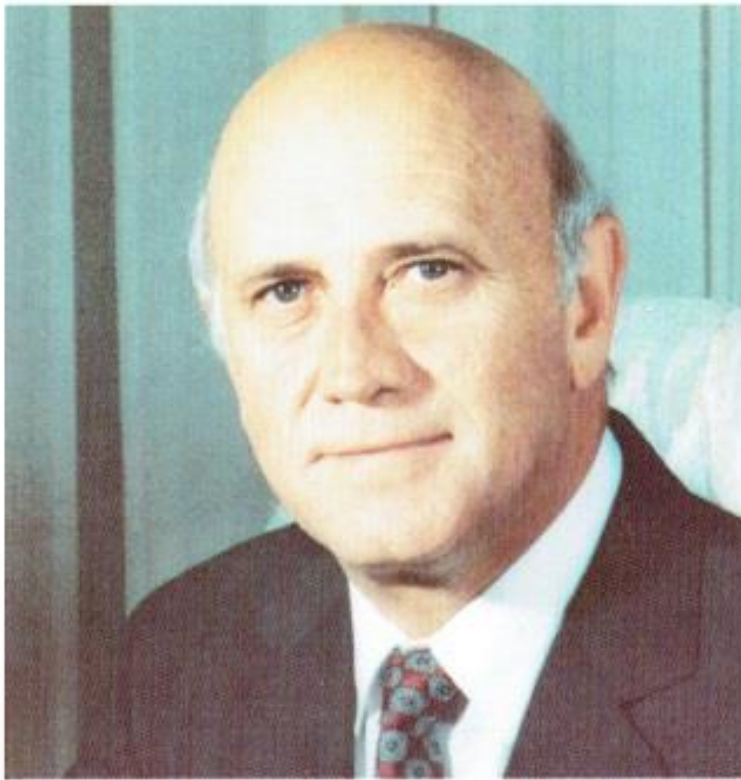


# TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH 90th ANNIVERSARY



# 1902-1992



Die Staatspresident  
The State President

Pretoria



THE STATE PRESIDENT  
F.W. de Klerk

**TO ALL RANKS OF THE TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH REGIMENT**

It is with great pleasure that I have learned that the Transvaal Scottish Regiment celebrates it's 90th Anniversary this year.

It is important that the traditions of a Regiment, particularly one as fine as yours, and the achievements of its brave and distinguished members, should be recognised and not forgotten. It seems appropriate also that your Tattoo and Retreat takes place in Johannesburg, the city which gave birth to the Regiment, 90 years ago.

I believe that on parade with you tonight are some of South Africa's oldest Citizen Force Regiments dating back to 1855. Over the past 137 years, the Citizen Force - both volunteers and conscripts alike - have served the Government of the Day faithfully and diligently. I speak on behalf of all South Africans when I express our appreciation and trust that you, the South African Citizen Force, move forward to serve the New South Africa with the same unwavering loyalty.

I am sorry that my wife and I cannot share this evening with you. However, I send my greetings to the Transvaal Scottish and it's fellow Citizen Force Regiments, as well as to all those assembled here, and I wish you all the very best for the years ahead.

F W DE KLERK



Chief of the South African Defence Force  
General A.J. Liebenberg, S.S.A.S., S.D., S.O.E.



Chief of the South African Army  
Lt-Gen. G.L. Meiring, S.S.A.S., S.D.



Officer Commanding 7 SA Division  
Brig. H.B. Smit



Officer Commanding 73 Brigade  
Col. E. Van Lill



CLARENCE HOUSE  
S.W. 1

To All Ranks of  
the Transvaal Scottish Regiment

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I am delighted to send my greetings and very warm good wishes to All Ranks of the Transvaal Scottish Regiment on the occasion of your 90th Anniversary.

I hope from my heart that your celebrations will be very enjoyable and successful.

