

DURBAN REGIMENT PIPE BAND



Formerly

MONTCLAIR PIPE BAND



PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

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The Montclair Pipe Band was established in 1961 by Pipe Major Doug Watts, Leading Tip Barry Whyte, and two non playing members, Hugh McKenna and Cyril MacRae. The band started practicing in the Montclair Scout Hall before finding a home at the Tray Bang MOTH Shellhole in Kenyon Howden Road

In 1976, the band affiliated to the Durban Regiment and from that point became known as the Durban Regiment Pipe Band. It currently operates from Durban Regiment Headquarters in Old Fort Road Military Base, Durban.

In 1981 Captain Ken Mustard took over as pipe major from the founding pipe major.

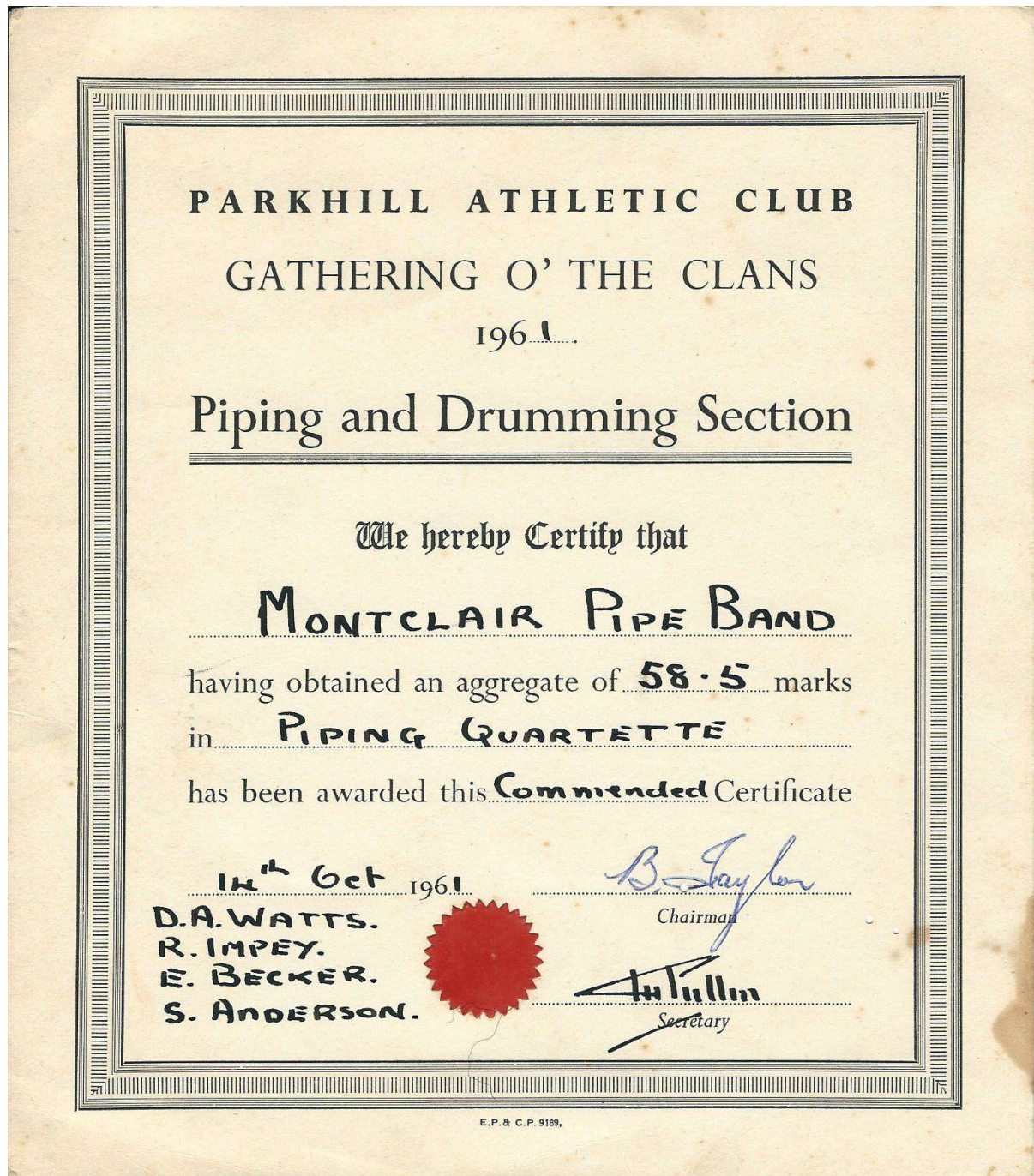
We are trying to compile a history of the band. This booklet contains most of the photographic records available to us. Further photographs and information appear on the bands web site, www.pipeband.co.za.

We would appreciate any assistance in the form of photographs (which will be scanned and returned), information and anecdotes which will assist us in the compilation of the history.

Information and scans can be emailed to drpb@mweb.co.za.

It did not take the band long after its formation to start competing.

On 14 October 1961 members of the band took part in the Quartet competition at the Parkhill Athletic Club Gathering O' the Clans. The certificate they were awarded is below.



Article in the Natal Daily News 28 Feb 1962

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1962.

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The Pipers Are Comin'



SILVERGLEN: 'RUSH TO BUY SITES'

EVIDENCE that there had been a rush to buy sites at Silverglen Township when they were first offered for sale in 1956 was given by Mr. Ashley Olive Smith, a specialist estate agent, in a Revision Court hearing in Durban yesterday.

It was the second day of an appeal in which Silverglen Investments (Pty.) Ltd., owner of an Indian township at Chatsworth, is objecting to a township valuation set at R795,982 by a Committee of Valuers, and applying for the value to be fixed at R1,214,061.09.

A counter-application has been made by the Group Areas Development Board for the township to be valued at R558,800.

TAPERED OFF

Mr. Smith said that after the initial rush for sites the demand tapered off. In the first seven months of 1956 239 sites were sold but only 94 were sold in the whole of 1959.

There were rumours that the Durban Corporation was going to appropriate the land and that the area was going to be cleared for European occupation.

Up to the end of 1959, 581 of the 1,285 sites in the township had been sold but none since then.

