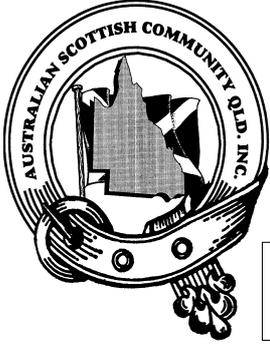


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**REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH OF THE 11TH
THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO
THOSE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT OTHERS MAY
LIVE IN FREEDOM.**

NOTE WELL

This months meeting will not be held as we are attending
ALL BRITISH DAY at Tennyson. Full details in Diary
Dates on back page.

We will be attending the Octoberfest at Beenleigh see Diary
Dates

We will be attending the Celtic Festival at Helidon see Diary
Dates

AGM on 16th November

Xmas party and St Andrews celebrations 30th November

The 51st (Highland) Division

No division of the line in the British Army that fought against Germany in the Great War came through the years of campaign in France and Flanders with more renown than the Fifty-first. From the Battle of Beaumont-Hamel, on the Somme, in November 1916, till the taking of Greenland Hill and the fighting from Iwuy to Famars in October 1918, its name was on every lip, not only in the army, but at home, where its exploits and its reputation made it unquestionably the star performer among all our infantry divisions. From every war some unit of command---a regiment or brigade---comes through with popular laurels, a name for ever after to be illustrious. In this greatest of wars that glory went to a whole division, and that a Scottish one, composed entirely of Highland territorials.

They had been, in the bantering fashion of the army, known as "Harper's Duds" months after they had gone to France--- a nickname inspired by the distinguishing mark "HD" on all the Division's vehicles. Though their record at Festubert, High Wood, and the Labyrinth was evidence enough of the stubborn and enduring stuff they were made of, a ridiculous underestimate of their quality, due to their purely citizen composition, kept them more or less in the background till the great offensive found them thrust into the most furious battling on the Somme. General Harper had never had any doubt of how his tartaned corps would bear themselves when their blood was up. He must have smiled at times at the wonder and the praise of his chiefs as gradually but swiftly they awakened to the truth that his "duds" were among the most intrepid and audacious units of the army !

The Fifty-first paid dearly---in toils, in trials, agonies of endurance, wounds, and death---for that eminence of renown that henceforth came to it. Thereafter it was chosen for the posts most critical; without intermission it was used in every menaced situation, hurled into the bloodiest attacks. Season after season passed, and Scotland knew her heart's blood streamed in the tracks of that kilted *corps d'élite*. Again and again its personnel was changed beyond recognition; its component regiments were repeatedly cut down by casualties to little more than cadres; there were desolating roll calls that seemed dreadful to the survivors of the shattered lines assembled after fierce engagements, and meant, for Scotland, anguished valleys, stricken little towns. But the terrible blanks were filled as soon as they were created; Scotland, to the last, sent drafts of gallant manhood from the same shires to uphold the reputation of a Division that was now her special pride.

From the Somme to the Arras front it passed in the spring of 1917; saw bitter hours in the shallow valley of the Scarpe; was rushed to the Lys to stem in April 1918 the break-through of the Germans below Armentières; swept south again to the south-west of Reims, where it fought beside the French in the terrible Ardre Valley; and in the autumn of 1918 stormed again through the Rœux defences, and hewed its way along the Scarpe, the most vital point of the battle.

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"Wherever the battle rages hottest, there is the Fifty-first," wrote an English correspondent. "The French now talk of it with almost religious fervour." In July of 1918, said the same writer, "it walked across a valley swept by a thousand machine guns, stormed Marfaux, and clinched the German defeat." Not once or twice in the war he had heard officers say, "Thank God, the Fifty-first are next to us!" Another correspondent reported that in a document captured "the Germans placed the Fifty-first first in formidableness on a list of hard-fighting British divisions."

There was for our Allies, the French, no more famous British division; for the peasantry behind the lines no more portentous appearance than that of those kilted troops, whose presence in any quarter, they had learned to know, meant imminent battles, critical hours. They had practically just completed their short annual summer training in Scottish camps and returned to their homes, when the command came for mobilization, and from then till May 1, 1916, when they crossed to France, had undergone a most drastic training in Bedford, where they were among the earliest to volunteer for active service abroad. They were men of the Highland counties.

GREAT SCOTTISH ENTERTAINERS

John Henry Anderson (1814 – 1874) was a professional magician, born in The Mearns, Scotland. Anderson is credited with helping bring the art of magic from street performances into theatres and presenting magic performances for the purpose to entertain and delight the audience.

Orphaned at the age of ten, Anderson started his career appearing on the stage with a traveling dramatic company in 1830. At seventeen, he began performing magic and in 1837, at the age of twenty-three, performed at the castle of Lord Panmure whose endorsement of Anderson inspired him to put a touring show together which lasted for three years. In 1840 Anderson settled in London, opening the New Strand Theatre. Sir Walter Scott is said to have given him the stage name, **The Great Wizard of the North**.

