

David Scott BEM



David Scott BEM. In uniform as he appeared in the poster for the 'Big Blaw' in London where all of the Scottish Regiments took part. This was the last time that all the Regiments would play together.

David was born on November 22nd 1947 at Rottenrow Maternity Hospital in Glasgow. He passed away in Accord Hospice on the 10th January 2011. Davy (as most knew him) lived as a boy in Northinch Street in Whiteinch, then in Stronvar Avenue, Scotstoun. He was the brother of Catherine, June and triplet to Janette and Ann.

Davy's wife Dot has kindly helped to provide us with information to add to what we thought we already knew. His passing was announced as follows in the Glasgow Herald:- *"SCOTT David Scott, B.E.M. Peacefully, at Accord Hospice, on Monday, 10th January, 2011, after a short illness, David, loving husband of Dorothy, beloved father of Bruce, Iona and Isla, grampa of Katie, Cameron and Ross, father-in-law to David and Shaun, Funeral service, to which all friends are respectfully invited, at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley on Monday, 17th January at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Accord Hospice."*

EXTRACT FROM HIS BEM CITATION

22nd May 1987

Drum Major Scott has three loves; pipe bands, the TA and lending people a hand.

Drum Major Scott started with the Boys Brigade at the age of twelve and progressed eventually to the Pipes & Drums GSUOTC in 1973. In 1976 the Pipes & Drum GSUOTC had their year of triumph culminating as World Champions in their grade. In 1977 Sgt Scott was appointed Drum Major and his bearing on parade has been so exemplary that he has often been mistaken for a Regular counterpart. He has been a torch-bearer and guardian of the finest traditions of TA pipe bands. Drum Major Scott is additionally CQMS and jack of all trades. (CQMS is the company quartermaster in the British Army and Royal marines and is the non-commissioned officer in charge of supplies. The CQMS also serves as the deputy to the Company Sergeant Major and is the second most senior NCO in the company). Drum Major Scott has played a major part in the building of GSUOTC's temporary accommodation. Draughtsman, joiner and electrician all in one, he has reduced expense and shown exceptional imagination, giving up more than his fair share of voluntary time. David has combined this alongside the role of husband and father of three children, who all take an interest and pride in GSUOTC Pipes and Drums.

For most of his adult life Davy was active and committed as a member of the GSUOTC Pipes and Drums serving successfully as leading drummer and tutor to the drum corps and famously as the band's Drum Major. He also extended his drumming experience and knowledge with the world renowned Muirhead & Sons.

Davy was awarded his BEM for long service & good conduct to the TAVR (The Territorial Army Volunteer Reserves).



DAVY'S BLING!



Dorothy reckons this is Davy in the late 90's sporting his Bling on the ramparts of the castle in Auld Reekie. Dot advises us that he received his award on the 10th of May 1988 at Edinburgh Castle – (Presented to him by some Army bigwig)!

Davy's parents attended Gordon Park Church, which was where, as a boy, he saw the pipe band of The 214 Glasgow Company of The Boys' Brigade, and thought 'I'm going to play the drums in that band'. The triplets, Davy and sisters Janette & Ann, together with his two other sisters Catherine & June, were christened by the legendary Rev Harry L. Thomson at Gordon Park Church, Whiteinch.

Harry was a popular Chaplain and enthusiastic supporter of the 214 BB and the band. He served as minister of Gordon Park for thirty years. There is much to tell about Harry and we hope to add an article about him. He can be seen below front, sitting centrally as he so often was among The 214 BB Royalty of the time!

