



Handlebars... I thought you meant moustache!

C/Sgt. Jones reports from Afghanistan.

*Billy Jones sporting
his new accessory...
his moustache!*

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Chairman's Report

Gentlemen, it is once again that time of year when your committee has endeavoured to bring you articles from across the spectrum of the 'Regimental Family'. I hope you do find them interesting and would welcome any comments, you wish to pass on, regarding this publication and indeed future publications. My email address is mikebrimage@btinternet.com

As we have advised, over the last 18 months, your committee can no longer finance the printing and distribution of the newsletter to ex Liverpool Jocks who do not pay their annual subscription of £5. We have endeavoured to encourage ex Jocks to subscribe and this has had some success, however, I would encourage all members to spread the word and help us increase our membership base.

If there is anyone who would wish to join the Committee and contribute to the running of the Association and its functions please let me know and you will be invited to a Committee meeting to see whether you wish to be nominated.

On a personal basis, on behalf of Fiona, my family and myself, I would like to thank all those who so kindly sent their condolences on the recent death of my mother. We were all so touched by your kind gesture and your words brought comfort to us at a very sad time. Thank you.

On a brighter note may I wish you, your family and friends a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Mike Brimage
Chairman

Fallen Comrades

Since our last Newsletter in early 2010, the following comrades and friends have passed away.

- Major General Maitland-Makgill-Crichton.
CO 1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish,
President of the Regimental Association
- Ron (Smudger) Smith
Piper 1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish
- George Burns
Queens's Own Cameron Highlanders,
PSI the Liverpool Scottish
- Les Girard
1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish
- Geoff Careful
1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish
CO's Driver (Col. Smellie)
- Billy Kinnaird
1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish
- Mr H Bews
1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish
- Mr E G Dodd
1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish
- Jimmy McCoy
Liverpool Scottish Cadets,
1st Battalion the Liverpool Scottish,
'V' Coy 1/51 Highland Volunteers
- Ian Forrester Stark (2931044)
Joined Liverpool Scottish 'A' Company 2nd Battalion
1939 then 89 Anti Tank Regiment. Transferred to Norfolk
Yeomanry Anti Tank Regiment and landed in France on
D+4, later captured by the Germans becoming a POW.

- Cedric Mudie.
He joined the Liverpool Scottish in 1937 and did War
Service with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He rejoined the
Jocks on demob in 1946 and served until 1965. He died at
the age of 94.

'Fallen Lions'

Members of the 1st and 2nd Battalions
of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
who have been killed on Operational
Deployment, Afghanistan.

Sergeant Peter Anthony Rayner -
2nd Battalion - 8th October 2010

Kingsman Darren Deady -
2nd Battalion - 10th September 2010

Captain Andrew Griffiths -
2nd Battalion—5th September 2010

Lance Corporal Jordan Dean Bancroft -
1st Battalion - 21st August 2010

Corporal Taniela Rogoiruwai -
1st Battalion - 15th June 2010

Kingsman Ponipate Tagitagimoce -
1st Battalion - 15th June 2010

Kingsman Sean Dawson -
2nd Battalion - 14th February 2010

Corporal Simon Hornby - 2nd Battalion -
19th December 2009



Regimental Reunion Dinner 2010

Our Re-union Dinner was again held at the Adelphi Hotel Liverpool on Friday 23rd October with over 160 Members and Guests sitting down for dinner. The theme this year was recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the London Scottish with whom V Company served alongside for many years in 1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers. In keeping with this theme our Chief Guest was Col. David Rankin-Hunt Honorary Colonel of the London Scottish. Col David had the pleasure of acting as second in command of V Company under Mike Brimage at Annual Camp in the early eighties and he is therefore well attuned to the Liverpool sense of humour.

The top table also included, for the first time as our President, Col Ian Paterson together with Lt Col Andrew Kennedy, CO 4th Bn. The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment; WO1 Brooks, RSM 4th Bn.; Donald Ritchie (Museum Trust Chairman; Padre John Williams; Roy Boardman, (Treasurer); Colin Hughes (Secretary); and Mike Brimage (Chairman).

Mike Brimage proposed the Loyal Toast and later the toast to 'Our Guests'. As the main guest Col David replied by giving us an update on the London Scottish, also advising of their current and future activities. All found this to be very interesting. Col Ian toasted 'Absent Friends' and Roy Boardman toasted the 'Liverpool Scottish Regiment'. Col Andrew gave his usual robust and forthright reply for the Regiment.

The Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipes and Drums again played an excellent set and marched off to a rousing ovation to the Regimental March - 'Glendaruel Highlanders'.