In 1842, Anderson married Hannah Longherst from Aberdeen, an assistant with his show. The following year their son, John Henry Jr. was born.

1845 also saw the completion of Anderson's second theatre, the City Theatre in Glasgow. In November, only four months after opening, the theatre burned and Anderson's financial losses were considerable. Through the aid of his showbusiness friends, Anderson was able to launch a new show at London's Covent Garden Theatre in 1846 and then toured Europe the following year, traveling to Hamburg, Stockholm, and lastly St. Petersburg where he met Czar Nicholas who arranged a command performance for Anderson after an awkward chance meeting.

In 1849, Anderson returned to London to perform for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. The following year, Anderson toured America, Canada, Australia, and Hawaii. Upon returning to Britain, Anderson found that he had a rival in fellow magician Robert Houdin so he returned to America in 1853 and performed in Boston. An illusion involving Anderson's dispensing of various alcoholic beverages to the audience caused a legal controversy regarding temperance in that city.

In 1854, John Henry held a farewell performance in Aberdeen. The success of this show was enough to inspire Anderson not to retire. Rather, he began to concentrate his efforts to exposing Spiritualism fraud. In his shows, he used his daughters to duplicate spiritualist effects. Anderson was one of the magicians of his day who exposed the frauds of the Davenport Brothers. The show played at the Lyceum in London and then moved to Covent Garden in 1855. The following year, after a gala performance, the theatre caught fire destroying all of Anderson's properties, bankrupting him for the second time in his professional career.

In 1859, after a brief period as an actor, Anderson began another world tour. In 1862, at the age of eighteen, John Henry Jr. left his father's troupe and began his own independent career as a conjuror. This started a bitter feud between father and son and the two never spoke again. Greatly in debt, Anderson returned to England in 1864. He would tour once more in 1866.

Anderson died in 1874. He was buried next to his mother in Aberdeen.

THE SCOTTISH SOLDIER Traditional

There was a soldier, a Scottish soldier
Who wandered far away and soldiered far away
There was none bolder, with good broad shoulder
He's fought in many a fray, and fought and won.
He'd seen the glory and told the story
Of battles glorious and deeds nefarious
But now he's sighing, his heart is crying
To leave these green hills of Tyrol.
Because these green hills are not highland hills Or
the island hills, the're not my land's hills
And fair as these green foreign hills may be They
are not the hills of home.

And now this soldier, this Scottish soldier
Who wandered far away and soldiered far away Sees
leaves are falling and death is calling
And he will fade away, in that far land.
He called his piper, his trusty piper
And bade him sound a lay... a pibroch sad to play
Upon a hillside, a Scottish hillside
Not on these green hills of Tyrol.

And so this soldier, this Scottish soldier
Will wander far no more and soldier far no more
And on a hillside, a Scottish hillside
You'll see a piper play his soldier home.
He'd seen the glory, he'd told his story
Of battles glorious and deeds victorious
The bugles cease now, he is at peace now
Far from those green hills of Tyrol.

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Monday—Friday: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am to 12 noon

DIARY DATES.

Sunday 21st September Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. All British Day at St Josephs Sportsgrounds, Vivian St off King Arthur Tce. near the Pamphlett BrodgeTennyson from 9AM to aprox. 2PM Full Stall setup. see the cars of your youth when cars were cars. NB there will be no meeting a Toowong for this month.

Saturday 4th October Ormiston House Music beneath the stars contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 12th October Multi Cultural Festival at Roma Street Parklands, No Aussie Scot participation

Sunday 12th October Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Octoberfest Beenleigh Historical Village 205 Main Street Beenleigh. We will have a tent there selling craft.

Sunday 19th October Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Saturday, 25th Oct. Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band invites you to celebrate the Celtic tradition of Halloween in costume-(optional); dance; fun & games; treats and much more at the Thornlands Dance Palais Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783. Scare you later!

Sunday 26th October Celtic Festival of Queensland. Railway Street Helidon 9AM to 3PM We will be setting up a Display.

Sunday 16th November Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11am Sausage Sizzle. Meeting starts 12pm. AGM starts at 2PM Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Sunday 16th November Multi-Cultural Festival GC at Carrara Stadium

Saturday 29th Nov Join us to celebrate St. Andrew's Day in the relaxed atmosphere of a concert at the Redlands Sporting Club (Anson Rd., Wellington Point). The evening will include a great flow of traditional Scottish entertainment & of course the serving of Haggis. Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783

Sunday 30th November Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc XMAS PARTY and ST. ANDREWS celebration. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park 11AM a cover charge of \$5 will be necessary. enquiries to Secretary. 33598195

Sunday 5th July TARTAN DAY SOUTHBANK BRISBANE

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