Mr. R. S. Kerrick, a former President of the South African Institute of Valuers, giving evidence for the Group Areas Development Board, said that the original valuers had based

Nehru's Party In Sweeping Victory

NEW DELHI, February 27.

INDIA'S Congress Party swept towards another five years of power today with a long lead in results from the country's marathon third General Elec-

The ruling party led with more than 1,000 seats out of 1,600 so far declared in State assemblies.

The first results for the national Parliament gave the party 52 out of 76 seats declared.

Although the Congress Party suffered heavy local defeats from right-wing parties and independents in several states, its ultimate victory in most states seemed certain.

At North Bombay, Defence Minister Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon was leading by 58,000 votes after a critical fight to retain his Parliamentary seat. — (Sapa.)

MEMBERS of the Montclair Pipe Band, formed a year ago by Mr. Douglas Watts and Mr. Hugh McKenna, practising on the stumps at the Montclair Scout Hall last night.

The band, which is not connected with any other organization or society, has been developed entirely through the enthusiasm of its members, who have collected more than R700 towards equipment.

Fund-raising will continue as the bandmen perfect their playing and marching, and the aim is to raise enough money to equip each man with Highland dress.

CHAMPION

The pipers are being instructed by Mr. Watts, the pipe major, Mr. Ray Impey and Mr. Willy Howie. The drummers are under Mr. Barry Whyte and Mr. Joe Steed, the 1960 Natal tenor drumming champion.

Pipers seated around the table are (from left) Reg Steele, John Chedda, William Strong, Stuart Davis, Malcolm Coulson, Robert Strong, Evan Decker, Stanley Anderson, Eddie Parker, Willy Howie, Cyril Macrae and Frank Sulton.

With his back to the camera is Ray Impey, ex-Durban Caledonian Society Pipe Band, and holding the mace presented by the Durban Caledonian Society, is Mr. D. Atkinson, the drum major.

MAN INJURED

Mr. P. J. Lindeman (35), of 27 Joubert Avenue, Malvern, was

Chest P Make Short

CHARITABLE which the Durban Chest will not go at but only because Council has been pre- deep into accounts, make good the R15,740 on the 1961 get of R170,000.

A statement issued yesterday be appreciated that cannot repeat this indefinitely.

The statement on the Chest, according year with a deficit which, coupled with shorted, had been withdrawn of accumulated funds.

SECOND

The council decided for consideration a "second front" December last year this, other appeals would suffer.

"It is the better Council that many Durban do not have as amount of as within each ward given to the 1961 (which inadequate have minimum of welfare members

RAIN UP TO TRI

THE weather as improved year and the air been cooler than has been here in and there has a normal amount

These figures given to "The yesterday by Meteorological Average for normal 21°C Rainfall, 105.9mm.)

Simsbury, 6.13 (normal, 6.13) Wind, 5.0 m.p.h. (normal, 5.0)

The overall day was much but there was sunshine than

Mr. A. J. Meteorological today that a tion for the the fact that winds from and South-E winds (usually winter) was in January.

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From Our CAPD TO resignation mission of members, P was accepted in-Coun last year, that war December



A picture of the band taken in 1962. A name was omitted. The drummer in the back row third from the right between Angus Napier and Ken Norrie is Barry Whyte

Soon after its formation the band developed an association with the Pinetown Caledonian Society. This picture was taken probably about 1963 to 1965.



Front (left to right) : unknown, Cyril Macrae, Bill Coutts (Pinetown Callies)

Middle Row: Doug Watts (pipe major), Stuart Davis, Evan Becker, Unknown, Mike Fitchat, Willie Howie, Stanley Anderson, George Wood, George Mustard (pipe sergeant)

Back: Ron MacRae, Brian Savin, Nobbie Clark, Robbie Ellis, Derek Winter, Barrie Whyte, Ian Wadsworth, Angus Napier

On 23 January 1966 the Montclair Pipe Band welcomed Kenneth McKellar on the tarmac at Louis Botha Airport, Durban



Visible bandsmen left to right: Piper Mike Fitchat, tenor drummer Robbie Ellis, Leading Tip Barry Whyte, side drummer Lawrence Draper.



On 26 March 1966 the Montclair Pipe Band played for the Federation Chiefs Night hosted by Pinetown Caledonian Society at the Masonic Hall in Pinetown



Drum Major Alan Bush

*Front Row pipers left to right:
Pipe Major Doug Watts, Evan
Becker, Stuart Davis, Pipe
Sergeant George Mustard*



Pinetown Caledonian Society Chief Aussie Bell hands over a contribution towards band funds to Pipe Major Doug Watts

On 28 May 1966 the Montclair Pipe Band led the float procession of the Pinetown Gala through the streets of Pinetown.



On 9th July 1966 the Montclair Pipe Band competed at the Natal Scottish Gathering in Durban



Montclair Pipe Band provided the atmosphere for the evening at Pinetown Caledonian Society's Chief's Night held on 20 August 1966 at the Masonic Hall, Pinetown



Montclair Pipe Band also played for the guests at the Caledonian Society Congress Ball held at Pinetown Civic Centre on 15 October 1966



*VIPs piped in by Pipe
Major Doug Watts and
Pipe Sergeant George
Mustard*



From time to time the Montclair Pipe Band took part in military parades. This picture was taken in the 1960s – probably at Hoy Park.



Front row pipers left to right: George Mustard, Evan Becker, George Wood and Willie Howie.

Behind Willie Howie is piper Stanley Anderson. The tenor drummer is Robbie Ellis and the bass drummer is Nobbie Clark.

Some pictures of the Montclair Pipe Band competing at the South Coast Highland Gathering on 6 May 1967. The piping judge is R B Nicol, Queens Piper, of Balmoral, Scotland.



On 3 June 1967 the Montclair Pipe Band took part in the float procession as part of the annual Pinetown Gala.



Photo in the Highway Mail. The pipers are Stanley Anderson and Ken Mustard.



Drum major Alan Bush leads the parade along Old Main Road in Pinetown. The front row of pipers (left to right) is Pipe Major Doug Watts, Evan Becker, Bill Mair and Pipe Sergeant George Mustard

On 8 July 1967 the band competed at the Natal Scottish Gathering at Jan Smuts Stadium in Pietermaritzburg. We only have one photograph but include several pages from the program.