The raffle raised £339 for ABF – The Soldier's Charity, a long established charity which is working very closely with the other Military Charities to provide support to serving soldiers, veterans and their families from the many conflicts in which the British Army has been involved from the Second World War to Afghanistan. ABF – The Soldier's Charity is also providing support to former Gurkha's who have moved to this country since the rules on admission were changed.

As in previous years we were pleased to welcome representatives from the Queens Own Highlanders, 4 Para and the Prison Officers Association.

With the formal part of the dinner over, everyone began to mingle and made full use of the bars. The purpose of the re-union is for members to join together and renew friendships and share memories of their time with the Liverpool Scottish. It is safe to say that the purpose was achieved in fine style with the singing starting earlier than usual the atmosphere being stoked by liquid refreshment until the early hours.

Roy Boardman

The Officers' Association

This year's activities have mainly centred around our AGM and Ladies' Supper Night, held at the Castle Armoury Bury, home to 'G' Squadron 207 Field Hospital (RAMC) TA, on 6th March.

Our reason for choosing this location was to enjoy the Liverpool Scottish Officers' Mess furniture, which our Regimental Trustees have given to 207 on long term loan.

Those of you that visited either the Officers' Mess at Score Lane or the Museum at Botanic Road will recall the dining tables and chairs, sideboard and various occasional tables. 207 have refurbished some of these items and it was nostalgic to once again enjoy a good meal sat at the dining tables.

All mess members and their ladies had booked into the Village Hotel, Bury and special mention should be made of the distance some members had travelled to attend. Col. Chris Davies, Lincolnshire; Capt. Edgar Chavasse, Abersoch; Col Barry Barber, Derby; Capt. Martin Glen, London; Lt Ed Cross, Worcestershire; Major John Paine, Yorkshire. A total of 12 members attended with apologies from a further 10.

Once the formalities of the AGM were over we joined our ladies in the Chavasse Room for pre dinner drinks. We had now been joined by our guests for the evening, CO 207 Fld Hospital and the OC and Admin Officer from 'G' Squadron. Our meal was provided by outside caterers and was most

enjoyable. At the conclusion of dinner the presentation of the Liverpool Scottish Order of Merit was presented to a much deserved Maj. Ian Riley.



Maj. Ian Riley is presented with the Liverpool Scottish Order of Merit

Unfortunately due to various family reasons not as many officers were present at this year's Remembrance Day Parade. Roy Boardman did a sterling job standing in for Mike Brimage as Parade Commander.

We look forward to our AGM and Ladies' Supper Night, to be held on 5th March next year, location to be confirmed and also to the Regimental visit to Bois Grenier and Ypres in June.

Mike Brimage

Remembrance Sunday - 2010

The day dawned damp and overcast but as members arrived at St Georges Hall it was dry although rain threatened. Our usual forming up point in the shadow of the Wellington Monument was occupied by the Royal Navy so, with Mike Brimage unable to attend due to family commitments, Roy Boardman – Treasurer of the Association and appointed as Contingent Commander this year, arranged for the contingent to form up in that branch of William Brown Street to the side of the Wellington Monument.

The contingent this year comprised the Association Pipes & Drums, the Standard Party, Association Members, Liverpool Scottish Cadets, former Green Jackets and a group of Prison Officers with their Standard. In the event the Parade Sergeant Major re-organised the order of march so that in the end the Liverpool Scottish Pipes & Drums led all the contingents onto St George's Plateau. The Liverpool Scottish took it's usual position at the South end of the plateau in the shadow of the statue of Prince Albert. The service of commemoration was conducted in the usual exemplary fashion with Pipe Major Tommy Savage playing a Lament.



Major Roy Boardman take the Contingent Command

The service over, the main parade departed the plateau followed, at an appropriate distance by the Liverpool Scottish Contingent. The reception given by the public to everyone on parade was nothing short of magnificent.

It was as we turned into St John's Lane that the first spots of rain were felt just before we fell out and re-formed in St Johns Gardens. When we reformed we were joined by a 12 strong contingent of serving Liverpool Jocks led by their new Platoon Commander Mark Seddon. This was not Mark's first such parade as he had previously attended as a Liverpool Scottish Cadet.

As soon as the King's Regiment had completed laying wreaths at their splendid memorial we stepped off on the march to our own memorial stone. Again a large number of spectators had gathered to watch as the Act of Remembrance was carried out in front of the Liverpool Scottish Memorial Stone. Your Treasurer spoke The Exhortation and Hughie Campbell gave the Kohima Epitaph.

Wreaths were then laid on behalf of the Association, the Serving Soldiers and the Cadets. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr Fairfield with Piper James Axom playing the Lament. The rain eased as the short ceremony came to a close.