ELIZABETH R  
Queen Mother

October 1992



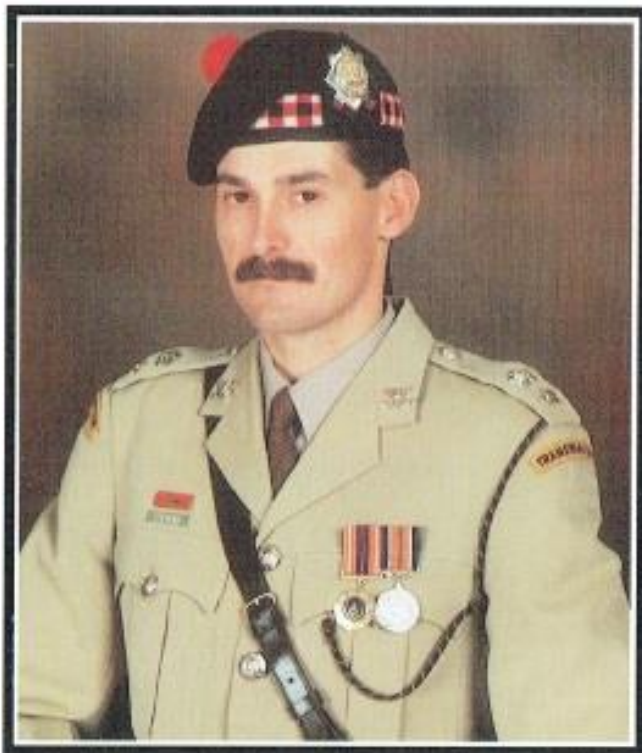
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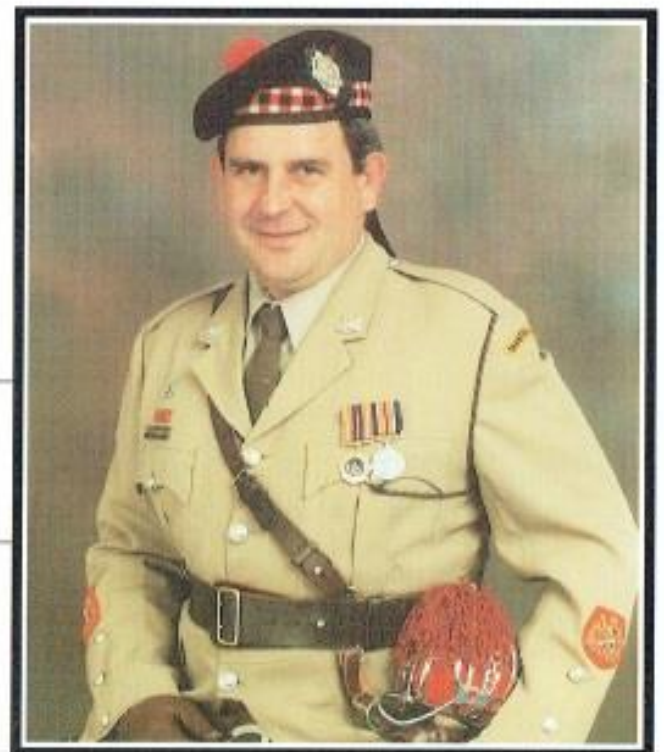
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1 Transvaal Scottish  
Colonel I. Mackenzie D.S.O.*



*Officer Commanding  
1 Transvaal Scottish  
Cmdt. G. Stevens*



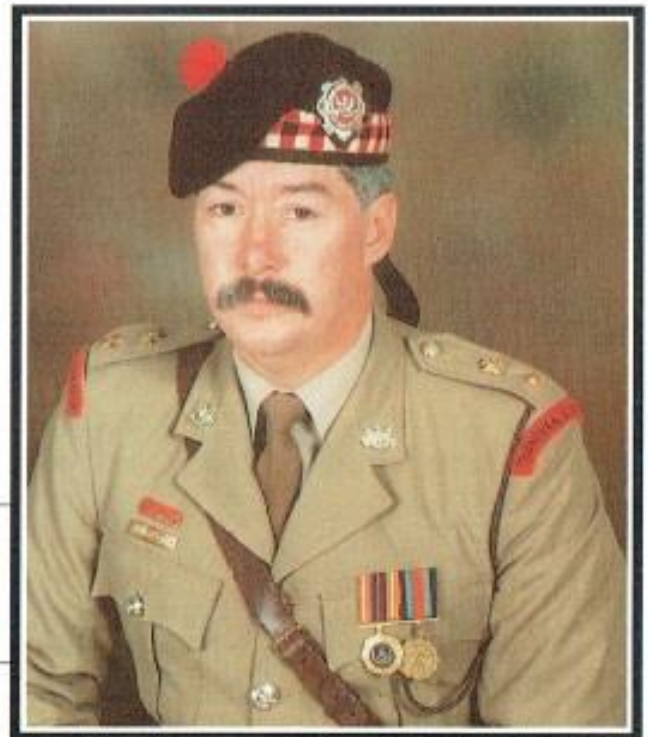
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1 Transvaal Scottish  
W.O.I. S.L. Henderson*



