

# THE JOCK

Newsletter of  
The Royal Regiment of Scotland

## 5 SCOTS SOLDIERS RECEIVE MILITARY CROSS



3 soldiers from 5th Battalion have received the Military Cross in the recent Operational Honours and Awards List. Major Nick Calder, Cpl Shaun Whitehead and 2Lt Barclay were all decorated for bravery.

Major Nick Calder commented, "Its a tremendous honour, it represents all the hard work and sacrifices that were made by 5 Scots and in particular Delta Company."

Sign in to the Scots webpage on ArmyNet for the full Story on all the Scots awards.

## 3 SCOTS PREPARE FOR OP HERRICK



The 3rd Battalion are preparing for deployment to Afghanistan this year. They will be supported by elements of 1 Scots and 6 Scots. 2008 saw the Battalion deployed to Kenya on Ex GRAND PRIX to complete their build up to Battle Group level operations. They recently finished their preparation on Otterburn; the final test exercise before deploying with 19 Brigade.

Pic: Commanding Officer & RSM of 3 Scots before deployment

## 1 SCOTS ARMY RUGBY CHAMPIONS



### 1 SCOTS (29) v Welsh Guards (20)

1 Scots played the Welsh Guards in a terrifically entertaining match. The Welsh Guards initially dominated with a determined and strong pack, but 1 Scots gained the upper hand in the second quarter. At half time the jocks were up 21 pts - 6. The Welsh Guards came back in the second half, but the jocks held them off to win the cup.

Full match report on Scots ArmyNet

# Adventurous Training

## EX NANSEN'S ENDEAVOUR

Team headed up by 7 Scots cross Greenland in the footsteps of Fridtjof Nansen

Maj James Woodhouse, 7 Scots, lead a team of 7 soldiers and 2 civilians across Greenland from East to West. They were following in the footsteps of Norwegian explorer Fridtjof Nansen, who first crossed the icy island in 1888. The expedition lasted 27 days and the team pulled polks weighing 85kg in temperatures down to -35C.

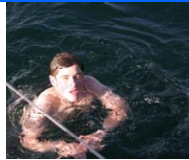


The team consisted of:  
Maj James Woodhouse 7 Scots  
Capt Magnus Jeffrey 6 Scots  
Capt Phyll Scott RE  
Maj Jonjo Knott RAMC  
Capt Rich Elder 7Scots  
Cpl John Coogans QOY  
LCpl Fraser Philips 7Scots  
Mr Nigel Williams  
Mr Stuart Knight



## SAILING

**3 SCOTS** have managed to send some of their Soldiers sailing over the last year. From sailing out to Brazil to sailing around South Georgia, and even sailing around the coastline of our native Scotland as part of the Advanced Soldiers Cadre. Many of the jocks have experienced life on the ocean wave at first hand. Some have taken to it like ducks to water, others like oil and water, preferring the cosy confines of the local pub.



Pte Whittaker

**3 SCOTS FIELD SPORTS CLUB** enjoyed a 2 week stalking exercise.

25 soldiers from the Bn, stalked over 3 estates, accounting for 39 head of deer. For most of the soldiers this was their first experience of stalking and being bloodied.



Crew on Sealord, part of the Advanced Soldiers Cadre



## RECENT EVENTS

### SCOTS SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME

**SCOTS SOLDIERS RETURNING FROM AFGHAN** paraded around the country at the end of 2008, to celebrate their homecoming. Soldiers from 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Bns deployed as part of 16Bde, to Afghanistan last year. On their return they paraded in different parts of the country, including Canterbury in the south of England, where they received a particularly warm welcome. The 5th Bn were awarded the Freedom of the City during their march in Canterbury; an honour which was not bestowed upon their own local Regiment.



2 Scots march in Penicuik



5 Scots march in Canterbury where they were awarded the Freedom of the City

### 1 SCOTS ROYAL GUARD

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S ROYAL GUARD** was provided by C Company, 1 Scots, in 2008. The task runs through the months of August - October and includes not just guarding the Queen but stalking, reeling and participating in highland games. The Company was also honoured by the Battalion's Royal Colonel, who agreed to present Iraq Campaign Medals.



The Royal Guard



Her Majesty The Queen inspects Her Guard



HRH The Princess Royal presenting Iraq Campaign Medals

## AWARDS and APPOINTMENTS



### LtGen Lamb KBE CMG DSO L/QOHldrs Heads Up List of Awards for Scottish Soldiers

**LT GEN LAMB** was appointed as Knight Commander (KBE) of The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. This was in recognition of a long and distinguished career spread over 35 years in the army. As Commander Field Army he is one of the top soldiers in the British Army.