Pipers tuning up

The Liverpool Scottish First World War memorial had been installed into the Power and Glory room in St Georges Hall earlier in the year, after having been kept in storage since the closure of the Regimental Museum, and it was intended that another Act of Remembrance would then be conducted at that memorial. However on the day it was found that the Heritage Centre had started to close on a Sunday only two weeks earlier and the plans to carry this out were cancelled. However Bobby Lynch was not to be thwarted and made a few enquiries and three members, Bobby (holding the Standard), Roy and David Hillman managed to conduct a short ceremony at the Memorial to pay their respects to the Liverpool Jocks whose names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance.

With respects having thus been paid to our forebears members retired to the Adelphi to take refreshment and reminisce awhile.

Roy Boardman



The march off

'A letter from the front'

Sirs, Gentlemen

Well hello once again from sunny Afghanistan. Whilst I watch Sky News and see the UK in the grip of the snow and ice the sun beats down here in Helmand. Hope everyone is keeping well and fighting fit since I last wrote home, which would have been for the Reunion Dinner. Since then we have had Remembrance Sunday, well this was quite strange for me this year as I'm normally shivering in No 2's at the Cenotaph, with all the serving and ex serving members to chat to and march on to the Plateau at 1020 hrs.



Ex Liverpool Jock Major Nick French of 3 Para and myself

This year for me was very different as we had our Remembrance Service at Patrol Base 2 (PB2), in the green zone in the heart of Helmand Province, with the sun beating down and the sound of gun fire in the distance. At 1055 a Troops in Combat (TIC) situation had started and people had to leave the service to man the Ops room. About 30 of us were now left in attendance, because as we are in a Patrol Base (PB) there are always troops out dominating the ground. We gathered around a small cairn, not too dissimilar to the one built for Dicky's Dash, with names of soldiers who have fallen in combat around the area of PAYHNE KALAY and NES. Once the service was over that was it, business as usual – ammo, stores, orders, patrols in, patrols out – no going to the Adelphi for a pint for me!!!



A patrol prepares to move out

It wasn't until later that night that I had time to think how much I'd missed the whole day, the service, the people and the good company that follows from singing in the Adelphi to getting poured into a taxi whenever I'm done – which is too late as the boys will say.

At the moment I'm in MOB Price, which is located in the area of GERESH in Helmand, this is where A1 Echelon is based and all the CQMS's are back in this location for a couple of



Out on patrol

days to plan for future Ops and the resupply of the forward PB's. The facilities here are great, hot showers, good food, a coffee shop, heated tents all good. Whilst I've been here I've been for a few runs out with the Immediate Re-supply Group (IRG) and touched base with a few lads I haven't seen since we left Colchester, which seems like a long time ago now – but only 9 weeks.



As I said....'great facilities!'

I called into PB3, housing a Company of 3 PARA, which is attached to 2 PARA Battlegroup. The Company is commanded by an ex Liverpool Scottish Platoon Commander Major Nick French, who has done really well for himself, as he is only a young Company commander. The Company is also doing well as they are right up there in daily contact with the Taliban.

Major French has asked me to pass on his regards to all in the Liverpool Scottish family who know him.

I must go and do some work whilst I'm here in A1!!!

Sirs, gents bye for now and all the very best for the New Year.

C/Sgt Billy Jones
2 PARA Battlegroup
Nes (S)
Op Herrick 13

Regimental Association Pipes & Drums

HELP FOR HEROES CONCERT - JANUARY

Our year got off to a start in late January when we were requested to be the final act on the Help For Heroes concert at the Philharmonic Hall, it turned out to be a great evening, the hall was full, the acts were great and the band was given a brilliant ovation at the close of their set. The organiser WO1 Dougie Icke was most appreciative and was delighted to raise £38,000 for the charity.

P'S & D'S DINNER - MARCH

This was held at the Adelphi in March and was a roaring success, the food was excellent as usual, the main entertainment was supplied by the Scally Wags who went a bomb with the audience, the night was helped along with members of the 101 and 103 Regt R A giving us a whirl on the bag pipes, our thanks to them, thanks also to the audience most of whom support us through thick and thin and especially for the tremendous outcome of the raffle which raised £280.00 plus (A special thanks to Garry Clark a Five Star coach driver who gave the band a superb box of 6 x wines which helped the raffle go so well) well done to you all.



P&Ds at the St. Andrew's Dinner

HOOGE DAY - JUNE

We were back to the Chevasse and VC memorial this year and once again the wonderful father John Williams MBE worked his magic over the service, the band were in good fettle and the weather was kind to us, it was also good to see the passing public stop and join the fold. Afterwards and for the first time we left Abercrombie Square and regrouped for the AGM in the Crosby suite of the Adelphi Hotel, the move to the Adelphi proved to be a very successful one and after the business was concluded it was just a few short steps to the bar where we all enjoyed cheap priced ale courtesy of the Britannia Adelphi management (GOOD MOVE).