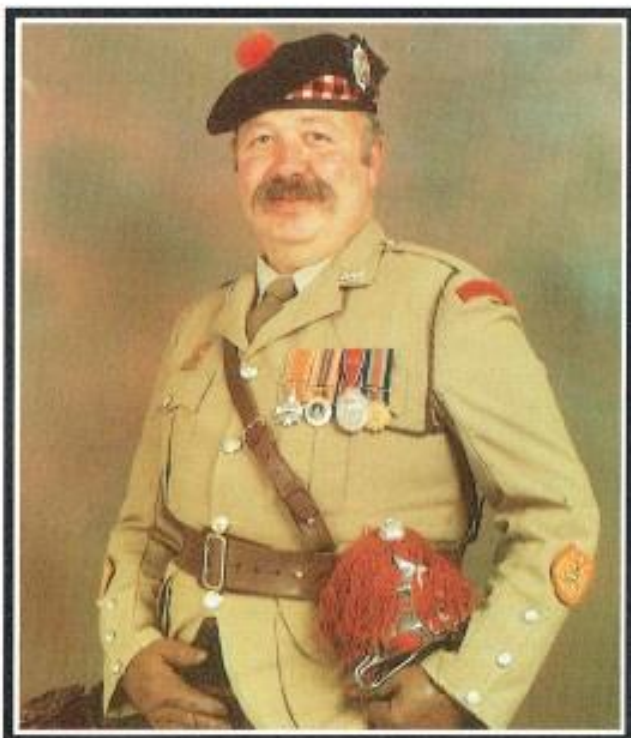
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*Honorary Colonel  
2 Transvaal Scottish  
Colonel E.S. Thompson E.D.*



*Officer Commanding  
2 Transvaal Scottish  
Cmdt. L.W. Houghton*



*Regimental Sergeant Major  
2 Transvaal Scottish  
W.O.I. T. Wright H.C.*

# THE TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH HONORARY COLONELS, COMMANDING OFFICERS AND REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJORS

## HONORARY COLONELS - TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

Colonel Sir William Dalrymple, K.B.E., V.D. 1908 - 1943  
Colonel J.N. Mackenzie 1943 -

### FIRST BATTALION

Colonel Ian Mackenzie, D.S.O. 1973 -

### SECOND BATTALION

Colonel W.E. Dalrymple, E.D. 1973 - 1976  
Colonel E.S. Thompson, E.D. 1977 -

## HONORARY LIEUTENANT - COLONELS

1st Bn. : Lt.-Col. J.N. Mackenzie 1937 - 1943  
2nd Bn. : Lt.-Col. W.A. Mackenzie 1937 - 1945  
3rd Bn. : Lt.-Col. A.N. Guy 1940 - 1951  
2nd Bn. : Cmdt. Ian Mackenzie, D.S.O. 1945 - 1953  
1st Bn. : Brig. E.P. Hartshorn, D.S.O., D.C.M., E.D. 1948 - 1953  
3rd Bn. : Cmdt. R.G. Rosser, M.C. 1952 - 1960

## HONORARY COMMANDANTS TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

Comdt. I. Mackenzie D.S.O. 1954 - 1975

## COMMANDING OFFICERS - SCOTTISH HORSE

Lt.-Col. William Dalrymple 1902 - 1908

## TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH VOLUNTEERS

Lt.-Col. Gordon Sandilands 1902 - 1908  
Lt.-Col. H.C. Boyd 1908 - 1909  
Lt.-Col. J. Dawson-Squibb, D.S.O., V.D. 1909 - 1910

## TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

Lt.-Col. J. Dawson-Squibb, D.S.O., V.D. 1910 - 1919  
Lt.-Col. D.M. Macleod, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.M. 1920 - 1923  
Major R.T. Ford 1923 - 1925  
Lt.-Col. C.S. Rendall, V.D. 1925 - 1929  
Lt.-Col. M.G. McCalgan, D.C.M. 1929 - 1935

Lt.-Col. D.F. Smitherman, O.B.E., E.D. 1935 - 1936  
Cmdt. I.D. Klapka, E.D. 1953 - 1959  
Cmdt. R.S. Lawrence, J.C.D. 1959 - 1963  
Cmdt. S.J. Whitford, J.C.D., M.M. 1963 - 1970