Visible bandsmen

Drum Major: Alan Bush

Left Column: Pipe Major Doug Watts, Piper Julian Saunders??, Piper Evan Becker, Tenor Brian Savin, Leading Tip Barrie Whyte.

Centre Column: Pipe Bill Mair, Piper Ken Mustard, Piper Alec Stuart

Right column: Pipe Sergeant George Mustard, Piper Mike Fitchat, Piper ?



List of Officials, 1967

Chief of the Gathering: Chieftain of Natal, Mrs. Nan McInnes.

Marshal of the Gathering: Chief John Bell.

NATAL SCOTTISH GATHERING COUNCIL.

Chairman ... Chief Angus Kerr Vice-Chairman ... Post Chieftain of Natal,
 Clerk of the Gathering ... Mrs. Margaret Wm. C. Coutts
 Neesham and Mrs. Sylvia Putter Treasurer ... John R. Wood

Councilors:

DURBAN: Federation Chief, W. I. MacGregor, Mrs. Nan McInnes, M. Black,
 J. C. Colquhoun, W. Davidson, W. A. Gracie, C. J. Ritson and R. Ferguson.
 PIETERMARITZBURG: Chief A. Kerr, Mrs. J. Barr, Mrs. M. Neesham, A. F.
 Brown, Miss M. Munro, Mrs. S. Putter, R. Shooter, J. R. Wood.
 PINETOWN: Chief J. Bell, Wm. C. Coutts, G. K. Munro, I. Nesbit, Mrs. M.
 Paterson, D. G. Simpson.
 UMBOGINTWINE: Chief C. Leesam, Mrs. E. Leesam.

CONVENERS

Highland Dancing ... Mrs. V. Murray-Rogers Piping ... G. K. Munro, I. Nesbit
 Scottish Country Dancing ... Miss S. Flint Drumming ... Wm. C. Coutts
 Field Events ... J. Cook, C. Kay Trophies ... Mrs. J. Barr
 Publicity ... A. F. Brown Catering ... W. S. Turnbull
 "Miss Caledonian" Ball: Miles Cerar.

JUDGES

Highland Dancing: ... Mrs. M. Askham, Mrs. R. McBirnie, Mrs. H. Williamson, A. Dunn
 Scottish Country Dancing: ... C. Taylor
 Piping: ... M. Forsyth, A. Waters, J. Porteous
 Drumming: ... J. Riech, A. Grant
 Dress, Drill and Discipline (Bands): ... Major J. J. Hulme and WO II T. B. Aeron
 Drum Majors: ... J. Porteous

Pipe Major: Ian Grant (Pietermaritzburg)
 Drum Major: Aeron van der Post (Pietermaritzburg)
 Pipers to the Dancers: D. McBurnie and O. Lambert
 COMMENTATORS: A. F. Brown and Wm. C. Coutts
 Chief Recorder: Roy Shooter
 Piping and Drumming Recorders: Mrs. J. Simpson and assistants

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List of Competitors

IN NUMERICAL ORDER
DANCING

1 A. T. Robertson (T)	44 D. C. Trent (T)	87 L. A. Jansen (N)
2 P. Raybould (N)	45 S. MacLennan (N)	88 S. M. Shellack (T)
3 D. I. Smith (N)	46 J. F. Brown (N)	89 J. Forbes (N)
4 S. van Gnan (OFS)	47 G. B. Snelling (T)	90 A. E. M. Pratt (N)
5 R. J. Trewin (N)	48 M. C. Paul (N)	91 R. D. Botterill (N)
6 S. G. Dalgleish (T)	49 J. E. O'Hara (N)	92 K. Melver (N)
7 D. McKenzie (N)	50 B. A. Howie (N)	93 S. G. Wickham (N)
8 S. Griffiths (N)	51 B. C. Scovones (N)	94 J. Scott (N)
9 J. L. Cook (N)	52 R. E. Paul (N)	95 H. J. Gordon Williams (N)
10 S. D. Moore (N)	53 G. P. Scovones (N)	96 C. L. Layburt (N)
11 L. M. Jones (N)	54 T. Hagen (N)	97 D. M. Scott (N)
12 S. Wilson (N)	55 S. A. Aikens (OFS)	98 G. M. Scott (N)
13 M. R. Anderson (T)	56 G. Singen (N)	99 D. M. Scott (N)
14 J. F. Dods (T)	57 B. J. Bird (N)	100 D. Bartholomew (N)
15 G. Watson (N)	58 K. Gough (N)	101 S. Campbell (T)
16 L. Alexander (N)	59 M. Munro (N)	102 C. Aldworth (N)
17 V. A. Cloete (N)	60 V. M. Roberts (N)	103 L. A. Leesam (N)
18 L. G. Rae (N)	61 V. McGlew (N)	104 A. L. Leesam (N)
19 D. C. Vallance (N)	62 D. M. Kilroe-Smith (T)	105 R. Lamb (N)
20 R. B. Webb (N)	63 B. A. McMillan (T)	106 K. S. Kruger (T)
21 J. Murray-Rogers (N)	64 C. G. McMillan (T)	107 C. Whiting (T)
22 B. Strachan (N)	65 B. A. McMillan (T)	108 J. Gilbert (T)
23 C. F. King (N)	66 C. Jowett (N)	109 D. L. Warburton (T)
24 I. Henderson (T)	67 H. Hastings (T)	110 D. Taljaard (N)
25 L. Strachan (N)	68 L. V. Cole (N)	111 A. M. van der Westhuizen (N)
26 E. J. Murray (N)	69 A. Fyfe (N)	112 A. Taljaard (N)
27 J. A. E. Troon (N)	70 A. Marshall (N)	113 J. Prozesky (N)
28 F. McFarlane (N)	71 A. M. Grant (N)	114 J. Taljaard (N)
29 H. A. Selby (N)	72 S. A. de Klerk (N)	115 J. E. McLean (T)
30 J. M. Muir (C)	73 I. Ferguson (N)	116 C. Webb (T)
31 N. J. Cox (C)	74 W. Jowett (N)	117 E. C. Forsyth (T)
32 G. M. Campbell (N)	75 C. Congrove (N)	118 M. A. Colthoun (N)
33 L. Rodger (N)	76 L. Frederick (N)	119 T. Kiddle (N)
34 T. Gilroy (N)	77 L. Cole (T)	120 J. Hilton (N)
35 A. D. Darroch (T)	78 K. L. Jones (N)	121 C. Jones (N)
36 C. Gilroy (N)	79 J. Congrove (N)	122 J. Hoffman-Jensen (N)
37 V. Quirk (N)	80 C. G. Dickson (N)	123 C. Jones (N)
38 S. McPherson (C)	81 W. A. Grant (N)	124 J. P. Kerwan (N)
39 L. Brown (N)	82 H. U. Grant (N)	125 H. Fynn (N)
40 L. MacLennan (N)	83 R. J. Simpson (N)	126 S. Ross (N)
41 B. Ellis (N)	84 E. Simpson (N)	127 M. Chalmers (N)
42 B. A. Lambert (T)	85 S. A. M. Nisbet (N)	128 G. J. McCowan (N)
43 J. McPherson (C)	86 E. Jansen (N)	130 B. Anderson (T)