EDINBURGH TATTOO - AUGUST

Once again the swirl of the kilt and the call of the pipes drew 30 x of us to that famous castle up north, though figures were down on previous visits our excitement was no less than on other occasions and on both the outgoing and return journeys our spirits were kept topped up with the jokes and banter of messers Billy Jones Snr and Keith McCarthy (Thanks boys). We arrived for the very first performance on the first Friday of the month starting at 9.00pm and we were all

ecstatic to learn that our very own Sgt Richie Drysdale was to be the LONE PIPER on the battlements playing the lament during the closure of the show (It was goose pimple time). The show was great as usual but the rest of the week-end is just a blare so I'm afraid you will need to look elsewhere for more info.

REUNION DINNER - OCTOBER

There is already a full report on this, so I will just say the band turned out in big numbers and once again gave a superb performance. On this night the band received a generous donation from Mr Eric (Slim) Stinson ex CSM v V Coy and on behalf of the band, Thank You Very Much Slim it will be used wisely.

ARMISTICE DAY - NOVEMBER

Again the band was in fine fettle and with Mark Baures on military duty Tommy Savage took over as Pipe Major for the day and he played the lament for the main Liverpool City service and our own parade at the Liverpool Scottish Memorial in St John's Gardens, both ceremonies were very well attended and once again we lead our contingent onto the plateau first with P's & D's at the front. If you don't already know the buffet laid on afterwards in the Adelphi was courtesy of the Adelphi management for all armed forces veterans and serving soldiers, so if it hasn't already been said THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH THE ADELPHI.



P&Ds on Armistice Day

ST ANDREWS BALL - NOVEMBER

A full report is already submitted and I was unable to attend this year due to the disablement of Ivy (Hip replacement the week before). However I did need to make a quick visit to the Devonshire where the ball took place in order to take a few photo's of the band for the upcoming Help for Heroes concert programme (February 26th 2011) this done I was flabbergasted to hear that Mr Billy McNaughton had made a very generous donation to the band before the ball got underway. Billy is and always has been a great friend and supporter to the Liverpool Scottish family and it goes without saying how very grateful the band is for his kindness. Cheers Bill.

Bobby Lynch.

A Trip to France and Belgium 2011

In June next year the good people of Erquinghem-Lys and Bois-Grenier have invited the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Family to join them in naming the garden, in which our memorial to the 2nd Battalion is situated, 'Square Dickinson'. The garden is on a site close to 'Dick's Dash'. They will also be dedicating a bench.

To enable us to join our French friends we are arranging a coach trip and can take up to 50 members and guests. The coach will leave Liverpool on the morning of Friday 17th June 2011 and return on Monday 20th June. Accommodation will be three nights Bed and Breakfast in the IBIS Centrum Hotel, Kortrijk, which is approximately 18 miles east of Ypres, rooms are based on two sharing (Single room supplement is £25 per night). The cost of the trip will be £269.00pp and a deposit of £50.00 per head is required at the time of booking.

Apart from our visit to 'Square Dickinson' we will also visit Ypres and Hooge, where we will hold our Remembrance Service.

Mike Brimage

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Liverpool Scottish 2nd Bn. Memorial

Liverpool Scottish Regimental Museum Trust

The Liverpool Scottish Museum Trust operated a fully registered museum (run entirely by volunteers) covering the history, from 1860 to the present time, of the Liverpool Scottish Volunteers and Territorials. The Trust was formed in 1978 although a museum had existed since the 1950s. In 2008, enforced changes in the estate holdings of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association meant that the existing premises in Botanic Road were no longer available. Although our collection is no longer on display, aspects of its maintenance, conservation and interpretation still need funding.

The collection of artifacts has gone into storage, and following the decision of the Trustees, core items and the medal collection are being transferred to National Museums Liverpool (the custodians of the King's Regiment Collection) and with some items going to other museums. This is a complex, detailed and time-consuming process. Some items will be on display in the King's Regiment Gallery and in the WW1 exhibition when the new Museum of Liverpool opens on the Pier Head in mid-2011. The present plan of the curator responsible for the King's Regiment Collection is that the Liverpool Scottish collection of medals will be on display with the remainder of their medals on a fairly short rotation so that all should be displayed at some time over a period of two or three years. The intention will be to allocate the remainder of the artifact collection in accordance with 'best practice' museum policy for the benefit of the Museum Trust which will continue its research and response to queries as well as ensuring that the archive is properly catalogued and digitized to enable ease of public access. The untiring efforts of Dennis Reeves remain central to this operation. There is a longer term intention to expand its website to create a virtual museum. We continue receive about 170 public queries a year as well as family visits. Two displays have been established at the RFCA

Headquarters in Liverpool and there are plans for the regimental portraits to remain on display in a local or regimental context. It is an aspiration to find suitable display location (balancing security and conservation) for the WW2 'Commando' display.

