Highland services remember war dead

SERVICES to mark Remembrance Day took place across the Highlands at the weekend.

A Remembrance Sunday fly past over Fort William by aircraft of 13 Tornado Squadron, took on additional significance for the town's residents.

The flight, by three jets, coincided with the march to the war memorial by former servicemen and women, and by over 50 former Commandos who were making their annual pilgrimage to Lochaber.

Piloting the leading plane was Squadron Leader Roddy

Dennis.

The Tornados flew out from RAF Leuchars and passed over Fort William at their scheduled time of 10.52am.

The wreath-laying took place at the war memorial at Fort William parade at 11am, with hundreds then attending the service at Duncansburgh Parish Church which stands alongside the memorial.

Many of those who participated were also at the 3pm commemoration service at the Commando Memorial at

Spean Bridge.

In Inverness, wreaths of poppies were laid at the graves of World War I victims at Tomnahurich Cemetery on Saturday – and there was a service of remembrance at the Methodist church in Huntly Street and the usual march to the cenotaph yesterday.

Memorial

A service went ahead at the war memorial in Brora, despite recent vandalism to the memorial's clock. At Wick, the British Legion pipe band led a procession which included the RBL branch colour party, World War II veterans, and the armed forces and local youth and uniformed organisations.

Wreaths were laid at the war memorial where a short service was held prior to the main service in the old parish church. There was also a short

afternoon service.

Hundreds took part in the parade to the war memorial at Thurso and the service at St Peter's church. Wick RBL (Scotland) band led the parade to the town's cenotaph fol-lowed by the branch's colour party, ex-servicemen and youth and uniformed groups. Other parades and services took place at Mid Clyth, Lybster, Latheron, Dunbeath, Thrumster, Berriedale, Canisbay, Corsback, Halkirk, Castletown and Bower.

 A publication has been launched at Stornoway dedicated to all who served in World War II, especially those who died. The Stornoway and District Roll of Honour - Second World War was written by Malcolm Macdonald, secretary of the Stornoway Historical Society.