### FIRST BATTALION

Lt.-Col. J. Dawson-Squibb, D.S.O., V.D. 1914 - 1915  
Lt.-Col. D.F. Smitherman, O.B.E., E.D. 1936 - 1940  
Lt.-Col. E.P. Hartshorn, D.S.O., D.C.M., E.D. 1940 - 1941  
Lt.-Col. N.B. Gelliffe, D.S.O., E.D. 1941 -  
Lt.-Col. H.A. Olsen, D.S.O., E.D. 1941 - 1942  
Lt.-Col. J.C. Ferguson, O.B.E., E.D. 1942 - 1943  
Lt.-Col. W.C.R. Hedding 1943 - 1946  
Lt.-Col. H.A. Olsen, D.S.O., E.D. 1946 - 1950  
Lt.-Col. D.N. Carpenter, M.B.E. 1950 - 1953  
Cmdt. R.G. Poultney, J.C.D. 1971 - 1977  
Cmdt. R.E. Wilmot 1977  
Cmdt. G. Grigoratos, J.C.D. 1978 - 1979  
Cmdt. J.B.R. Findlay, J.C.D. 1979 - 1982  
Cmdt. R. Hammond 1982 - 1986  
Cmdt. G. Bousfield 1986 - 1990  
Cmdt. G. Stevens 1990 -

### SECOND BATTALION

Lt.-Col. Gordon Sandilands 1914  
Lt.-Col. H.J. Kirkpatrick, D.S.O. 1914 - 1915  
Lt.-Col. W.E. Dalrymple, E.D. 1936 - 1942  
Lt.-Col. E.S. Thompson, E.D. 1942 - 1951  
Lt.-Col. J. Connolly 1951 - 1952  
Major H.A. Balme, J.C.D. 1953  
Cmdt. S.J. Whitford, J.C.D., M.M. 1971  
Cmdt. P.C. Middleton, J.C.D. 1972 - 1975  
Cmdt. L.F. Alexander, J.C.D. 1976 - 1987  
Cmdt. A.J. Bekker 1987 - 1992  
Cmdt. L.W. Houghton 1992

### THIRD BATTALION

Lt.-Col. W.H. Kirby, M.C. 1939 - 1941  
Major R.G. Rosser, M.C. 1941 - 1942  
Major R.J. Southey, E.D. 1942

Lt.-Col. J.C. Ferguson, O.B.E., E.D.	1946 - 1947
Cmdt. N.N. Webster, J.C.D.	1947 - 1954
Cmdt. S.P. Kirsten, J.C.D.	1954 - 1955
Cmdt. G.W. Comley	1956 - 1960

## **REGIMENTAL SERGEANTS MAJOR**

### **TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH**

W.O.1 D.M. Macleod, D.C.M.	1902 - 1905
W.O.1 J.N. Pearce	1905 - 1908
W.O.1 D.M. Macleod, D.C.M.	1908 - 1912
W.O.1 J. Lawson	1914 - 1915
W.O.1 P. Keith, M.C., D.C.M.	1920 - 1921
W.O.1 D. Brown, D.C.M.	1921 - 1925
W.O.1 C.F. Morgan	1925 - 1928
W.O.1 W.D. Parsons	1928 - 1939
W.O.1 B.R. Cockcroft, M.B.E.	1954 - 1955
W.O.1 J. Geddes	1955 - 1956
W.O.1 A.I. Hamilton	1956 - 1957
W.O.1 A.T.J. Blume, P.M.M., J.C.D.	1957 - 1969
W.O.1 H.J. van Staden, J.C.D.	1969 - 1971

### **FIRST BATTALION**

W.O.1 J.F. Hossell	1939 - 1940
W.O.1 H.W. Prescott	1940 - 1941
W.O.1 R.W. Anderson	1941 - 1944
W.O.1 W.E. Stokes (Acting)	1942
W.O.1 M. Kleiman	1944 - 1945
W.O.1 M. H.V.W. Klopper, M.M.	1946 - 1947
W.O.1 J. Geddes	1947 - 1954
W.O.1 W.V. Mulders, J.C.D.	1971 - 1974
W.O.1 N.G. Bennetts, J.C.D.	1974 - 1988
W.O.1 S.L. Henderson	1988