**COL PETER FRASER-HOPEWELL CMG MBE L/RS** was appointed as a companion to the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (CMG). This is an unusual award for a soldier to receive as it is awarded for diplomacy, so normally received by members of the Foreign Office. Only 3 other soldiers have received this award. Lt Gen Lamb being one of them.

**MAJ KENNETH CAMPBELL MBE** was appointed as Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE). This award was for his contribution to the Armed Forces over a period covering 32 years.

**MAJ TOBY INGRAM MBE** was appointed as Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. This was for his work at the Permanent Joint Headquarters from September 2006 - May 2008.

**CAPT JAMES LAW** 2 Scots, was awarded the Commander In Chief Land Forces Commendation Medal.

### RSM Appointments

The recent list of those selected for Regimental Sergeant Major appointments is below.

2 Scots	WO2 MJ McNally
4 Scots	WO2 A Moore
7 Scots	WO2 D Yarrick
RSM AFC(H)	WO2 S McKenzie
RSM ASLS	WO2 GW Erskine
Snr Tac Instr LWCTG(G)	WO2 DA Gibb
Sp Trg Lead Fres IPT	WO2 G Mooney
RSM ITDU	WO2 KA Price
RSM Aberdeen UOTC	
	WO2 Campbell
RSM Glasgow & Strathclyde UOTC	
	WO2 R Whyte

### Commanding Officers

The recent list of those appointed into Battalion Command is below.

1 Scots	Lt Col EA Fenton
2 Scots	Lt Col DSG Graham
6 Scots	Lt Col CE Platt
7 Scots	Lt Col EC the Viscount Chelsea
SCOTS (V)	

# OPERATIONAL AWARDS

The Armed Forces Operational Awards List No 32 was published on Friday 6 March 2009. Regimental officers and soldiers who received awards for their actions in Afghanistan and Iraq are listed below.

## AFGHANISTAN

### **MBE**

Maj Alexander James **FITZPATRICK** 2 SCOTS

### **DSO**

Lt Col Nicholas Robert Macrae **BORTON** 2 SCOTS

No matter how demanding the circumstances, Borton's inspiring example while commanding two battlegroups in Helmand Province, lifted the morale of his soldiers and imbued his commanders with the fighting spirit and resilience to defeat a ruthless enemy.

### **MC**

2 Lt Alexander Brampton Charles **BARCLAY** 5 SCOTS

As platoon commander of B Coy 5 SCOTS and despite a shot in the leg, Barclay's personal bravery, determination and leadership of the very highest order ensured that three men escaped a Taliban ambush alive.

Maj Nicholas George **CALDER** 5 SCOTS

Calder led D Coy 5 SCOTS through the most intense and demanding combat experienced in the battlegroup northwest area of operations. He provided an example of unflinching physical and moral courage and ensured the security of Musa Qal'eh.

Cpl Shaun **WHITEHEAD** 5 SCOTS

Whitehead's performance, initiative and steadfastness in the face of the enemy had an immediate positive effect on all those involved in the battle, allowing Delta Company to make significant gains.