PIPING AND DRUMMING

60 J. Owen (N)	73 W. J. van Rensburg (T)	86 G. C. Mustard (N)
61 M. Biss (C)	74 D. Simpson (C)	87 K. G. Mustard (N)
62 A. J. Carser (C)	75 D. Freeman (T)	88 A. A. Walker (T)
63 B. Wallace (T)	76 R. Worthington (N)	89 G. Clark (N)
64 L. Brebner (T)	77 K. V. Steyn (N)	90 G. Knight (N)
65 V. Fouge (N)	78 R. K. Daniel (C)	91 B. van Wyk (N)
66 P. R. Mitchell (N)	79 M. G. Greer (T)	92 A. van der Post (N)
67 C. I. Izery (C)	80 J. L. R. Gortel (T)	93 T. M. Cerar (N)
68 P. D. Terry (C)	81 C. Lowe (N)	94 B. Sarvin (N)
69 R. MacRae (N)	82 G. Barton (N)	95 R. Con (C)
70 A. K. Bush (N)	83 B. H. Kruger (N)	96 G. Paisley (N)
71 A. V. Buntle (T)	84 R. Rudge (N)	97 E. Maunson (N)
72 D. A. Leyde (N)	85 G. H. Turnbull (N)	98 G. M. Cammings (T)

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Section D — Pipe Bands and Corps of Drums

SATURDAY, 8th JULY, 1967

EVENT 151 — PIPE BANDS, Open to Bands in South Africa
DURBAN CIVIC CUP Approx. 3.45 p.m.

2 Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society Pipe Band. / Montclair Pipe Band—Wallace Tartan.
 —Royal Stewart Tartan. (Affiliated Pinetown & District Caledonian Soc.)
 Pipe Major: I. Grant. Pipe Major: D. A. Watts. Drum Major: A. Bush.
 Drum Major: A. van der Post. March 2.4: The Duke of Roxburgh's
 Farewell to the Blackheath.
 Strathpey: The Caledonian Canal.
 Reel: Over the Isles to America.
 March 6/8: Angus Mackinnon.
 3 King Edward VII School.

1st 2nd 3rd

EVENT 152 — NATAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST, Open to members of the
Pipe Bands' Association of S.A. The MACRAE TROPHY Approx. 3.45 p.m.

2 Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society Pipe Band. (See Event 151 for details.)
 1 Montclair Pipe Band.
 3 King Edward VII School.

1st 2nd 3rd

EVENT 153 — PIPE BANDS, Open to Natal Caledonian Societies
DRUMMOND CUP Approx. 3.45 p.m.

2 Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society Pipe Band. (See Event 151 for details.)
 1 Montclair Pipe Band.

1st 2nd 3rd

MONDAY, 10th JULY, 1967

EVENT 154 — CORPS OF DRUMS
CHIEFTAIN'S N.S.G. CHAMPIONSHIP CUP Approx. 2.30 p.m.

King Edward School. Simultaneous with Event 155.
 Natal Mounted Rifles Pipe Band.
 Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society Pipe Band.
 Montclair Pipe Band.

1st 2nd 3rd

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EVENT 155 — PIPE BANDS, Open to Bands in S.A.
NATAL MOUNTED RIFLES TROPHY Approx. 2.30 p.m.

Natal Mounted Rifles Pipe Band. / Montclair Pipe Band—Wallace Tartan.
 Douglas Tatum. (Affiliated Pinetown & District Caledonian Soc.)
 Pipe Major: J. B. Wishart. March 2.4: The Athol Highlanders March
 Drum Major: B. van Wyk. to Loch Katrine.
 March: Glen Calad Castle. Strathpey: Dorrat Bridge.
 Strathpey: Highland Harry. Reel: Colonel McLeod.
 Reel: Alex McGregor. March 6/8: Pipe Major Sam Scott.

1st 2nd 3rd

EVENT 156 — PIPE BANDS, Open to Caledonian Societies Pipe Bands
JOCK PORTEOUS CUP 2.30 p.m.

Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society Pipe Band. Simultaneous with Event 155.
 Montclair Pipe Band.

1st 2nd 3rd

EVENT 157 — DRILL, DRESS AND DISCIPLINE, Open
JIMMY WISHART FLOATING TROPHY

All Pipe Bands in Event 155.

1st 2nd 3rd

Section E — Athletics

MONDAY, 10th JULY, 1967 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUTTING THE SHOT, 10 a.m. (28lb. weight)—Distance

TUG-O-WAR

56lb. WEIGHT OVER THE BAR

THROWING THE HAMMER

TOSSED THE CABER

BARREL BOXING (Afternoon). Boys, 14 years and under

CHILDREN'S RACES: FLAT AND NOVELTY, under 15 years

PILLOW FIGHT

CYCLING EVENTS

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On 20th April 1968, the Montclair Pipe Band, accompanied by pipers from the Natal Mounted Rifles Pipe Band and Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society Pipe Band, travelled to Ladysmith with members of the Pinetown Caledonian Society to take part in a retreat ceremony. The chief of the Society flew to Scotland that day. He was a passenger on the SA Boeing 707 "Pretoria" which crashed on take-off from Windhoek, killing everyone on board. We received the tragic news the following morning in Ladysmith where we spent the night after the ceremony.