Additionally, the archive absorbs a great deal of our effort. It has been used by academic researchers in contributing to several major books as well as to a number of dissertations and theses in the past ten years. It consists of over three hundred albums, notebooks, diaries, scrapbooks and recordings together with eight four-drawer filing cabinets containing approximately 1500 files. These relate to individuals and all the aspects of volunteer military life of a single peace-time battalion over 150 years. Many of these files also contain small artifacts relating to individuals. Much of this material is now stored in conservation quality storage boxes and folders. The archive presently operates in a central Liverpool office and will hopefully move to new premises near Dale Street in the spring/summer of 2011; more detailed information will be published when confirmed. This will incur significant cost and volunteer effort but should provide several years of stability to complete the digitization and cataloguing, both projects carrying their own costs and consuming a great deal of effort. The Trustees have decided that a detailed catalogue and digital record of the material must be available so that contents can remain practicably accessible, rather than lost to sight in deep storage, whatever the final destination of the archive. A decision as to the ultimate future of the archive is still to be made but the Trustees are hoping that, within five years, it will be stored professionally within Liverpool and be available to the public.

Major Ian Riley TD

Three Colours and a Crown

Here is a short update from the '4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse'. The St Andrew's Ball was a raging success and all 140 guests had an exceedingly enjoyable time. This year we had a guest book for guests to sign and give feedback, which we will use to help us improve on future Balls.

People have already booked tables for next year's event and we would like to thank all of our guests for their continuing support in keeping this traditional Liverpool Scottish evening a success.

Our current state of affairs regarding employment in the TA is as follows; C/Sgt Tommy Waddell (aka Tommy the leg Waddell) still resides at LUOTC, C/Sgt Tony Francis (aka Finbar) and myself have just had confirmation that we are now part of 160 Regiment, based in Grantham. This appointment is to start asap. Also based at Grantham is WO2 Eassom (aka Bobby). We are all looking forward to this new challenge and hope to start off as a training team, for the Regiment, teaching them the Infantry way of life and introducing them to some of the traditions of the Liverpool Scottish.

Remembrance Sunday was a full swing event. Our service in the 'Garden of Remembrance', although short, continued to remind us what an important time of the year it is. Once again there were new faces to be seen from past members. The war stories flowed and every year I seem to get promoted and then shot back down in style. One of our horsemen was late for this event which was duly noted by Bobby. Tommy has yet to be forgiven and still to this day is on his knees begging for the big nod from the big Bob to make amends for his folly.

Finbar was his usual self, portraying an excellent Lord Charles, after consuming the copious amounts of Guinness. Ah! Where would we be without Tony keeping us in check, from medals to war stories? Keep up the good work Finbar. It was great to see Bobby and Tony's lads at the parade, just goes to show how time flies when you are having a good time. I ponder to think where has the time gone, only seems like yesterday that they were young boys at Score Lane running around at the Christmas Party. Both boys are a credit to their dads, well done and keep them dads in line!

As for myself, I am continuing to take the usual stick from the other Colours and Bobby. My initial worry was not being able to get back into uniform after leaving Liverpool University OTC. Finding yourself not out on a weekend is a strange and weird feeling! Thank goodness for 160 Regiment and all who sail in her.

We keep striving to keep the Liverpool Scottish brand alive and well, promoting it where ever we are and educating the less informed of how life should be according to LS traditions and ways.



Funnies

Carl Woods getting the date for the Ball wrong, when contacted (and that's not hit the deck and crawl into a fire position) was quoted as saying

'Christine has just come in with a curry – expensive curry!!'

Also, old age has finally caught up with Jeff 'the nicest man in NATO' Irvine who having got all his kit ready for the big night out, he and June's only night out of the year, when contacted said *'No it's next week Waddell, don't be winding me up we've got a room booked.'*

Well Jeff not on the 27th November you haven't!!

John Brooks C/SGT LUOTC

Old and Bold

The Liverpool Scottish Old And Bold meet on the 1st Sunday of every month at 1400hrs at the Adelphi Hotel, with all the usual Scottish banter, sharing of memories, jokes, the odd song and a well-worn path to the bar...everyone is welcome.

We retain strong links with Scotland, and attend the Annual Black Watch Association Dinner in Dundee together with the 51st Highland Burns Supper, in January, and have been invited again this year.

