

# *QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS*



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## **AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY** **Introduction to the 2nd (revised) Edition**

The book was first published in 1983 as '*Cuidich 'n Righ – a History of the Queen's Own Highlanders*'. This 2nd edition has been extensively revised and improved, but its purposes have not changed. It is intended to be a convenient reference book which can provide answers to many of the questions about the history of the Regiment received at the Regimental Museum each year.

At the Regimental Museum at Fort George the story of the Queen's Own Highlanders, and their antecedent regiments the Seaforth Highlanders and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, is on permanent display. The arrangement of this book follows the sequence of displays in the museum, so that the visitor to the museum can also use it as a source of background information to each room.

Since the first edition was published, there has been astonishing progress in communications and computer technology, and genealogical study has developed into a major international interest. The descendants of those who served in the British and Commonwealth armies in World War I and II are rightly interested in what their forebears did, and in the regiments to which they belonged. A book this size cannot give the service records of individual officers and men. But it is hoped that it will allow researchers to identify the regiment or battalion, and the places in which their forebears served, and thus provide a start point for further research into personal records, regimental histories, and service in peacetime garrison, in battle, or on campaign. A list of further references and sources of information is included at the end of the book.

Another addition to the book is a short history of the Lovat Scouts. They shared a recruiting area with the Seaforth and Cameron Highlanders, and their museum collection is displayed in the Regimental Museum at Fort George, so it was logical to include their interesting history in the book.

In 1994 the Queen's Own Highlanders suffered amalgamation under government defence cuts, and the regiment was merged with The Gordon Highlanders to form The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons). The revised edition brings the regimental history of the Queen's Own Highlanders up to the point of amalgamation in 1994.



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