### **SECOND BATTALION**

W.O.1 B.R. Cockcroft, M.B.E.	1936 - 1952
W.O.1 H.J. van Staden, J.C.D.	1971 - 1979
W.O.1 D.J.B. Horton, J.C.D.	1979 - 1983
W.O.1 H.J. van Staden, J.C.D.	1983 - 1984
W.O.1 T. Wright, H.C.	1984 -

### **THIRD BATTALION**

W.O.1 J.M. McCalman	1939 - 1940
W.O.1 J.R. Alexander	1940 - 1941
W.O.1 W.J. Cloete	1941 - 1942
W.O.1 J.F. Chabart	1946 - 1948
W.O.1 S.C. Lightening	1949 - 1954
W.O.1 C.A. Laker, J.C.D.	1954 - 1960

## *A short history of the TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH 1902 - 1992*

The Transvaal Scottish originated as the Transvaal Scottish Volunteers which was formed on the 9th June, 1902 as an Infantry unit complementary to the Scottish Horse. The latter was a mounted unit of the Transvaal Volunteers. During the early years the Regiment had companies active in Johannesburg, Krugersdorp, Pretoria, Potchefstroom and on the East Rand.

The Regiment saw its first action in 1906, when a company served as part of the Natal Rangers in the Zulu Rebellion.

During World War 1 the 1st Battalion saw action in German South West Africa as part of Gen. Louis Botha's force during 1914 - 1915.

A 2nd Battalion was formed in 1914 and saw action in German South West Africa under Gen. J.C. Smuts. At the end of that campaign it was disbanded. Many members of both battalions joined the 4th SAI (South African Scottish) which was the Fourth Regiment of the 1st SA Infantry Brigade. The Brigade saw service in Libya and France. The 4th SAI emerged from the Battle of Delville Wood with 4



officers and 38 other ranks.

During the Rand Revolt in 1922, the Transvaal Scottish was engaged in numerous skirmishes particularly at Dunswart, Brixton, Fordsburg and Forest Hill.

In World War II, the 1st Battalion formed part of the 1st South African Brigade and was brigaded with the Natal Carbineers and the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles (Dukes). It was the first South African unit to enter enemy territory, and went into action for the first time at E1 Wak. This Battalion fought throughout the East African Campaign, and then in North Africa, being involved in such actions as the Crusader campaign, Gazala Line and Alamein. Towards the end of the war the Battalion amalgamated with the Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles (Dukes) and the Rand Light Infantry to form the "D.S.R." which saw service in Italy.

The 2nd Battalion was resuscitated in 1936 and was brigaded with two battalions of South African Police to form the 6th South African Brigade. The brigade saw action at Sollum, Halfaya Pass, Gazala Line, Acroma Keep and Commonwealth Box in North Africa. At Tobruk the brigade went into captivity and ceased to exist.

The 3rd Battalion was formed in 1939 and moved to East Africa as part of the 5th South African Brigade. They were brigaded with the South African Irish Regiment and Regiment Botha. This brigade saw action at Hobok and Mega before moving to North Africa where its existence was short lived when it was overwhelmed at Sidi Rezegh.

During the Second World War the Regiment earned the following awards:

D.S.O. ....	4
M.C. and Bar .....	2
M.C. ....	16
D.C.M. ....	7
M.M. ....	34
George Cross .....	1
O.B.E. ....	2
M.B.E. ....	2
M.I.D. ....	61
King's Commendation .....	2

The Regiment sustained the following casualties:

Killed in action or died of wounds ..... 168

Wounded .....	342
Prisoners of War .....	1 023

The Prisoner of war total was comprised of 686 members of the ill fated Tobruk garrison and 337 were Sidi Rezegh survivors.

It is interesting to note that during the Second World War the Transvaal Scottish was the only unit of the Union Defence Force to have three battalions serving beyond the borders of South Africa. In 1953 the Freedom of the City of Johannesburg was conferred on the Regiment. The Transvaal Scottish was the first Citizen Force Unit to receive this honour. The Freedom of Benoni and Barberton was conferred on the Transvaal Scottish in subsequent years.

The only member of the Regiment to attain the rank of General is Maj.-Gen. N.N. Webster S.S.A., S.M., J.C.D. He was a former commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion.

After the war the 1st and 2nd Battalions were amalgamated in 1954 and the 3rd Battalion was reformed as the 7th Medium Regiment S.A.A. (3rd Transvaal Scottish). The 3rd Battalion was later disbanded in 1960.

In 1970 the 2nd Battalion was re-established in Johannesburg.

