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**REMEMBERANCE DAY
11TH DAY OF THE 11TH
MONTH THIS NEWS-
LETTER IS DEDICATED
TO THOSE BRAVE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES
THAT OTHERS MAY
LIVE IN FREEDOM.**



NOTE WELL

There will be no September meeting 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

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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 travelling 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.

Bicentenary of Brisbane Observatory
 No, not Brisbane Australia, but Largs (Ayrshire)
 Brisbane Observatory which was founded by Sir
 Thomas Makdougall Brisbane (1773-1860) who was
 born near the town. Brisbane became a general in the
 British army and fought with Wellington against Na-
 poleon. He was also an important figure in 19th
 century astronomy and he built one of the first ob-
 servatories in Scotland in Brisbane Glen at Largs,
 charting the position of stars. In 1821, when he went
 to Australia as Governor of New South Wales, he
 took his telescopes and clocks with him and set up a
 similar observatory at Parramatta near Sydney, where
 he worked on the first major catalogue of southern
 stars. His legacy in Australia included an observatory
 which was the predecessor of today's Sydney Obser-
 vatory. Brisbane in Queensland is named after him
 and today boasts the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetari-
 um. This year, the Action for Largs Brisbane Astro-
 nomical Heritage (ALBAH) has been celebrating his
 scientific achievements in the bicentennial of his first
 observatory in Largs in 1808. There has been an ex-
 hibition in Largs Museum and a dialogue between
 Largs and the Australian astronomers of today

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SCOTTISH BRAGGING PAGE

James Bowman Lindsay (September 8, 1799 - June 29, 1862) was a Scottish inventor and author. He is credited with early developments in several fields, such as incandescent lighting and telegraphy.

He was born in Cotton of West Hills, Carmyllie near Arbroath in Angus, Scotland, son of John Lindsay, farm worker, and Elizabeth Bowman. Educated at St. Andrews University.

Among his technological innovations, which were not developed until long after his death, are the electric light bulb, submarine telegraphy and arc welding. Unfortunately, his claims are not well documented. In July 1835, Lindsay demonstrated a constant electric light at a public meeting in Dundee, Scotland. He stated that he could "read a book at a distance of one and a half feet".

James Lindsay was buried in the Western Cemetery, Dundee. In 1901 a monument, in the form of an obelisk, was erected by public subscription, at his grave. He never married.

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Robert Liston (28 October 1794, Ecclesmachan, West Lothian - 1847) was a pioneering Scottish surgeon. He was likely the best surgeon of his day, noted for his skill and his speed in an era prior to anaesthetics.

He was able to complete operations in a matter of seconds, at a time when speed was essential to reduce pain and improve the odds of survival of a patient; he is said to have been able to perform the removal of a limb in an amputation (and stitch the end back up) in 28 seconds. Liston revelled in the swiftness of his operations, seeing himself as a showman, and this made him unpopular within the University of Edinburgh. He also performed the first operation in Britain using modern anaesthesia, utilising ether, a new substance from America, in December 1846 at the University College Hospital, London.

Liston received his education at Edinburgh University and in 1818 became a surgeon in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. He became Professor of Clinical Surgery at University College London in 1835. He invented locking forceps, and the Liston splint, used to stabilise dislocations and fractures of the femur. His father was Henry Liston.

He died in London in 1847.

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James Clerk Maxwell (13 June 1831 – 5 November 1879) was a Scottish mathematician and theoretical physicist. His most significant achievement was the development of the classical electromagnetic theory, synthesizing all previous unrelated observations, experiments and equations of electricity, magnetism and even optics into a consistent theory. His set of equations—Maxwell's equations—demonstrated that electricity, magnetism and even light are all manifestations of the same phenomenon: the electromagnetic field. From that moment on, all other classical laws or equations of these disciplines became simplified cases of Maxwell's equations. Maxwell's work in electromagnetism has been called the "*second great unification in physics*", after the first one carried out by Newton.

Maxwell demonstrated that electric and magnetic fields travel through space in the form of waves, and at the constant speed of light. Finally, in 1864 Maxwell wrote *A Dynamical Theory of the Electromagnetic Field* where he first proposed that light was in fact undulations in the same medium that is the cause of electric and magnetic phenomena. His work in producing a unified model of electromagnetism is considered to be one of the greatest advances in physics.

Maxwell also developed the Maxwell distribution, a statistical means to describe aspects of the kinetic theory of gases. These two discoveries helped usher in the era of modern physics, laying the foundation for future work in such fields as special relativity and quantum mechanics. He is also known for creating the first true colour photograph in 1861.

Maxwell is considered by many physicists to be the nineteenth century scientist with the greatest influence on twentieth century physics. His contributions to the science are considered by many to be of the same magnitude as those of Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. In 1931, on the centennial of Maxwell's birthday, Einstein himself described Maxwell's work as the "*most profound and the most fruitful that physics has experienced since the time of Newton.*" Einstein kept a photograph of Maxwell on his study wall, alongside pictures of Michael Faraday and Isaac Newton.

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A LITTLE HUMOUR

A man left his bagpipes in the back seat of his car with the window rolled down. After leaving his vehicle and walking only a few blocks, he suddenly realized his mistake and hurried back - but it was too late! Someone had AL-READY left another set of bagpipes next to the first.

Do you know why a haggis is shaped like a football? You can't tell if you should eat it or kick it. After you have eaten it, you wish you had kicked it

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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 Bridge Tennyson from 9AM to aprox. 2PM Full Stall setup. See the cars of your youth when cars were cars. NB there will be no meeting at 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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THE FINAL WORD ON NUTRITION

After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health.:

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
6. The French eat foie-gras, full fat cheese and drink red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

A philosophical Scotland supporter on the train south to attend the match with England was heard to comment: "No matter if we win or lose this game, we will still be winners in the game of life, because when our opponents waken up tomorrow they'll still be English and we won't."

Last Wish

George had been hen-pecked by his house-proud Edinburgh wife all his married life. Eventually he passed away and when the lawyer read out-George's last will and testament, everyone understood. George's final request was that his ashes should be scattered on the living room carpet



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