Left to right: Pipe Sergeant Bill Mair, side drummer Ian Wadsworth, Pipe Sergeant Graeme Turnbull (PMB), Bass drummer Nobby Clark, Acting Pipe Major George Mustard, Piper Stanley Anderson, Side Drummer Angus Napier, Tenor Drummer Brian Savin, Tenor Drummer Ronnie MacRae, Piper Keith Steyn (NMR), Piper Richard Clark (NMR), Leading Tip Barrie Whyte, Piper Alan Leyde (NMR), Piper Ken Mustard, Drum Major Robbie Robinson.



A photo of the band taking part in the float procession of the Pinetown Gala on 1 June 1968.



Warming up: Sides Barry Whyte, Angus Napier and Ian Wadsworth. Tenor Drummer Ronnie McRae has his back to the camera.

The band at a Pinetown Callies Social late 1960s



Back row left to right: Pipe Major Doug Watts, Piper Stanley Anderson, Drum Major Robbie Robinson, Pinetown Callies Chief Monty Black, Piper Ken Mustard, Piper George Wood, Pipe Sergeant Bill Mair

Front row left to right: Leading Tip Barrie Whyte, Side drummer Ian Wadsworth, Side Drummer Angus Napier, Tenor Drummer Ronnie MacRae, Bass Drummer Nobby Clark.



We are not certain when this picture was taken but we think it was some time in 1970.

Seated in front: Charles Gibson Insert : David Simpson

Seated left to right: Bill Mair (Pipe Sergeant), Piper Evan Becker, Piper Stanley Anderson, Piper Mike Fitchat, Monty Black (Pinetown Callies), Pipe Major Doug Watts, former Pipe Sergeant George Mustard, Piper George Wood, Piper Keith Steyn, Piper Julian Saunders, Piper Ken Mustard.

Standing left to right: Tenor drummer Brian Savin, Tenor Drummer Ron MacRae, Bass Drummer Nobbie Clark, MOTH Charles Shackleton, Drum Major Robbie Robinson, MOTH Doug Rubelli, Leading tip Barry Whyte, Side drummer Ian Wadsworth, Side Drummer Angus Napier.

Two pictures of the band competing at South Coast Highland Gathering on 9 May 1970.



Drum major Robbie Robinson led the band on. Front row pipers left to right: Pipe Major Doug Watts, Piper Evan Becker, Piper Mike Fitchat, Pipe Sergeant Bill Mair.

On 16 May 1970 the band was back in Ladysmith to play at the Grand Ball.



The young piper in the black jacket is Mike Munro.

The side drummer in the rear is Ian Wadsworth.

On 30th May 1970 the band was in Pinetown leading the float procession at the Pinetown Gala.



Drum Major:
Robbie Robinson.

Front Row left to right:

Doug Watts
Evan Becker
Ken Mustard
Bill Mair

Second row left to right:

Charles Gibson
Melville Bartholomew
Mike Munro
Stanley Anderson



The band competing at Natal Scottish Gathering on 11 July 1970.



Drum major: Robbie Robinson

Front row left to right: Pipe Major Doug Watts, Evan Becker, Pipe Sergeant Bill Mair.

Second row left to right: Mike Fitchat, Ken Mustard, Stanley Anderson.

Pipers in full dress at Pinetown Callies in the early 1970s



Left to right:

Pipe Melville Bartholomew, Bob Robertson, Jack Purves and Piper Michael Munro.

In 1976 the Montclair Pipe Band affiliated to Durban Regiment and changed its name to the Durban Regiment Pipe Band.

From the time of its affiliation to Durban Regiment, the band took part in many military parades and functions. The photograph below appeared in the Natal Command newspaper, Bravo, in the late 1970's and shows the bands of Natal Mounted Rifles (left) and Durban Regiment (right) marching troops from Lords Grounds to Durban Station.



ABOVE: "Oh, the pipes, the pipes are calling . . ." Regiment Port Natal on its way to Durban station led by the combined pipe bands of Natal Mounted Rifles and Durban Regiment.

Drum Majors: on left Tom Finlay (NMR), on right Jan Pietersen (DR)

Front row of pipers (L to R): Ian Redman (NMR), Jimmy Wishart (NMR), Bill Mair (DR), Doug Watts (DR)

In the line behind Bill Mair are pipers Stuart Davis and "Mac" McKellar. Immediately behind Doug Watts is Mike Fitchat.

Leading the troops through Durban in the 1970s



Drum major: Jan Pietersen

Front Row Pipers L to R : Pipe Major Doug Watts. Piper Mike Fitchat, Pipe Sergeant Bill Mair

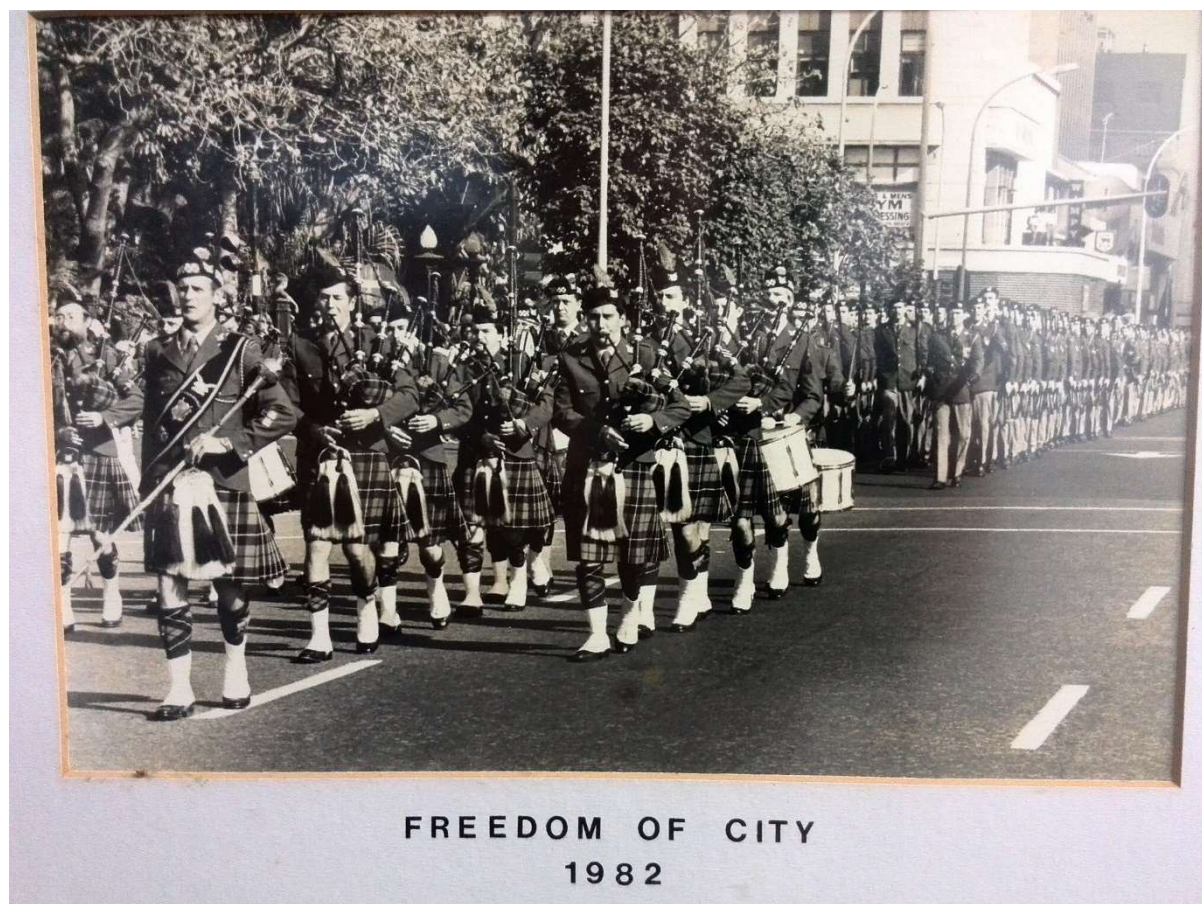
Second row L to R.: Pipers Ken Mustard, Peter Dighton, Mike Munro

