That some no longer serve with the colours does not matter,
What does matter is that we are all of us Scots Guardsmen.
Bound together in the Queen’s service until we die by a chain,
the links of which are invisible but which are as strong as steel:
Constantly striving, in all that we do, to maintain the high traditions
of loyalty and devotion to duty upon which the Scots Guards are founded.

General Sir Michael Gow GCB
COMMEMORATION FOR CPL (LSgt) HARRY BLANSHARD WOOD VC MM – 13 OCTOBER 2018

The VC Paving Stone Commemoration for Cpl (LSgt) Harry Blanshard Wood VC MM took place on the 100th anniversary of his valour at the village of St Python, France. The final Scots Guards Victoria Cross of World War 1 was remembered on 13 October 2018, in his birth place the village of Newton Upon Derwent to the SE of York. Serving Scots Guardsmen from the Regt Spt Team North under Sgt John Adam including Piper Bell took part and they all played a big part in the success of the event.

The Paving Stone was unveiled by The Hon Mrs Susan Cunliffe- Lister Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire accompanied by Major General Murray Naylor. The Lord Lieutenant is the daughter of the late Major Willie Whitelaw MC who served in 3rd (Tank) Bn from Normandy to the end of World War 2 in Germany. As an MP he was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and later Home Secretary in Margaret Thatcher’s Government.

At the VC Paving Stone. Regt Wreaths were laid. For the Regiment by Major General Anthony Leask, for the Association by Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor and for the SGA Durham and Yorkshire Branch by Stuart Webb. Brigadier Kim Ross read a passage from the Bible. The Standard of the Durham & Yorkshire Branch of the Scots Guards Association was carried by George McKay.

A Regimental Gift was presented to the residents of the village of Newton Upon Derwent by Major James Kelly, Regimental Adjutant. The gift which was made by Captain David Archibald includes information of Harry Blanshard Wood, his VC Citation and replicas of his medals. The event was very successful and well attended by the Archbishop of York, local dignitaries, family of Harry Blanshard Wood, the Deputy Mayor of St Python, France, and a good gathering of Scots Guards family. The villagers of Newton Upon Derwent were out in force and very welcoming to all who attended.

The commemoration received positive coverage in the local press and on the Yorkshire and Humberside BBC TV News.

Piper Bell plays Flower O’ The Forrest

The Paving Stone

The pictures on the front cover show the Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire & Major General Naylor unveiling the VC Stone & The Regimental Support Team North
The Standards, Dignitaries, Blashard Wood family, Villagers and Scots Guards paraded to the Paving Stone led by Piper Bell and the East Ridings of Yorkshire Town Crier who stepped us off with a brilliant new word of command “Slow Walk”.

The Archbishop of York and Village Children “Bless the Stone”

Regimental Gift to Newton Upon Derwent

Piper Bell & Village Children

The Regimental Adjutant hands over the Regimental Gift
Early November is a time for remembrance and this year we do so with a particular poignancy as we reach the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

A MONTH OF DINNERS
In late September & October Branches held dinners as follows.

**Edinburgh & The Lothians** in the Scots Guards Club on Friday 28 September when the Guest of Honour was Lt Col Rory Shannon MBE and the Regt Officer Lt Jamie Calder Smith.

**Dundee & Angus** at the Invercarse Hotel, Dundee on Saturday 6 October with Guest of Honour Lord Provost of Angus, Major Ronnie Proctor (formerly Black Watch) and Regt Officer Lt Charles Russell-Pavier. Both Piper Bell and a quartet from the City of Dundee Pipe Band led by Iain Bryson played to good effect.

**Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway** in the Shepherds Inn, Carlisle on Saturday 13 October with Guest of Honour Lt Col Kieran Holling and Regt Officer Major Neil McClelland.

**Pipers** at the Scots Guards Club on Saturday 13 October when the Guest of Honour was Alasdair Hilleary. As you would expect the Pipers ran their dinner with their own inimitable style and panache which was greatly enjoyed by all. Captain John Craib also attended.

**Aberdeen & North East Scotland** on Friday 19 October in the Aberdeen Altens Hotel. The Guest of Honour was Captain Alexander James Fraser (formerly Grenadier Guards) and Neil Crockett proposed the toast to the Branch.

