



The Newsletter of The Royal Regiment Of Scotland

Regimental Update

Royal Visits. HM The Queen, as Royal Colonel 5 SCOTS, visited the Battalion in Canterbury on 28th June 2013. This was her last visit to the Battalion, having been Colonel in Chief of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders since 1947. Balaklava Coy formed the next day. On 4th July 2013 Her Majesty, as Colonel in Chief, presented a Colonel in Chief's Pipe Banner to the Regiment. 1 SCOTS hosted the visit which included a short parade when HM presented the Banner to PM Grisdale of 3 SCOTS, the senior Pipe Major. HM then visited the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess and met a selection of all ranks of 1 SCOTS before having lunch in the Officers' Mess with The Colonel of The Regiment, Deputy and Honorary Colonels, Regimental Trustees, COs, RSMs and other Regimental representatives.



Infantry Colonel Commandant. Lt Gen AJN Graham CB CBE was appointed Infantry Colonel Commandant on 1 Jul 13.

Pipes and Drums Dress. For a variety of reasons; from the availability of clothing, to the requirement to now produce a cohesive single uniform for the bands of the different battalions, it has been decided that Regimental Pipes and Drums will wear a single uniform to identify them as members of The Royal Regiment of Scotland. A Dressing Committee has been formed recently to advise the Colonel of The Regiment on what form this future dress should look like. It is expected that the Committee will make its recommendations to the Regimental Council in November 2013."

5 SCOTS Hackles 5 SCOTS pers at E who have not yet passed through other Bns are to continue to wear the green hackle. Once they are posted to another Bn they will continue the policy and then wear the hackle of that Bn.

Congratulations

Award of Army Sports Colours:

O/Cdt Marcus Roberts, Inkerman Coy RMAS is congratulated on being awarded Army Swimming Colours.

Promotions:

Officer Promotions wef 30 Jun 13: Brig NRM Borton DSO MBE, Brig PAS Cartwright OBE, Brig PK Harkness MBE, Brig CLG Herbert OBE. Col EA Fenton DSO, Col AWA Griffiths OBE, Col SR West OBE. Lt Col DJS Cochrane, Lt Col LJ Drummond MBE, Lt Col PA Keetley MBE, Lt Col AM Philip, Lt Col GC Wearmouth.

To Warrant Officer 1 and 2 on dates shown. WO1 Robertson 4 SCOTS on 13 May 13. WO2 McGee, 5 SCOTS, WO2 Scott 2 SCOTS on 1 Apr 13 and WO2 Carter on 13 May 13.

To Colour Sergeant wef 1 Apr 13: CSgt Buchan, CSgt Buist, CSgt Dempster, CSgt Duncan, CSgt Learnmouth, CSgt O'Neill, CSgt Rennie, CSgt Rhodick, CSgt Smith, CSgt Stewart, CSgt Thomson, CSgt Wilson. CSgt Dovibua wef 5 Jun 13.

To Sergeant: Sgt Benson on 20 Apr 13 and Sgt Steven on 23 May 13. Congratulations to all those A/Sgts and Cpls selected for promotion to Sergeant in 2013/14 to and published on the 27 Jun 13.

To Lance Corporal: LCpl Hammond on 22 Apr 13, LCpl Mackay on 7 Jun 13 and LCpl Tawayaga on 10 Jun 13.

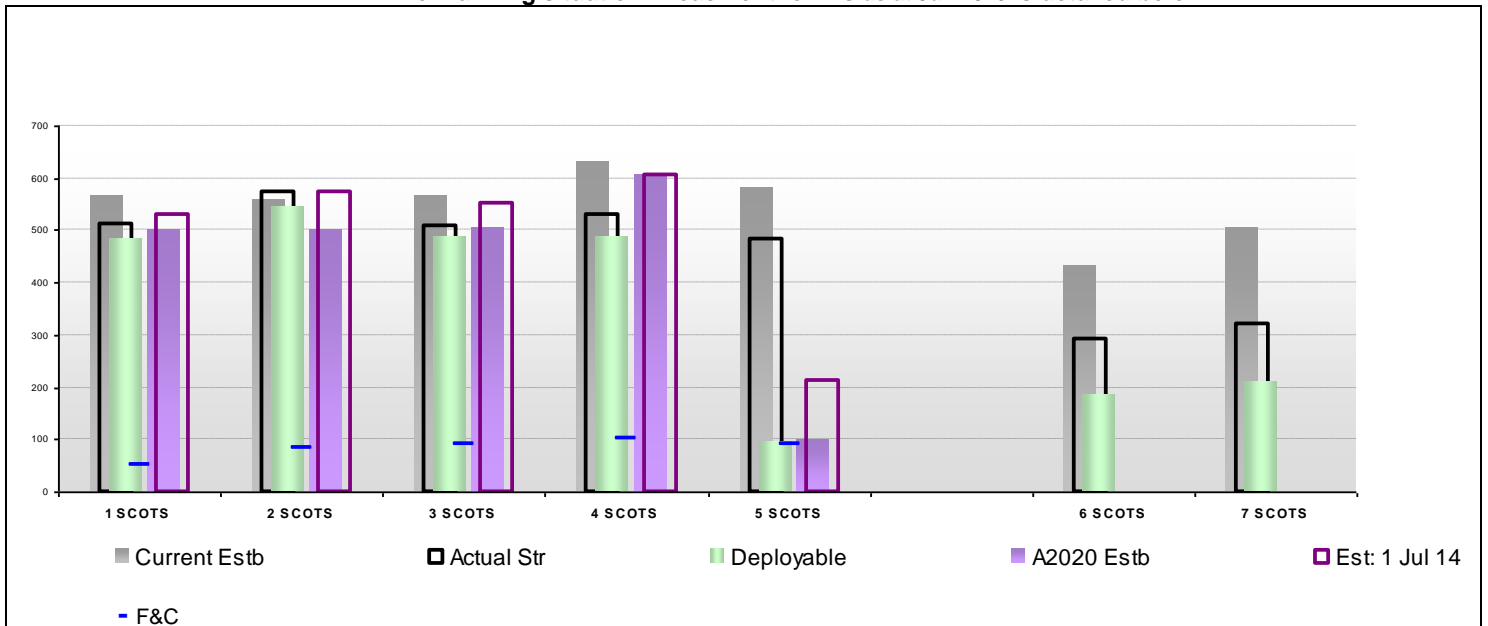
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What's On