In 1976 both Battalions saw service in the Border War; the 1st Battalion in Angola and South West Africa, now Namibia, and the 2nd Battalion along the Caprivi Strip. Since then, until 1984, men of both Battalions have been called up at least once a year for service in the South West African Border War.

Until the 1990's, the role of 1 Transvaal Scottish has been a conventional one. They participated in a number of important operational exercises and also conducted peace keeping operations in Black unrest areas on the Witwatersrand and in Natal.

2 Transvaal Scottish, during this period, conducted Counter Insurgency (COIN) operations along the North Western Transvaal border with Botswana and along the border with Zimbabwe.

During the Border War, W.O. 1 T. Wright of 2 Transvaal Scottish was awarded the Honoris Crux.

BATTLE HONOURS	: 18
REGIMENTAL TARTAN	: Murray of Atholl
THE PIPERS TARTAN	: Murray of Tullibardine
REGIMENTAL MARCH	: The Atholl Highlanders
MOTTO	: Alba nam Buadh

# 90th ANNIVERSARY TATTOO PROGRAMME

## STANDARD BANK ARENA

7th NOVEMBER, 1992

### FANFARE SALUTE TO THE TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

Performed by the Trumpeters of the South African Police Orchestra  
Director Music : Col. A. Harding

MUSIC : BLISS

### SALUTE FROM THE MUSLIM BRIGADE

performed by the Lenasia Muslim Brigade  
Drum Major : Ahmed Makda

MUSIC

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN THE BALLAD OF THE GREEN BERET  
SUIKER BOSSIE      HAPPY WANDERER

### 1902 : THE ORIGINS OF THE TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

Performed by The Atholl Highlanders (1777)  
Drummer: DMR Warren Rudolph  
Atholl Highlander : Cpl. Graham Jack      Atholl Highlander : L/Cpl. Kyle Grant  
The Scottish Horse (1900)  
Scottish Horse horseman :    L/Sgt. Jaco de Bruin      L/Sgt. Jaco Wid  
The Transvaal Scottish Volunteers (1902)  
Ceremonial Squad of 1 and 2 Transvaal Scottish

### 1914 : THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCOTTISH

Performed by the Massed Pipes and Drums of The South African Scottish Regiments  
Senior Pipe Major : W.O. 11 Greg Lloyd      Senior Drum Major : W.O. 11 Bernie de Bernier

March on to: GREEN HILLS OF TYROL      WHEN THE BATTLE'S OER

### REGIMENTAL MARCHES

First City (1875) : BONNY DUNDEE  
Pipe Major : Chris Terry      Drum Major : Cpl. Malcolm Chalmers  
Cape Town Highlanders (1885) : COCK O' THE NORTH  
Pipe Major : S/Sgt. Peter Mouton      Drum Major : S/Sgt. Peter Versfeld  
The Transvaal Scottish (1902) : THE ATHOLL HIGHLANDERS  
1 Transvaal Scottish (1902)  
Pipe Major : Sgt. John Roberts      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Dave Funchall

2 Transvaal Scottish (1902)

Pipe Major : W.O. 11 Greg Lloyd      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Bernie de Bernier

The Witwatersrand Rifles (1903) : WITHIN A MILE OF EDINBURGH TOON

Pipe Major : S/Sgt. Rory Bellingan      Drum Major : Cpl. Kim Heptinstall

March out to: SCOTLAND THE BRAVE      SARIE MARAIS

### **THE SHONAH ROBINSON DANCERS**

Choreographer : Mrs Shonah Robinson

Band : 2 Transvaal Scottish

Pipe Major : Sgt. Geoff Irvine      Drum Major : Cpl. Malcolm Chalmers

#### **MUSIC**

MOLLY CONNELL      THE BARREN ROCKS OF ADEN

### **1939 : THE SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADES**

Performed by the Massed Bands of the 1st, 5th and 6th South African Brigades

Senior Director Music : Col. Tony Harding      Senior Pipe Major : W.O. 11 Greg Lloyd

Senior Drum Major : W.O. 11 Bernie de Bernier

### **1ST SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADE**

The Natal Carbineers (1855)

Band Master : W.O. 11 Jeff Jefferson LRAM      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Claude Howard

The Cape Town Rifles (The Dukes) 1855)

Band Master : W.O. 11 Les Smith

1 Transvaal Scottish (1902)

Pipe Major : Sgt. John Roberts      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Dave Funchall