Durban Regiment Pipe Band – Official 1981 photograph



Left to right: Pipe Major Doug Watts, Mike Fitchat, Melville Bartholomew, Patrick Smith, Ken Mustard, Brian Savin, Rob Roscoe, RSM Theo Aaron, Peter Woodhouse, Lt Col Tops Fourie, Leading Tip Barry Whyte, Barry Whyte (jnr), Roland Murray, Owen Dickson, Noel Zaal, John Woodford, Drum Major Jan Pietersen

In 1982 the band led Durban Regiment through the streets of Durban exercising its freedom of the city.



Drum major: Jan Pietersen

Pipers—front to back

Right flank pipers (left of camera) - : Ken Mustard (out of camera shot), Patrick Smith, Mike Munro

Centre rank: Mike Fitchat, Peter Deighton, Roland Murray

Left flank (right of camera): Melville Bartholomew, John Woodford, William Lorenz.

Immediately behind him is tenor drummer Johan Pietersen

The Durban Regiment took part in the Durban Military Tattoo from its inception in 1979 until the last one in 1995.

The next photograph was taken during the 1982 Tattoo.



Left to right: Pipe Major Ken Mustard, Piper Peter Dighton, Piper John Woodford, Piper Mike Munro, Piper Owen Dickson, Side Drummer Rob Roscoe, Tenor Drummer Derek Stevens, Bass Drummer Brian Savin, Tenor Drummer Johan Pietersen, Side Drummer Barrie Whyte jnr, Piper Mike Fitchat, Piper Patrick Smith, Piper Roland Murray, Piper Melville Bartholomew, Drum Major Jan Pietersen.

We do not have as many photographs of the tattoo as we would have liked but below is part of the 1985 program.



The Durban 1985 TATTOO

PROGRAMME

OPENING FANFARE

Performed by Members of the Massed Military Bands

THE MASSED PIPES & DRUMS

Director of Massed Pipes & Drums: Pipe Major J.A. Redman
 Senior Pipe Major: Captain K. Mustard, Durban Regiment
 Durban Regiment Congella Regiment
 S.A. Irish Regiment Benoni Commando
 Witwatersrand Rifles Natal Mounted Rifles
 Pretoria Highlanders Cape Town Highlanders
 Durban Caledonian Society
 Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society.

Music:
 Cock o' the North
 Medley
 The Saffron Kilt, The Hills of Awa, The Meeting of the Waters, Truck Lies the Mist on Yonder Hill, Barjo Breakdown,
 The Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, When the Battle is O'er.

SAS JALSENA GUN RACE

Commanding Officer: Commander W.J. Smit
 Officer in Charge: WO1 P.S. van Dyk
 The men of SAS Jalsena engage in a battle against time and obstacles. Through teamwork, seamanship and sheer strength they bring their big naval field guns into competitive action.

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Republic of China National Anthem
 Die Stem
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On 5 November 1988 the band took part in the Highway Commando Medal Parade at Highway Commando HQ, Pine Street, Pinetown.



Drum major: Jan Pieterse

*Front row L to R: Pipe Major Ken Mustard, Piper John Woodford, Piper Karl Brown,
Pipe Sergeant Melville Bartholomew (out of picture in lower photo)*

Second Row L to R: Piper Peter Lewis , Piper ?, Piper ?, Piper Mike Munro

We competed at the 1988 Royal Scottish Gathering in Johannesburg.



Piper Dave Mason warms up.

A photograph of the band competing at the 1989 Natal Scottish Gathering followed by a photograph of the massed band at the end of the day.