In June, we attended Founders Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea coupled with our annual visit to the pensioners' bar. Eighteen of our members also attended the 'Trooping of The Colour' Ceremony at Horse Guards' Parade.

Remembrance Sunday was well attended and a good

parade was had by all, although the weather could have been kinder for those of us of a mature nature.

The Liverpool Scottish St. Andrew's Ball was held on 22nd November at the Devonshire House Hotel and those members who attended, accompanied by their ladies, had a most enjoyable evening. Congratulations to the organizers – Three Colours and a Crown.

Saturday 19th January 2011 will prove to be an important date on our calendar as not only will we be holding our first Burns Night Dinner, but celebrating our 25th anniversary. Ladies are also invited to this event, which will take place at the Adelphi. Tickets are now available and everyone is welcome.

Mick Molyneux

2 (Liverpool Scottish) Platoon

The Platoon is going strong and continues to grow. We now finally have a Platoon Commander – 2Lt Mark Seddon – and the lads have welcomed him with open arms. He is still finding his feet, but is very keen to learn everything about the Liverpool Scottish. We are both working hard to build our close knit Platoon up to full strength as well as to keep the strong traditions of 'The Jocks' going.

Annual Camp; Sennybridge 17 – 31 July 2010 was spent entirely in Wales and we hit the ground running. We spent the first 6 days in the field on exercise. This was a grueller as we got back to the Infantry's core values – Tactics – as we trained for War!! Everyone performed really well and returned to Camp tired and a bit more grown up. But no rest for anyone as on Sunday we went over to Pen-y-Fan, again everyone did well, with 'A' Company coming in first. The next 5 days were spent live firing, finishing off with a Live Section Attack, the first time for some!

The Platoon had a good turnout on Remembrance Sunday with 11 members, in 'Greens' parading with the Duke of Lancaster's detachment and a further 4 of us parading in full No2 Highland Dress with the Regimental Association.

Operations: Kgn Tony Woodward has just returned from an operational tour of duty with 1 LANCS in Afghanistan. Woody took part in most if not all of the Ops during the summer. One of his tasks was that of 'Vallon Man', a very dangerous task as he was the man with the mine detector sweeping at the head of patrols. He performed extremely well and kept up the traditions of the Liverpool Scottish and has made everyone in the Platoon very proud.

C/Sgt Billy Jones is the only Jock currently on Ops, he flew out to Afghanistan on 11th October 2010. He is serving

with 2 PARA in a Forward Operating Base (FOB) as part of 16 Air Assault Brigade. The Platoon wish him luck and await his safe return.

Congratulations to L/Cpl Robinson on his promotion and to L/Cpl Evans for winning the Derby Trophy and Battalion Military Skills Competition.

The Future: It is looking really good for the Infantry, after the recent SDR (Strategic Defence Review). Our training has been increased to two weeks per month and recruiting has been stepped up. We continue to train for war as the Battalion will again support the Regular Army in 2011, 2012 and 2013 on Op Herrick Afghanistan, with 50+ soldiers at a time.



Annual camp

Sgt. Phil Thompson
Platoon Sergeant.

Liverpool Scottish War Memorial



I am pleased to report that on 12th April, after two years of visits and emails to and from St George's Hall our War Memorial was safely installed into 'The Power, The Glory' room, which is situated on the second floor, opposite the lift.

I would like to thank the Hall manager, Mr Alan Smith, for his support and for providing a project manager, Tracy Winstanley, who enthusiastically worked so closely with us. Thanks also to the Conservation Centre for framing the memorial and fixing it to the wall in St George's.

According to the Hall staff the memorial is a popular item on the tourist route as is our leaflet 'A Brief History of the Liverpool Scottish' a popular handout. The leaflets are presently funded by our Regimental Trustees. I encourage all members of the Regimental Family to visit the Heritage Centre at St George's Hall and view the memorial in its new home.

Mike Brimage

Centenarian Jock

On the 6th November an ex Liverpool Scot, of the 10th (Scottish) Battalion of the King's (Liverpool Regiment), reached the grand old age of 100. He is Captain Ernest Richard McKay.

Richard joined the 10th Battalion on 4th November 1929, he then joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, as a Regular Soldier, on 6th January 1931 – serving with the 2nd Battalion and obtaining the rank of Corporal. Richard received the Palestine Medal 1936 and the Coronation Medal King George VI, 1937 – he was discharged from the QOCH on 2nd February 1938.

During WW2 he once again joined the army, being discharged on 24th March 1947 as Captain E R McKay of the Royal Army Service Corps. He received the 1939-1945 War Medal, Africa Star and the Defence Medal.

After the War he started his own successful business. Now retired he resides in Maghull continues to drive his own car and is a keen golfer. I understand that the thing that most annoys him is being stuck behind some 'old codgers', playing slowly, on the golf course.