March on to : HIGHLAND LADDIE

### **5TH SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADE**

3 Transvaal Scottish (1902)

Pipe Major : Sgt. Geoff Irvine      Drum Major : Cpl. Malcolm Chalmers

The South African Irish Regiment (1914)

Pipe Major : W.O. 11 Craig Herwill      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Dave Redding

March on to : ALL AROUND MY HAT

### **6TH SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADE**

2 Transvaal Scottish (1902)

Pipe Major : W.O. 11 Greg Lloyd      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Bernie de Bernier

The South African Police (1912)

Band Master : Col. Tony Harding      Drum Major : W.O. 11 Franca Benade

March on to : 100 PIPERS

## MASSED BAND MUSIC

SKYE BOAT SONG            THE FLOWER OF SCOTLAND

Bands March off to : BONNY DUNDEE

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

## THE GRAND FINALE

Massed Bands march on to : COCKNEY JOCKS

2 Transvaal Scottish Drum Corps  
DRUM SALUTE TO THE TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH

Evening Hymn : AMAZING GRACE  
AULD LANG SYNE AND LAST POST

The Massed Bands exit to : BLACK BEAR

## THE RETREAT

Performed by the Pipes and Drums of 1 Transvaal Scottish

The Regimental Colours of both battalions of the Regiment

A Guard comprised of :

A Guard of 1 Transvaal Scottish            A Guard of 2 Transvaal Scottish

Guard Commander : Maj. Clyde Hepburn            Guard 2 IC. : Capt. Beau Lahner

Colour Ensign 1 T.S. : Lt. James Findlay  
Colour Ensign 2 T.S. : Lt. Andre Abraham

Guard Sgt. Major 1 T.S. : W.O. 1 Gordon Sharman  
Guard Sgt. Major 2 T.S. : W.O. 11 Greg Nethercote

The Guard will march on to : BONNY DUNDEE

Band Troop

National Salute : DIE STEM VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Retreat : The lowering of the National Flag

Retreat sounded by : The Trumpeters of the South African Police Orchestra

- March Past in Slow and Quick Time

The Senior Dignitary will take the salute during the march past

March out to the Regimental March : THE ATHOLL HIGHLANDERS

Lone Piper on the Battlements : DARK ISLE

THE END



*1 Transvaal Scottish  
National Colour  
presented by  
Lt.-Gen. G.L. Meiring,  
S.S.A.S., S.D.,  
Chief of the S.A. Army  
on 31st October, 1992*



*1 Transvaal Scottish  
Regimental Colour  
presented by  
General R.C. Hiemstra  
S.S.A., S.M.,  
Commandant-General  
of the  
S.A. Defence Force  
on 23rd September, 1967*



*The Colour of  
1 Transvaal Scottish  
presented in 1 by  
The Governor General,  
The Earl of Clarendon, G.S., M.G.,  
and laid up St. George's  
Presbyterian Church,  
Johannesburg in 1964*

2 Transvaal Scottish  
National Colour  
presented by  
Lt-Gen. G.L. Meiring,  
S.S.A.S., S.D.,  
Chief of the S.A. Army  
on 31st October, 1992



2 Transvaal Scottish  
Regimental Colour  
presented by  
The State President,  
Dr. N.J. Diederichs  
on 11th June, 1977



The colour of  
2 Transvaal Scottish  
presented by His Majesty,  
King George VI on 31st March  
1947, and laid up at St. George's  
Presbyterian Church,  
Johannesburg in 1964



**BLAIR CASTLE,  
BLAIR ATHOLL, PERTHSHIRE,  
PHIB 5TJ**

**BLAIR ATHOLL 212.**

On the occasion of the 90th Anniversary of the Transvaal Scottish it gives me, as the heir of the 8th Duke of Atholl who was largely responsible for founding the Regiment, great pleasure to wish all Officers and Men of the Transvaal Scottish a most enjoyable 90th Anniversary Tattoo and Retreat Ceremony in Johannesburg on Saturday, November 7th. I hope that I will be able to be present in person for the 100th Anniversary in 2002.

2nd November, 1992



THE SCOTTISH HORSE

October 1992

On the occasion of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the formation of the TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH REGIMENT, as your ancestor and friend of THE SCOTTISH HORSE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION send you our warmest congratulations and kindest good wishes.

We are deeply conscious of our common heritage and place of birth, and with us of the SCOTTISH HORSE are now a rallying point, we wish your skills for the TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH Regiment, and in its good name.