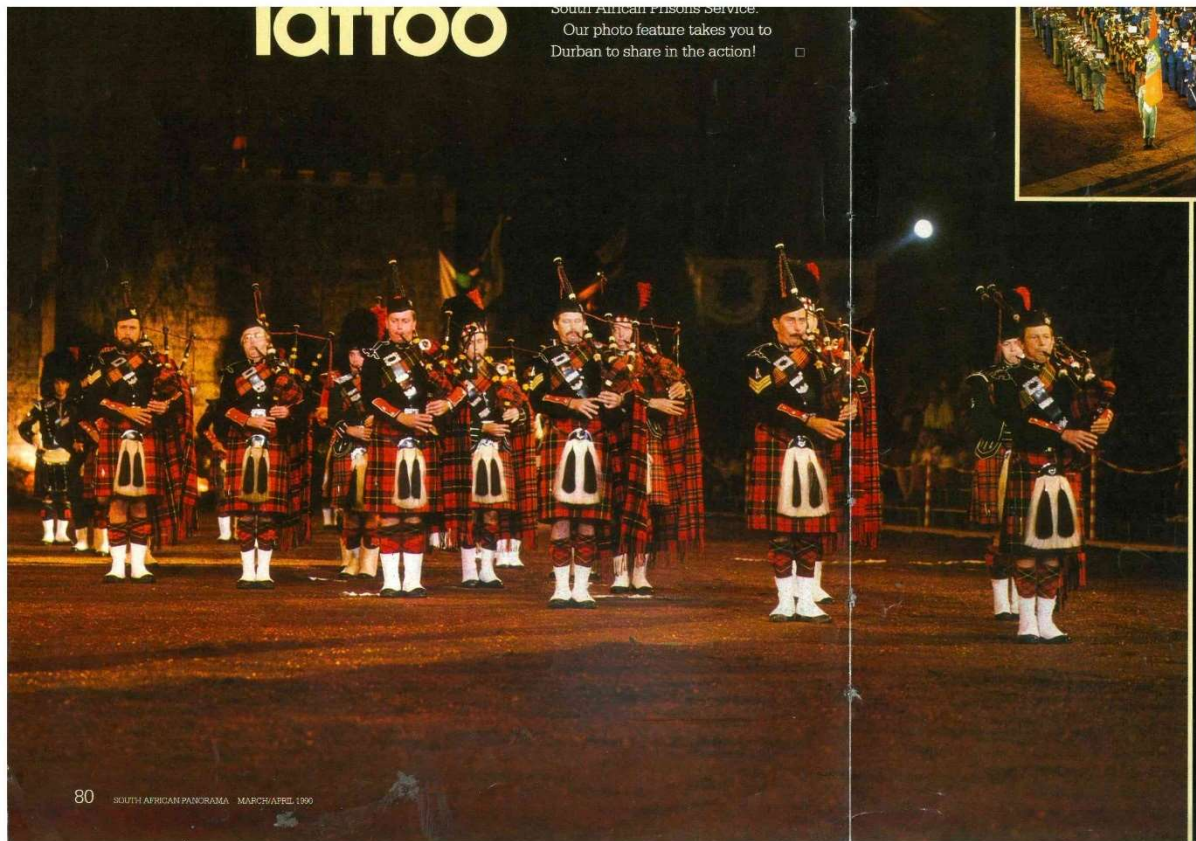
Front row left to right: Pipe Major Ken Mustard, Piper Patrick Smith, Pipe Sergeant Mike Munro.

Second Row: Piper Peter Lewis, Piper Karl Brown

Bass drummer : Mark Hill. Side drummers: Carlos Manngos, Sean Bastable.



The picture below appeared in the March / April 1990 issue of S A PANORAMA magazine and shows part of the massed pipes and drums with Durban Regiment Pipe Band in the front.



Pipers left to right: Piper John Woodford, Piper Patrick Smith, Piper Peter Lewis, Piper Mike Munro, Pipe Sergeant Melville Bartholomew, Pipe Major Ken Mustard

On 4th July 1990 the band led the Durban Regiment through the streets of Durban as the Regiment exercised its freedom of the city. The following article appeared the following day in the Natal Mercury.

THE NATAL MERCURY

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THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1990

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Pipers lead the parade

The Durban Regiment celebrated its 30th anniversary and exercised its right of entry into the City of Durban in a colourful parade yesterday morning. Led by pipers, the regiment under Commandant Nolan Goldstone marched down West Street, and Durban's Mayor Derrick Watterson took the salute in front of the City Hall.

Right flank front to rear: Ken Mustard, Karl Brown, Johan Pietersen, Carlos Manngos.

The “poster boy” for the 1991 Durban Tattoo was our former drum major and then piper John Woodford.



2 June 1992 – Farewell for Colonel B Adams at Highway Commando.



Left to right: side drummer Carlos Manngos, Piper William Lorenz, Pipe Major Ken Mustard, Lt Col Nolan Goldstone, Col B Adams, RSM Piet Smit, Piper Mike Munro, Piper Karl Brown, Side Drummer Les Whyte.

In 1994 the band competed successfully at the Pretoria Highland Gathering;



*Front row L to R: Sean Bastable (sides), Shane Ward (tenor), Gene Wyngaard (bass), Debbie Bastable (tenor), Leading Tip Kevi Levin.
Back Row L to R: Pipe major Ken Mustard, William Lorenz (piper), Iain Dunsmore (piper), Karl Brown (piper), Russell King (piper), pipe sergeant Mike Munro, Andrew Morty (piper).*

We were back in Pretoria for the 1995 gathering.



*Front row L to R: Debbie Bastable (tenor), Sean Bastable (side), Ken Mustard (Pipe Major), Shane Ward (tenor), Petros Andreadis (side)
Back row L to R: Pat Hoppe (bass), Julian De Goede (side), Karl Brown (side), Mike Munro (pipe sergeant), Kevi Levin (leading tip), Dave Mason (piper) Piet Smit (RSM)*



Debbie Bastable, Pat Hoppe and Shane Ward warming up at Pretoria.

The band playing at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg during the 1990s



Left to right: pipers Russell King, Mike Munro (pipe sergeant), William Lorentz, Iain Dunsmore

During 1995 the band competed in the S A Irish Regiment Highland Games held at the Carousel, north of Pretoria.



Left to right: Ken Mustard (pipe major), Kevi Levin (leading tip), Karl Brown (piper), Debbie Bastable (tenor drummer), Pat Hoppe (bass drummer), Julian De Goede (side), Mike Munro (pipe Sergeant), Andrew Morty (piper), Dave Mason (piper)



Andrew Morty



Karl Brown

1st July 1995 – Natal Scottish Gathering at the Umbilo and Congella Sports Club in Durban.



Left to right: Johan Pietersen (tenor), Julian De Goede (side), Pat Hoppe (bass)

1996 South Coast Gathering.



*Front rank from left of band: Russell King, Iain Dunsmore, Ken Mustard
Second rank: Mike Munro, William Lorentz
Third row: Andrew Morty, Karl Brown.*



The band practicing at the 1996 Pretoria Gathering.



Band photo – 1996. That year we won the grade 2 at Natal Scottish Gathering.