- 25 Jul 13 - Association of Scottish Military Museums Meeting – Balhousie Castle, Perth
- 27 Jul 13 - Border Union Agricultural Society Show – Kelso. SCOTS - Community Engagement Event.
- 27 Jul 13 - Korean War Memorial Service. Pagoda, Beebraigs Country Park, Nr Bathgate, West Lothian.
POC is Maj (Ret'd) Alan Cameron Tel: 01764 663892.
- 1 Aug 13 - Laying up KOSB Colours, Berwick Bks. HRH The Princess Royal in attendance.
- 17 Aug 13 - Cameron Gathering. Cameron Bks, Inverness, POC is Maj H Sutherland.
- 2-24 Aug 13 - Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Edinburgh Castle.
- 5 Sep 13 - 3 SCOTS Bn Cocktail Party.
- 7 Sep 13 - The SCOTS Highland Games/Gathering, Fort George (email: euan.gorrie144@mod.uk for tickets by 16 Aug 13).

Manning

The manning situation in each of the Bns as at Jul 2013 is detailed below:



Battalion Updates

- 1 SCOTS** are providing the summer Royal Guard at Balmoral. Lt Col Matt Munro assumed command on 5 Jul 13. The Bn will move to Belfast in 2014
- 2 SCOTS** The Bn are continuing with operations in Afghanistan and are due to return at the end of Sep 13 and will remain in Penicuik.
- 3 SCOTS** Continue in their role as the UK contingency Battalion until the end of Sep 13. The Bn will provide the REMT Support Group 28 Jul – 25 Aug 13 and will continue to be based at Fort George.
- 4 SCOTS** The Bn is now thoroughly ensconced in the week to week MST schedule prior to deployment on Op Herrick 19 in Oct 13. The Bn will move to Catterick in 2015.
- 5 SCOTS** have completed freedom parades in Scotland. Balaklava Coy has now formed, remains fully combat capable and will deploy to the Falkland Islands on Op FIRIC (Falkland Islands Roulement Infantry Coy). The Coy will continue to work as part of 16 Bde until the move to Edinburgh in 2014.
- 6 SCOTS** several personnel will deploy with 4 SCOTS on Op HERRICK 19 and the Bn recently hosted a visit from the Hon Col, The Duke of Buccleugh, KBE DL. Following the announcement on TA restructuring, new sub unit will form in Kilmarnock

7 SCOTS supporting 2 SCOTS on Op HERRICK and Op TOSCA including a very successful Ex LION STAR 3 in Cyprus. The Bn are preparing for an Inter Section Ptl Competition in Aug 13 and to support Ex SOUTHERN BEAR in Sept 13, where they will be exercising alongside 48th Highlanders of Canada and 48th Infantry Battalion Combat Team in the USA. .



Cpl Young, 6 SCOTS is presented with a VRSM clasp for 15 Years service.