Our thoughts are with you at this time, and to all ranks and former members of your illustrious Regiment as with good luck and continuing good fortune.

  
Gordon Adams, Esq.,  
President.

  
Major J.A. Leckie, Esq.,  
Secretary.



**Aberdeen & District  
Scottish Horse Regimental Association Club.**

CROWN TERRACE :: ABERDEEN

Telephone No. 540000

*15<sup>th</sup> October 1992*

*Having been informed of your 90th Anniversary Celebrations we are reminded of our mutual heritage and origins in the Transvaal.*

*Though separated by distance and time we recognize the bond of friendship which exists between our two Regiments.*

*Scotland as you know has long established links with South Africa and its military traditions and it is with this in mind that we your friends in Aberdeen send you our warmest regards.*

*President. J. H. M. Lamb*

*Secretary. R. H. B. Keith*



**ALL RANKS OF THE BLACK WATCH  
JOIN THE TRANSVAAL SCOTTISH  
IN COMMEMORATING  
YOUR 90TH ANNIVERSARY  
AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST  
FOR THE FUTURE**



# Regimental Major R.H.Q. The Transvaal Scottish Major A.J. Macquet

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*Message from the Tattoo Director and  
Chairman of the Executive Committee  
for the 90th Anniversary Celebrations of  
The Transvaal Scottish Regiment*

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It is with great pride that we present the 90th Anniversary Tattoo of the Transvaal Scottish Regiment this evening. Ours is a noble history, built with honour through generations of loyalty and military excellence. This history is our foundation for the future and, as surely as we have stood tall in the past, so shall we continue to do so in the future.

This Regiment, like its fellow Citizen Force Regiments, has built its greatness in many areas of conflict. The blood of "Jocks" stains the battlefields of German South West Africa, Europe, Delville Wood in particular, North Africa and Italy. And in recent years we have seen service in Namibia, Angola and at home. Along with our peers this Regiment has stood and adapted through decades of turbulent change. As we stand on the threshold of a New South Africa we are once again ready to play a positive role, continuing the strong traditions of the past and helping to set standards for the future.

It is, therefore, fitting that those regiments which have been closely associated with us over our 90 years are on parade with us tonight. We take pride in our association and in what we, as regiments, have achieved for South Africa individually and collectively over the years.

This tattoo and indeed, the 90th Anniversary Celebrations as a whole, would not have been possible were it not for those members of the regiment as well as those not in the regiment, who have worked tirelessly as a team to realise a fitting celebration. In many instances they found themselves being responsible for tasks not familiar to them, either in their civilian capacities or as trained soldiers. Despite this, they came through with flying colours.

The Officers Commanding, Cmdt. Grant Stevens - 1 Transvaal Scottish and Cmdt. Lance Houghton - 2 Transvaal Scottish join me in thanking each one of you, most sincerely for the vital roles you have played. Further foundation has been laid, and it would be right and fitting for your names to go forward and become part of our history as we pass to our successors a regiment which we have continued to build on the solid foundation created by our predecessors.

It is fitting to mention the key roles played by the Officers Commanding. If ever there was an example of "leading from the front", this was it.

We thank 7 Division, 73 Brigade and the Directorate of Public Relations, D.H.Q., for their enthusiasm and unreserved support. This tattoo would not have been possible otherwise.

We thank the Regimental Council for their support and in particular that of the Chairman, Col. Ian MacKenzie as well as Capt. Peter Digby.

The two R.S.M.'s played major roles, and our thanks go to W.O. 1 Stuart Henderson and W.O. 1 Trevor Wright. They were ably assisted by W.O. 11 George Sutherland and W.O. 11 Pat Marshall.

We were not totally without expert assistance. We were very fortunate to have as Producer and Technical Director, Capt. Alex Reid-Peters of Durban Tattoo, Melbourne Tattoo and Edinburgh Tattoo fame. As Musical Director we were privileged to have Col. Tony Harding of the South African Police Orchestra. Col. Harding is himself an ex Black Watch member. Thank you both for your considerable contribution.

Piping in this country is at a very high standard and we thank the Pipe Majors and the bands for their excellent music. We thank Pipe Major Greg Lloyd for the role he played as Director Pipes and Drums.

A Tattoo would not be a Tattoo without the Brass. Our thanks go to the Natal Carbineers, Cape Town Rifles, South African Police and the Lenasia Muslim Brigade Band.

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