Richard attended the Reunion Dinner in October and I, as your chairman, presented him with a 10th Battalion ice bucket.



Richard McKay with Mike Brimage

I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic achievement and join with me in congratulating Richard.

Mike Brimage

Liverpool Scottish Cadet Detachment

Another busy year has seen us on parade in June, October and November. We have also had a change of command at the Detachment.

In June we took part in the Lord Mayor's parade, once again being given the honour of being the Colour Party. October saw us taking part in the Freedom of the City Parade which celebrated Cadet150 (The 150th anniversary of the founding of the Cadet Organisation).

Our final parade of the year was of course Remembrance Day. This year we were given the privilege of being escort to several of the dignitaries; those that weren't involved in escort duties joined the Regimental Association, as part of their marching contingent. We of course placed our wreath at the Regimental stone, along with the Association's wreath and that of the serving soldiers.



Liverpool Scottish Cadets were on duty on Remembrance Sunday

Several of our cadets have now moved on; Cdt Cpl Smith has joined the Regular Army, Cpl Hulse has joined the Royal Marine Reserve and L/Cpl Allot is with Junior Leaders at Harrogate. Not forgetting Cpl Billy Williams who is waiting to join the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

We also have two cadets deployed to Afghanistan with the Parachute Regiment L/Cpls Walsh and Gomez.

Unfortunately Joey Gomez was caught in an IED explosion and although seriously injured is recovering in hospital, in Birmingham.

We have had to say goodbye to Lt Iain Tyrer who has now transferred to the Royal Artillery Cadet Detachment on Aigburth Road. Thanks for your service and good luck for the future. Fortunately we have welcomed a new adult instructor, namely Sgt Walker, into our fold or should I say back into our fold as he was once a cadet with the LScots. RSM John Pollock still comes along to help out, a very welcome part of the furniture.

I have been shown some premises in Aintree which hopefully we will be able to move into in the early New Year. I will keep you posted on this development.

We now look forward to 2011 with the aim of growing the Detachment and promoting the Liverpool Scottish Family.

Sgt Billy Gomez

Detachment Commander

In the Wake of Heroes

A 'Biker's Tribute to the Liverpool Scottish Commandos at St. Nazaire

Pain, fatigue, despair at having changed, in a single, timeless moment, from a fit, eager young man with a full life ahead, to a bloodied POW casualty staring death in the face. All of these emotions are summed up in what has been described as one of the most haunting images of WWII. This was Pte Tom McCormack after what was probably the most daring – and successful – Commando raids of the War. Op Chariot, on 27th March 1942, was an ambitious attack on the dry dock in St Nazaire to prevent it being used by the warship Tirpitz. Sadly, Tom was not aware of the success. He died of his wounds eleven days later.



HMS Campbelltown hours after the raid

Tom was one of many Liverpool Jocks who became Commandos when they were formed in 1940 and he was one of the 25 volunteers who formed the Liverpool Scottish Platoon for the raid on St Nazaire. In the invincible, Dare to be Different, spirit which has always marked men of the Liverpool Scottish, they decided to fight in their kilts. Some, it is said, even going Commando for the occasion. The kilt may not have been the most suitable garment for such an amphibious operation but it certainly confused the Germans and it made the 'boys' proud to be representing their parent Regiment.



Pte Tom McCormack died of wounds sustained at St Nazaire

Two of the Jocks (RSM Moss and Pte Gwynne) were killed during the raid and were buried in what is now the Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery in Escoublac-la-Boule,

a few miles west of St Nazaire. It is of interest that their gravestones bear the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders cap badge. Tom McCormack's grave is miles away, in Rennes Eastern Cemetery. However, as the photograph here shows, his grave (18.2.J.1) bears the Liverpool Scottish cap badge. Perhaps this is the only grave in WWII which is so marked? I would be interested to hear of others.



Tom's grave bearing the Liverpool Scottish badge

Anyway, as they say, "Ageing is inevitable but maturing is optional", so for my motorbiking odyssey in 2010 I decided to visit the site of the *Op Chariot* raid and to track down the graves of the Liverpool Jocks who died in its execution. What a worthwhile trip it was. The dry dock and (see photo) the U-boat pens are, indestructibly, still there, as is the Old Mole which, as *Op Chariot* experts will know, was the planned re-embarkation point for the assaulting troops. Of HMS *Cambletown* which rammed the dock gates and, later, blew up, taking with her some 400 Germans, there is no sign, but one cannot be but impressed with the awesome result she achieved.

