

let into a very well kept secret when he was presented by Capt. Ted Syms with a bound book of previously unpublished reports of 44 Commando's operations, and by WO Jack Johnson with a superb Caithness crystal goblet, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his 20 years term of office, together with a most generous cheque in favour of the Acting Chaplain's parish church, contributed to by all the members.

Thereafter, the Stand-down parade and Reunion was drawn to a close by Mne Fred Sankey leading the traditional singing of "Auld Lang Syne" on his bag-pipes, and the fairwells and dispersal to homes began. **No-one could possibly say that 44 Commando (3RM) 'just faded away': WE STOOD-DOWN IN STYLE!**

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