All of the dinners run to the same format, with each branch having their individual style, all are good fun and give a chance for friends old and new to meet up. As for the food it’s been great!

There are still dinners to come in November and 1st December, check the forecast of events and contact Branch Secretary’s if you want to join them.

OTHER NEWS

**Fife**
The Branch held a lunch for it’s over 65’s at the Tipsy Nipper Restaurant, Fife Airport, Glenrothes on 5 October. Always good food, always a good informal get together for a Pint & a Natter.

On Sunday 21 October we held our 3rd and final full Branch meeting of the year at the CISWO, Glenrothes.

A Regimental Wreath will be laid at Falkland War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Contact Secretary Neil Crockett Tel: 01383 721530. Email: neil.crockett@btopenworld.com

**Durham & Yorkshire**
The Branch forthcoming activities:

- Sunday Lunch at Platform One (Formerly Fighting Cooks) Middleton St George on 4 November.
- Monthly Meeting Wednesday 14 November at Newton Aycliffe WMC at 1945hrs.
- On Remembrance Sunday 11 November. Wreaths will be laid at Ripley All Saints Church (Stuart Webb), Bishop Auckland Town Memorial (Dave Thatcher), St Andrews Church, Haughton-le-Skerne< Darlington (Harry Marrs).

Contact Secretary Peter Wheadon for more details Tel: 01325 319125.

**Berks, Bucks & Ox**
Monthly Meeting Thursday 29 November at Datchet Golf Club, 1930 for 2000hrs.

Secretary Rab Ritchie Tel: 07776 411120

**London**
Branch Meeting, 1st Tuesday of each month (less Jul & Aug) in RHQ Conference Room, Wellington Barracks.

St Andrew’s Dinner 1 December @ Regents Park Barracks.

Secretary Major Tom Ormiston Tel: 01480 460727.
Corby, Central & Eastern England
The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Dinner of our newest Branch is on 3 November. Be quick contact Secretary Scott Morton for details Tel: 07786 067878.

Preston
Dinner on Friday 16 November contact Secretary Steve Hills Tel: 07971 043376.

Glasgow
Branch Meeting 5 November. Want more details? Contact new Secretary Keith Norwood to introduce yourself.

Tel: 0141 577 6946 Email: keith.norwood@hotmail.com

I reported two months ago of the help that Jim McArthur, Don Lamont & Bob Riddell gave to 92-year-old World War 2 Scots Guards Veteran Tommy Hunter to help him see his terminally ill brother. Sadly Tommy’s brother has now passed away but these 3 Glasgow members helped Tommy who is bedridden to attend his brother’s funeral. \textbf{Well done for that act of kindness which I know his family appreciate.}

Merseyside
\textbf{Show Himself Properly Shaven – But Not Until May 2019}
Branch Secretary Jimmy Horne has volunteered to grow a beard until May and is looking for sponsorship in aid of Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, Liverpool. To pledge money call or email Jimmy Tel: 0151 520 0229 Email: james_home@btinternet.com

Scotts Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland)
The Band is Recruiting for both Pipers and Drummers. Band Practice starts again in the New Year @ Redford Barracks. Interested? For more information contact Pipe Major Iain Lowther Email: iain-lowther68@outlook.com Tel: 07889 366204

\textbf{DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018 – 2019}

\textbf{NOVEMBER}
Fri 2 SGA Ayrshire Dinner.
Sat 3 SGA Australia Dinner, Brisbane.
Sat 3 SGA Corby, Central & Eastern England Dinner, Corby.
Sat 3 RBLS Festival of Remembrance, Caird Hall, Dundee.
Fri 9 SGA Fife Dinner, Kirkcaldy.
Fri 9 SGA Manchester Dinner.
Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday.
Sun 11 Scottish National Event, Armistice 100, Edinburgh.
Fri 16 SGA Preston Dinner.
Sat 17 Scots Guards Junior Piping Competition, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.
Wed 28 – Thu 29 Scarlet & Gold Household Division Band Concert, Cadogan Hall, London.

\textbf{DECEMBER}
Sat 1 SGA London St Andrew’s Dinner, Regents Park Barracks.
Sun 9 Household Division Carol Service, Guards Chapel 1100hrs & 1800hrs.