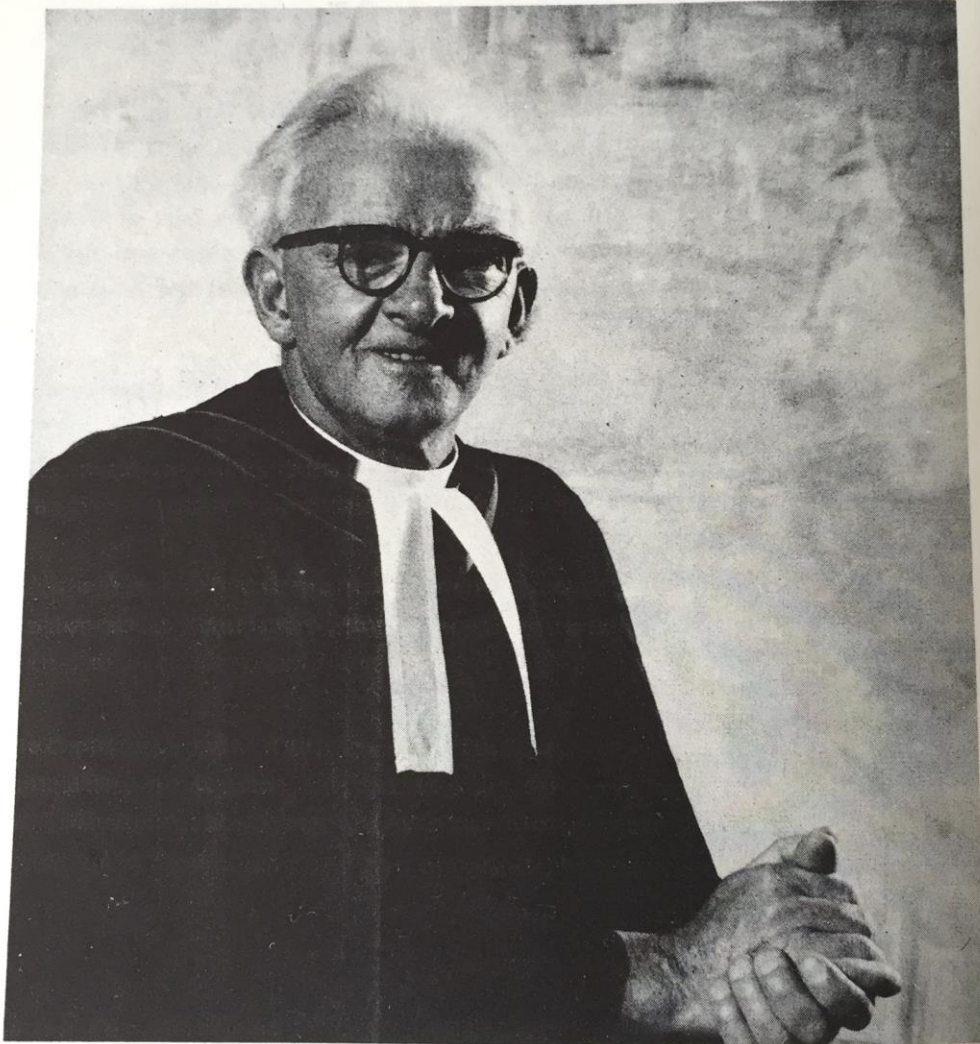


The Boys' Brigade 214th Glasgow Coy 10th May 1957

214th Officers - 10th May 1957 Back Row (L-R) Andy Wotherspoon, John McCarron, Charlie Hannah, Ian McLellan, Robert Little, Middle Row (L-R) George Hunter, Charlie McFarlane, Alex. Ibell (Piping), Murdo MacDonald (Highland Dancing), James Gordon (Woodwork?) ,Hamish McMurchy, John McCue. Front Row (L-R) John McKinlay, Gordon Valentine, Alex MacIver (Pipe Major), Bill Wylie, Harry Lister Thomson (Chaplain), Bob Ferguson (Captain), James Anderson, Angelo Lombardi, and Archie McLaughlin.

A BELOVED CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Harry L. Thomson, M.A., was ordained in Gordon Park Church in August, 1941, and assumed the Company Chaplaincy until his death in August, 1971. During these years he was not only a chaplain but an active and committed Officer. r



*He is a sterling nobleman who lives the truth he knows,
Who dreads the slavery of sin, and fears no other foes,
Who scorns the folly of pretence, whose mind from cant is free,
Who values men for worth and sense, and hates hypocrisy,
To duty firm, to conscience true however tried and pressed,
In God's clear light high work we do, if we but do our best.*

Davy was to achieve his drumming ambition and play for the 214 having been tutored by Alex Connell an “old boy” of the 214. Alex Connell played with The Clan McRae and The Renfrew as leading stroke before he joined The Glasgow Police Pipe Band where he famously led the drum corps under the stewardship of his fellow ex-214 member Pipe Major Ian McLellan B.E.M. In his time with the 214 Davy would benefit from the experience of seeing and hearing and learning from Joe Noble, Jackie Millar and Robert Turner who he would succeed as leading tip in the 214 BB from 1963 till 1965.

Davy worked in Babcock & Wilcox as a Mechanical Engineering Draughtsman where he was a well-known and popular colleague.



214BB Band 1964 End of Season Parade: Standing: Tom Yeoman, Dougie Elmslie, Finlay Drynan, Gordon Medlow, Davy Scott (leading tip), Donnie Glass, Eddie Thomson (bass), David McGaffin, Alistair Ross, Kenneth Cape, Ronnie Elmslie, Tom Callaghan, Rab Wallace. Sitting: Matthew Recht, John Buchanan, Archie Maclean, Dan Finlay, Alex MacIver, Alex Ibell, Allister Osborne, Brian May, Hugh Fulton, Willie Law.



70th Anniversary Parade Band 09th Oct 1994. L/R Ian McLellan, Gordon Medlow, Douglas McColl, Alasdair McKay, Davy Scott, John Finlay, Alex Connell, Stevie Littlejohn, Alan Davidson, Dougie Law, John McLeod, Finlay MacLennan, Willie Ellis, John MacLennan, Alan McColl, Stephen McQuillan, Hector Russell, Willie MacDonald, Joe Noble, Stirling McMurchie, Dan Finlay, Robert Turner, Iain Glass, George Seymour.

Below Davy is seen on parade on that day with some 214 drumming luminaries and an Irish piper.



From the left we see Gordon Medlow, Stevie Littlejohn, Alex Connell, Stephen McQuillan, Davy Scott, Robert Turner, Douglas McColl, and Willie Ellis.



In this image Davy leads The OTC Band and top table guests at the Selengor St. Andrews Society Dinner in Kuala Lumpur. David took the band there on a couple of occasions.

David also took part in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Queen Mother's Birthday celebrations, and played at Balmoral Castle on numerous occasions.

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