### **MID**

Lt James Phillip **ADAMSON** 5 SCOTS

Maj Neil Alexander **DEN-McKAY** 5 SCOTS

2 Lt Simon Anthony Charles **DU BOULAY** 5 SCOTS

2 Lt Christopher John **HESKETH** 5 SCOTS

Pte Andrew Robert **IRVINE** 5 SCOTS

Pte Ross Stephen **MACLELLAN** 5 SCOTS

Cpl Dean Samuel **McMENAMIN** 2 SCOTS

LCpl James John **NEWLANDS** 5 SCOTS

Lt David McLaren **ROBERTSON** 4 SCOTS

Pte Luke Daniel **VERITY** 4 SCOTS

Capt Douglas Ian Davidson **WATSON** 4 SCOTS

### **QCVS**

Capt Brian Anthony **O'NEILL** 2 SCOTS

### **Joint Commanders Commendations**

Capt Oliver Ayliffe **BEVAN** 5 SCOTS

Pte Jonathan James **CUMMING** 4 SCOTS

Sgt James John **FRASER** 2 SCOTS

Cpl Greg **GORMAN** 5 SCOTS

Sgt Simon Andrew **SHIEL** 5 SCOTS

CSgt James Robertson **STEVENSON** 2 SCOTS

Sgt Scott Ian Jason **THOMAS** 5 SCOTS

Pte James Craig **YOUNG** 2 SCOTS

## OPERATIONAL AWARDS IRAQ

### IRAQ

#### OBE

Lt Col Charles Leonard Gordon **HERBERT** 1 SCOTS

#### MBE

Maj Thomas Gilbert Scot **PERKINS** 1 SCOTS

#### QCVS

Maj Alexander McLay **RENNIE** MBE 1 SCOTS

#### Joint Commanders Commendation

WO2 Thomas Mark **LINDSAY** 1 SCOTS

Sgt Alexander **McBROOM** 1 SCOTS

Cpl Douglas **McLEAN** 1 SCOTS

LCpl Martyn **RANKIN** 1 SCOTS

## THE GOLDEN THREAD

### CHELSEA PENSIONER

**3197370 SGT VICTOR MASSINGHAM**

**The King's Own Scottish Borderers**

Aged: 77  
 D.O.B: 28<sup>th</sup> February 1925  
 Medals: 1939/45 Star, France & Germany Star,  
 Defence, 1939/45 War  
 Total Service: 19 years 3 months



### BRIEF RESUME OF SERVICE

He enlisted in The King's Own Scottish Borderers at Kingston on Thames 20 Jun 41. He joined the Band at Berwick on Tweed as a clarinet player. At 17½ he entered the man's service and was posted to 7 Bn KOSB in the Orkney Islands. The unit later became an airborne unit, and he trained in gliders at Brize Norton. He attended a parachute course at Ringway and was then recalled for active duty. The Bn was on Operation Market Garden in 1<sup>st</sup> Air Landing Brigade. The Battalion's role was to protect the perimeter for the second and third jumps. Eventually they withdrew over the Rhine having carried a wounded parachutist to safety to the home bank. Unit moved to Nijmegen and then to Lincolnshire for debriefing before going on leave. The 7 Bn KOSB were reformed at Woodham Spa and after training, flew in Lancasters, to Norway to take the surrender of German forces. After the war, Victor took part in the film '**Theirs Was The Glory**', the re-enactment of the Battle of Arnhem.

## SPORT

### 3 SCOTS FOOTBALL TEAM TOUR HOLLYWOOD

**3 SCOTS FOOTBALL TEAM** wowed Hollywood during their recent tour. Capt Robb organised the tour with the help of 1 Marine Expeditionary Force. Needless to say the team were extremely well received and treated by both 1 MEF, and the Americans in general. The team won 6 of their 7 games, drawing the 7th.



**3 SCOTS RUGBY TEAM** enjoyed a very successful year in the 7s and 10s games. They travelled out to Manila, Philippines, to compete in the Manila International Test Festival. The team returned as champions after beating some very tough competition that included international players and professional outfits. The team had already won the Army Community Shield competition, and went on to win the Strathspey 10s, Lochaber

### BOBSLEIGH

#### 2 SCOTS BOBSLEIGH TEAM WIN ARMY CHAMPS

2 Scots novices trained for only a couple of weeks before taking on all comers in the Army competition. 2 members of the team went on to compete for the Army in the Inter-Services Championships.

### ALPINE SKIING

#### 2 SCOTS AND 4 SCOTS

have both sent soldiers on Ex SNOW WARRIOR this year. 60 soldiers from 2 Scots will have completed the 2 week training exercise by the end of the season. 3 Scots have had a team race training in Verbier, Switzerland, over the winter. The Alpine training camp is in preparation for competing in the Army Skiing Championships.

### FOOTBALL

**5 SCOTS FOOTBALL TEAM** in the quarter finals of the Army Major Units Cup. They are due to play 3 Mercian. This is part of a very busy return to sport for 5 Scots, after a year committed to operations.

### BOXING

**5 SCOTS BOXING TEAM** have been fighting in the quarter finals of the Army Major Units competition. The team faced 1 Lancs on the 29th Jan. Unfortunately they came off 2nd best to a well practiced 1 Lancs. 5 Scots won the first 4 fights and were 4 - 0 at the interval. Unfortunately 1 Lancs came back after the interval to win the next 5 bouts, leaving the night at 4 - 5 against 5 Scots. Despite losing this wasn't a bad result for a team that had only been training for 4 weeks. With operations and leave there had been no time for any warm up fights. 5 Scots are now hopeful of having a couple of their fighters picked up for the army team, and are optimistic about returning to form next year.

### FISHING

#### ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND INDIVIDUAL FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

are due to take place in August / September 2009. Anybody interested in taking part should contact Major Wood at: wood@armymail.mod.uk or on 94740 5033.

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