\textbf{2019}

\textbf{JANUARY}
Fri 25 SGA Fife – Burns Supper, Tipsy Nipper, Fife Airport, Glenrothes.
Sat 26 SGA Berks, Bucks & Ox – Burns Night, Datchet Golf Club (Fully Booked)

\textbf{FEBRUARY}
Sat 16 Rabbits Breakfast, Scots Guards Club.

\textbf{APRIL}
Fri 5 WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association AGM, Wellington Barracks.
Sat 6 SGA AGM, Wellington Barracks.
Sun 7 Regimental Remembrance Sunday, Guards Chapel.
Sat 27 – Sat 4 May SG Nairn Dunbar Golf Week.
Thu 25 Middle East Guards Association (MEGA) Dinner, Dubai.

\textbf{MAY}
Sat 25 Major General's Review, QBP

\textbf{JUNE}
Sat 1 Colonel’s Review, QBP.
Sat 8 Queen’s Birthday Parade, 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn Grenadier Guards.

\textbf{SEPTEMBER}
TBC Regimental Gathering.

“WATCH OUT” “WATCH OUT” More Dates to come!
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**DUNDEE POLICE HQ WAR MEMORIAL**

A commemoration was held at Dundee Police HQ on Sunday 28 October, 96 years to the day after the Memorial was unveiled in 1922. Gordon Peebles Chairman of SGA Dundee & Angus laid a wreath in his day job as a Sergeant in Police Scotland. The memorial lists seven Dundee Policemen who were killed during World War 1 while serving in the Scots Guards.
Major General Sir John Swinton KCVO OBE - Died 4 October 2018

Reported by Regimental Headquarters: It is with very much regret that this Headquarters announce the death of Major General Sir John Swinton KCVO OBE.

This message was received from his son Lieutenant Colonel Willie Swinton.

I wanted to inform the Regiment of the death of my Father this morning, peacefully at home in Scotland. I would be most grateful if Regimental Headquarters could communicate this news in the usual manner to the Regimental Family. I am currently at my home in Virginia and cannot speculate at this stage about funeral or any memorial service arrangements but I will make sure to keep you and the Regiment in the loop once I have had a chance to talk things through with my family. The son of a Scots Guardsman and the father of a Scots Guardsman aside from his own 36 years of service, my Father's entire life was devoted to his Regiment. His passing definitely marks the end of a truly golden era.

Sir John’s record of Service is as follows:

Following Officer Cadet training in 1943, General John joined the Training Battalion in 1944.

He was posted to the Second Battalion as a Platoon Commander in 1944 and they deployed to North West Europe in January 1945.

He was wounded in action in April 1945 and evacuated from the War back to England.

He became Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion in the Malaya in March 1949.

He went on to be ADC to the Governor and Commander in Chief Australia in March 1953.

In November 1954 he became a Company Commander in the 1st Battalion and went on to attend Staff College in 1957.

He became Regimental Adjutant in May 1960 to July 1962 and then Adjutant at RMA Sandhurst in 1962.

He became Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion in April 1966 in the United Kingdom, Canada and BAOR.

From July 1970 General John became Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Regiment and went on to command 4th Guards Armoured Brigade in Munster as a Brigadier.

He became a student at the Royal College of Defence Studies in January 1974 to April 1975.

He was appointed Brigadier Commanding Lowland Area from May 1975 to September 1976.

On 12 October 1976 he became the Major General Commanding the Household Division until 19 October 1979 and Her Majesty the Queen appointed him a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

He became a member of the Third Guards Club in 1946.
He served for many years as the President of the Borders Branch of the Scots Guards Association until very recently.

He served as Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant for the county of Berwickshire for many years.

It was later announced that the funeral would be private.

**Glasgow Branch**
23517038 Gdsm James Young Died 8 September.

**Not Members of the Association**
23517982 WO2 Bob Guthrie Died 30 September. Served 2SG. RMAS.

22551714 CSgt Rab Rosie Died 20 October. Served 2SG, 1SG, Range Warden Pirbright. Funeral Aldershot Crem TBC

23863742 LSgt Des Woods Died 26 October. Served 1SG, 2SG & Gds Depot. Funeral TBC.

**OBITUARY**
22551099 DENIS FRANKLAND (Late Scots Guards)
By Captain D Alex Allender (Scots Guards 1964-1993)

Denis Frankland was born in Brompton-on-Swale, North Yorkshire. His father was a regular soldier who was killed in the Second World War. Denis was brought up by his grandparents in the village of East Cowden a few miles from his place of birth.