Tracing the footsteps of the heroes who carried out this raid was a simple matter; the indestructibility of the German reinforced concrete U-boat pens and defences means that little has changed over the years. Finding the graves of Our boys was a little more challenging – but I found them. I was proud to pay my respects and, on behalf of the Liverpool Scottish Family, to express my humility at their sacrifice – and their success.

If you would be interested in coming with me next time (not necessarily on a motorbike!) let me know. March 2012 will be the 70th anniversary of the Raid. Why don't we make it a date?

Chris Davies

Secretary's Report

In May this year, The Southern Branch of The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment arranged a visit to Duxford in Cambridgeshire; the main aim was to see the new Airborne Museum following its move from Aldershot. The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment have strong connections with the Airborne Forces dating back to the glider borne Battalions of WW2 and a large number of later serving soldiers had transferred to The Parachute Regiment. Having earned my wings some time ago, I took the opportunity of visiting Duxford for the day. Anybody wishing to see Duxford in its entirety should allow themselves a couple of days as there is so much to see; it's an amazing place to visit.

In June I was invited to Liverpool Town Hall and Liverpool Cathedral for Veteran's Day/ Armed Forces Day buffet lunches, service and parade. Only a few invitations were sent out for the parade and I hope that it will be more widely advertised next year so that more 'glengarries' can be seen. The Parade this year was led by the band of The Parachute Regiment and appropriately Wagner's 'Ride of the Valkyries' was played for the March Past.

In July I paid my Annual Visit to Blackburn Cathedral for the Somme Day Service. This service remembers 'The Fallen' of The East Lancashire Regiment; many of whom were killed on the first day of The Somme, including The Accrington Pals Battalion. Many of these lads were mill workers who worked and socialised together in small communities. They joined up together, served together, and died together.

Whole Lancashire communities were decimated in this way. Following the service, lunch was held in the crypt after which Col. Steve Davies, the Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, gave his customary speech. Col. Davies always emphasises the role of the extended Regimental family, mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, Cadets, Regimental Associations etc; all of which are important in supporting our serving soldiers. Col. Davies also stressed that, although soldiers killed in action in Iraq, and Afghanistan have been mercifully light in comparison with other conflicts, we must remember all of those with severe injuries and who are great number.

Unfortunately, the role of Secretary is not always a happy one and I have had the sad duty of attending the funerals of soldiers killed in action. Particularly poignant are the small Lancashire villages that are decked out in Union Flags for the day and the whole community stops what it is doing while the cortege passes through the village.

Sadly, I was not able to join you all on Remembrance Day this year as I am now on The Committee at Southport Royal British Legion and my services as a piper were required on both days. I was also playing at 'The Unknown Warrior' project in Crewe on Remembrance Sunday afternoon.

My sincere greetings to you all for Christmas and New Year, and particularly to the lads who will be serving in some far off foreign field.

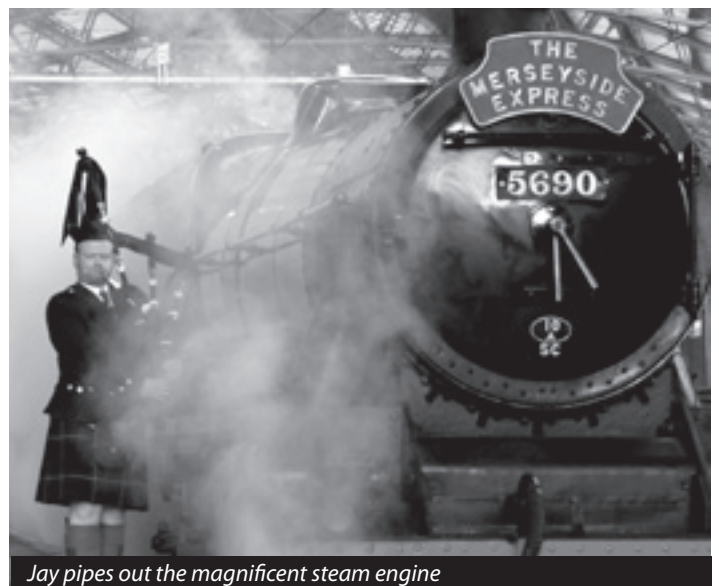
C.P. Hughes (Hon sec)

The Leaving of Liverpool

In the early hours of Friday 3rd September Piper Jay Axom stood on a smoke filled platform to pipe off the West Highland Express. We had been approached by the Liverpool Daily Post and asked could we provide a piper for this nostalgic occasion. Without hesitation Jay accepted the task on behalf of the Liverpool Scottish.



Locomotive 5690 prepares to leave Liverpool



Jay pipes out the magnificent steam engine

This proved to be a great photo shoot for Jay and an excellent advert for the Pipes and Drums and the Regimental Family. Well done Jay.

Mike Brimage