7 SCOTS disembark from a LC during Ex LION STAR 3.

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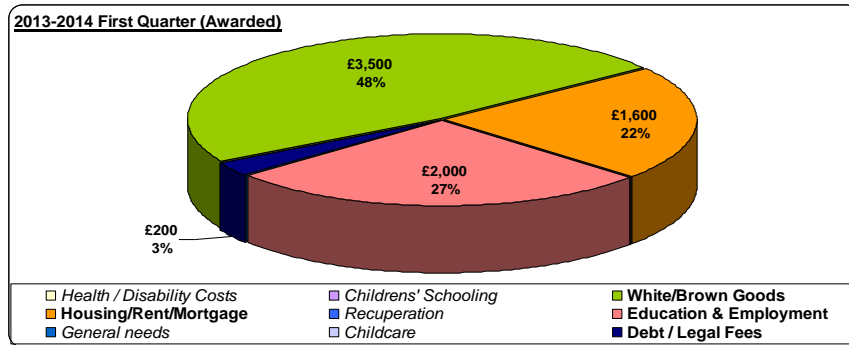
Regimental Charity: www.justgiving.com/rhqsots

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Regimental Association

Welfare and Benevolence Awards 2013 – 2014

The pie chart below shows how much has been awarded in the form of welfare grants in the first quarter of this financial year, 1st April to 30th June 2013, by categories.



RHQ received 46 referrals for assistance during the first financial quarter of this year compared with 39 requests the previous year. Two of these did not meet the criteria for benevolence or welfare as laid down in the Regimental Constitution and were refused. The total amount requested for all cases was £44,361.87 and the Regimental Association awarded a total of £7,300 in the form of benevolence or welfare grants. The remaining £37,061.87 was almonised by drawing on major service charities such as ABF the Soldiers' Charity, PoppyScotland, RBL and our Antecedent Regimental Associations.

All welfare cases were supported by a Form A report compiled by a SSAFA or RBL case worker. Debt and funeral costs will not normally be considered unless in exceptional circumstances. Personnel in receipt of a monthly wage will not normally be eligible for welfare support, but may be considered given the particular circumstance.

If you require guidance or advice in applying for Welfare or Benevolence you should contact your Unit Welfare Officer in the first instance. You may also contact:
RHQ Welfare Office The Castle, Edinburgh. Open 8:00am - 4:30pm Monday- Friday : **Maj Frank Morton 0131 310 5090, Bryan Dickinson 0131 310 5086 or Helen Spence 0131 310 5084.**

NOTICES

The Territorial Army Commitment Bonus. On 1 April 2013 a new scheme called the 'TA Commitment Bonus – Early Years' was introduced. The scheme aims to further improve the financial attractiveness of the TA to ex-Regular Junior Officers, Other Ranks and Group A Direct Entry Junior Officers and is worth a maximum of £5000, paid over 4 payments. The scheme will provide an initial payment of a £2000 lump sum (known as Key Milestone (KM)1) and three staged annual payments of £1000 (known as KM2 – 4). Each KM is to be paid on completion of an individual's Annual Training Commitment, tax payable, for eligible personnel who complete specified training requirements. This scheme is designed to compliment existing incentives to join the TA such as: the extension of tax free bounty entitlement (3 – 5 years)¹; transfer of Regular seniority to TA²; and revised medical entry standards³.

Further details of this scheme can be found in the PS10(A) 'TA Commitment Bonus – Early Years' Administrative Instruction, published in late March 2013, and can be found in Unit Administration Offices. They can also be viewed on the [Defence](#) and [Army](#) intranet homepages, on the [DM\(A\)](#) and [PS10\(A\)](#) intranet sites, as well as the [ArmyNet](#) website.

¹ [ABN 110/12: Bounty Entitlement To Serving And Ex-Regular Soldiers On Enlistment In The Territorial Army.](#)

² [ABN 103/12: Seniority Of Serving And Ex-Regular Soldiers On Enlistment In The Territorial Army.](#)

³ [ABN 03/13: Revised Medical Standards For Soldiers Joining The TA.](#)

Careers Service for Injured Heroes. Injured and wounded Service personnel are being given access to new sustainable career opportunities thanks to the launch of the Recovery Career Services. The new services, now available via a brand new web portal, will ensure injured troops have access to the most comprehensive range of vocational training, education and work placements to give them the best opportunity to compete in the civilian employment market. Iconic car manufacturers including Aston Martin and Jaguar Land Rover, along with businesses such as Barclays, have got behind the new scheme to offer competitive work placements for injured troops. Go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/careers-service-launched-for-injured-heroes>.

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New app to help Service community. A new mobile phone application, or app, can help the Defence community save cash. The app is the latest weapon in the armoury of the Defence Discount Service to help Service personnel save cash. The app offers attractive discounts to members of the military community and the civilians who work alongside them. Whether it's cheap cinema trips, a bargain outfit or the latest deals for laptops or mobile phones, the Defence Discount Service app allows users to get the most up-to-date savings:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-app-to-help-service-community>

Advertise Your Event. We welcome any input from antecedent associations to advertise events etc. Points of Contact for Association Secretaries for input to *The Jock* are the RHQ Area Secretaries:

- RS, KOSB and Cameronians through RHQ SCOTS (East) - Lt Col Jim Blythe MBE.
- RHF, A and SH through RHQ SCOTS (West) - Col Bobby Steele TD JP DL.
- BW, Gordons and QO Hldrs through RHQ SCOTS (North) - Maj Maurice Gibson MBE

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