At a very early age he proved himself a good football player and sportsman, but never learned to swim. This in later life would have consequences when he joined the army. After leaving school, he first became an apprentice mechanic, but in 1952 joined the Scots Guards. Although fit, he still had the problem of his swimming test. All was not lost, however, being a tall man he passed with flying colours – and the aid of the pool bottom.

One of his proudest moments was taking part in the Queen’s Coronation. Denis saw service in the UK and BAOR, leaving the army in 1955. Although no longer serving, he was still at heart always a Scots Guardsman; blazer and Guards tie were always worn at social events.

He became a member of the Royal British Legion for over fifty years’ service, first in Richmond and later transferring to the Darlington branch, where he held the post of chairman for more than twenty years. At the local Remembrance Day parade he had the privilege of reciting that famous verse from one of Laurence Binyon’s poems:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

He said it as a Scots Guardsman with real feeling remembering fallen comrades and the honour of serving Queen and Country.

**THE BATTLE’S O’ER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 0600hrs**
More than 1500 pipers around the world will play a lament at dawn on Remembrance Sunday. Bruno Peek, the Queen’s Pageant Master is the man behind Battle’s O’er a series of special tribute events to mark the centenary of the end of the 1st World War on November 11. It will begin at 0600hrs with hundreds of pipers in different locations, while in the evening hundreds of buglers will play Last Post, church bells will ring and beacons will be lit.

**THE SCOTS GUARDS JUNIOR PIPING COMPETITION – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER**
The Scots Guards Junior Piping Competition is due to take place at the Army School of Piping, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh between 1000 hrs and 1700 hrs on Saturday 17 November 2018.

It would be of great encouragement to the young people taking part if as many of us as possible were able to attend and enjoy their skills on the Great Highland Bagpipe. If not for the whole competition then for part of the day.

**SCOTS GUARDS MAGAZINE 2017 – 2018**
The latest magazine has now been published and those of you who receive one every year should now have your copy. If you would normally expect to be on a mailing list but haven’t received a copy yet you should contact Regimental Headquarters to make sure that they do have your current address details.

If you are not on a mailing list to receive one but would like a copy you should contact Regimental Headquarters.
SCOTS GUARDS CHRISTMAS CARDS & DIARIES 2019
To order both items contact RQMS Smith or Karen Johnstone as above.

SCOTS GUARDS DIRECTORY
If any former Scots Guardsman has a business which can be offered for the benefit to members of the Regimental family I am willing to share their details.

Medal Supply / Mounting: Tony Stevens email: ts2453@gmail.com Tel: 07789324621 Tony served for a short time in 2SG, then the 1st Battalion in Aldergrove, Hong Kong, Pirbright and Hohne. His hobby is medals and his business medal supply & mounting.

Kilt Making / Medal Mounting: George McKay email: George@mckayskilts.com Tel: 01207 509674 George served for 25 years and was Master Tailor of 1st Battalion for 10 years.

Piper: Dougie Watson email: enquiries@piperonparade.co.uk Tel: 01463 870244 or 07515 263716.
Piper: John Rae email: enquiries@thepickledpiper.co.uk Tel: 0131 663 1863 or 07831 426752

NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT

1st Battalion - Op Tosca, Cyprus
While cracking on with operations on the United Nations Green Line the Bn is embracing all other opportunities to enjoy themselves.

- A great showing by the Bn runners at the Nicosia Half Marathon – Bring on the Larnaca Half Marathon next month.
- Members of the Bn have been receiving medical training and methods of evacuation including by helicopter.
- Cyprus is providing opportunities for Adventure Training. Rock Climbing, Abseiling & Mountain Biking.
- The football team is playing to win – already coming out top in a local beach football competition.

The Regt Band & F Company
- Both the Regimental Band & F Company took part in the State Visit for the King & Queen of the Netherlands on 23 October.
Edinburgh Opening of the Garden of Remembrance – 29 October 2018
Major Mark Cape, Poppy Scotland staff & some of the other Scots Guardsmen on parade. The Glasgow Opening of the Garden of Remembrance was on Tuesday 30 October,