educated at Clifton College and was at Hertford College, Oxford. He volunteered into the Cameronians (SR) and was Commissioned into The Black Watch in February, 1941. In October, 1942, he was posted out to India to join the 1st Bn Seaforth Highlanders. He served with the 1st Bn for three years, most of that time being spent on Active Service on the Assam-Burma border; for part of this time, he was Intelligence Officer. Roy was a very popular

Officer, and a first-class leader, and, in June, 1945, was awarded the Military Cross for gallant service during the previous year.

He held the rank of Major on demobilisation when he returned to Oxford where he gained his B.A. He then went to Edinburgh University where he studied for the Church and graduated BD with distinction in the New Testament, and was awarded the Pitt Scholarship and Gunning Prize. His first Charge, after Ordination, was at Walls, Shetland, from where he went to Dundee as Chaplain at Queen's College. In March, 1962, he was inducted to the new Charge of St. Mungo Parish Church, in the new town of Cumbernauld where he remained until he died.

Roy MacKintosh married Miss Elizabeth Hunter, a daughter of Mr Tom Hunter of the Inverness Post Office, and there was one son and three daughters of the marriage.

To Mrs MacKintosh and her children, we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss.

### ***Mr James Matheson***

The death occurred on the 5th October, 1964, at the age of 45, of Mr James Matheson, County Welfare Officer for Inverness.

Amongst the first of the Militia to be called up just before the outbreak of World War II, he joined the 4th Bn The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, on completion of his recruit training. He was captured at St. Valery, being a prisoner of war for five years.

On returning to Inverness, he became Principal Assistant in the Public Assistance Department, and, later, became County Welfare Officer and Clerk to Aird and Inverness District Councils.

To his wife and family, we extend our sympathy.

### ***Kenneth James Edgar Ross***

Mr Kenneth J. E. Ross, of 2 Rothesay Place, Edinburgh, died on 17th October, 1964. Kenny, as he was known to his very wide circle of friends, not only in the Seaforth Highlanders, but throughout Scotland, was a native of Muir of Ord, and he was a son of the late Mr Alexander Ross, who was the founder and first Editor of the "North Star," Dingwall, and was the author of the History of the Clan Ross. Kenny, like so many more of his contemporaries, gave a false age in order to join the 1/4 Bn Seaforth Highlanders, with whom he served throughout the 1914-18 War. He eventually obtained a Commission in the Regiment, and was invalided home at the end of the War, severely wounded. Although these wounds troubled him for the rest of his life, he never complained, and bore his fate with great fortitude as befitted a Highlander of his character and courage.

Between the Wars, Kenny became a great favourite as the genial proprietor first of all of the Caledonian Hotel in Stornoway, and later, the Victoria Hotel in Forres. Thereafter, he was appointed the Chief Technical Officer with The Scottish Country Industries Development Trust, and his services to the innumerable local craftsmen throughout the length and breadth of Scotland are well remembered.

Whenever it was possible, Kenny attended the Annual ReUnion of the 1/4 Bn Seaforth Highlanders, both in Dingwall and in London, and his absence from these functions will be sorely felt.

By a strange coincidence, two of his own grand-daughters, who are at school in Edinburgh, were asked, a few days after his death, to write a character sketch of any well-known personality, and, naturally enough, they both wrote about their renowned grandfather. Two short excerpts from these sketches are given here

"Ken is talked of always with great affection and always will be, as he was the kind of person you never forget, a kind of unsung hero who suffered bravely and fought courageously against pain and illness and yet who retained a strong sense of humour. His sister asked him 'What would you like me to buy for you?' ' Oh, just get me a tartan shroud and socks to match!."

" He was a man's man. He had personality which could make you laugh or cry, as he was in the mood. Never have I been in company with Kenny when he has not been the centre of attention and had everyone's eye or ear, young or old, on him."

The funeral service was at Warriston Crematorium on 21st October, when a great number, including many old Seaforths, turned out. Pipe-Major George Stoddart, BEM, in accordance with Kenny's special wish, played " Cabar Feidh " and then " Lochaber No More." The sympathy of many will go out to his widow and family.

J. H. R.

### ***Col A. W. Turnbull, CB, MC, TD***

It is with regret that we have to record the death on 14th December, 1964, of Colonel A. W. Turnbull, CB, MC, TD.

Born on 18th November, 1893, Alan William Turnbull was commissioned into the 8th (Service) Battalion Seaforth Highlanders on the 28th September, 1914, being promoted Captain on the 10th August, 1916. He was appointed Adjutant of the Battalion in February, 1917, and in April, 1918, he was promoted to Major and at the end of the War was in Command of the 8th Battalion. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel on the 26th January, 1919. He was awarded the MC for gallantry during the war.

After the First World War he settled in Shrewsbury, joining the 4th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry (TA) as a Major in May, 1920. Promoted

Lieutenant Colonel in January, 1925, he commanded that Battalion until January, 1933, when he was promoted Colonel TA.

Vice-Chairman of the Shropshire T & AFA from 1937 to 1948, he became Chairman in 1949 which office he held until 1958. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Shropshire in 1934.

During World War II he was Zone Commander and Home Guard Advisor, Shropshire Home Guard, 1941 to 1944.

Throughout his life Colonel Turnbull maintained his interest in the Seaforth Highlanders and after amalgamation he became a staunch supporter of the new Regiment. In 1962 he presented his Claymore to the Queen's Own Highlanders for presentation to a newly commissioned officer of the Regiment.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

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