Left to right: Ken Mustard (pipe major), Sean Bastable (side), Petros Andreadis (side), Andrew Morty (piper), Kevi Levin (leading tip), Iain Dunsmore (piper), Karl Brown (piper), Robyn Bastable (tenor), Shane Ward (tenor), Russell King (piper), Pat Hoppe (bass), Mike Munro (pipe sergeant), Piet Smit (RSM).

On 14 August 1996 the various pipe bands combined with the military band of the Natal Mounted Rifles for a parade at Natal Command.



*Right flank from front : Ken Mustard, Mike Munro, Andrew Mustard, William Lorenz
Second row front rank : Roland Murray
The drum major was Vernon McLuckie of Pietermaritzburg Callies Pipe Band and the conductor was Captain Len Taylor of Natal Mounted Rifles.*

Some photos from the Royal Scottish Gathering held at Germiston on 20 September 1997.



In 2002 members of the Durban Regiment Pipe Band competed at the World Pipe Band Championships with the Delville Pipe Band.



The two pipers in the centre facing the camera are Ken and Andrew Mustard.

In August 2004 members of Durban Regiment Pipe Band again went to Scotland, this time to compete at Cowal as part of SA Scots.



*On the Ferry:
Left to right
Billy Ansell
Derek Souttar
(East London)
Ken Mustard*



Massed bands at Cowal.

In the 2000s the KZN bands suffered a shortage of bandsmen and frequently combined, either informally or in later years as the KZN Pipe Band but without losing the individual band identities.

A photo of Durban Regiment Pipe Band and Natal Mounted Rifles members in 2009



*Front Row L to R: Ken Mustard, Grahame Bedford, Ken Killoran, Corrie Stevens, Gordon Capper
Back row L to R: Clive Thompson, Andrew Mustard, Quinton Sinclair, Don Potts, Sand Ware, Billy Ansell*



Here members of Durban Regiment Pipe Band and Natal Mounted Rifles assist Pietermaritzburg Callies with a parade in 2010.

In August 2011 the band took part in Music From Scotland as part of the KZN Pipe Band (DR, NMR and PMB).



In November 2011 members of the band played at the Last Night of the Proms at the Playhouse Theatre, again as part of the KZN Pipes and Drums comprising Durban Regiment Pipe Band, Natal Mounted Rifles Pipe Band and Pietermaritzburg Caledonia Pipe Band. The conductor was Richard Cock.



We started 2012 with a drive to attract learners to the band and this resulted in a photograph and article in the Highway Mail which resulted in a number of enquiries.

At the same time, Billy Ansell started the band website, www.pipeband.co.za, which he still maintains.



Pipers of the Durban Regiment Pipe Band, (from right), Ken Mustard (pipe major), Roland Murray, Billy Ansell, Andrew Mustard, Grant McLeod and Mike Munro (pipe sergeant) invite interested people between 14 and 35 years old to a free music programme to boost the number within the band.

Pied pipers wanted for pipe band

THE Durban Regiment Pipe Band has been around for a number of years, continuing to fill the hills and sand dunes with the fine tunes of its music, but the band's numbers are slowly dissipating.

The band is currently trying to launch a music programme to recruit and train new pipers and drummers to replace those that have been lost to emigration over the past two decades.

"Sadly, the rate of emigration has been far greater than the rate at which the band has been able to recruit new people, and without your help,

I fear that the band may disappear in the near future," said the band's Billy Ansell.

In the hopes to increase the Durban Regiment Pipe Band's numbers it has launched a ground-breaking new music programme, which offers free music lessons to all genuinely interested and able people between the ages of 14 and 35.

If you have ever wished that you could learn an instrument, and become a part of the excitement and camaraderie of a band in your spare time, then these lessons offer a fantastic opportunity.

Pipe bands draw together the best of history,

tradition, friendship, and music, and this powerful combination has stirred emotions and inspired greatness across the centuries.

The lessons will be held on a selected evening once a week in Durban Regiment Band's room at Lords Ground Military base in Durban.

In the event that large numbers come forward, then slots will be allocated on a waiting list and first come first serve basis.

Visit the bands website at www.pipeband.co.za, e-mail drpb@mweb.co.za or contact the band's pipe major, Ken Mustard on 082 4575 541.

In May 2012 the band assisted Pietermaritzburg Caledonia Pipe Band when they played with the Natal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Show.



The combined bands marching towards the stage.



Mike Munro playing with the orchestra on a set of pipes he made himself.

The band took part in all the championship pipe band contests as part of the KZN Pipe Band during 2012, earning promotion to grade 3 at the end of the year.



South Coast Highland Gathering, Amanzimtoti.



Billy Ansell and Mike Munro get their pipes ready at Benoni.

In July 2012 the band took part in the KZN Tattoo held at NMR headquarters, Durban.



The band also took part in the 2012 “Last Night of the Proms” at the Playhouse theatre in October 2012.



Playing for dancers on stage.



Playing outside the Playhouse before the start of the show.

Some of the pipers playing at the Durban Caledonian Society Burns lunch in January 2013.



Left to right: Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell, Ken Mustard.

During September 2013 the band again took part in the KZN Military Tattoo. In a promotion for the Tattoo, the massed pipes and drums played at Ushaka Marine World.



The massed Pipes and Drums playing with the military bands during the finale of the Tattoo under the baton of Lt. Col. Gerry Seekola



We also took part in Last Night of the Proms in October 2013. Here we are on stage at the Playhouse. The conductor was Richard Cock.



One of our former pipers, Mike Fitchat, had his 90th birthday in February 2014 and some of us joined him to add some piping to the festivities:



The Regiment changed Command in March 2014 and the pipers took part in the ceremony



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell, Roland Murray, Mike Munro.



Left to right : Outgoing OC Lt Col A MacDonald, Incoming Lt Col D Russell

In April 2014 we played with NMR Pipe Band at the Heritage Day celebrations at Moses Mabhida stadium.



The combined KZN Bands from the 2014 Tattoo played at the Durban July Handicap at Greyville racecourse as a promotion for the 2014 Durban Tattoo



July 2014 saw us again taking part in the Tattoo held at NMR HQ



*Left flank from left: Mike Munro, Ken Mustard
Second column from left: Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell.*

The Finale of the Tattoo



Every year, the band provides two pipers to play laments for the wreath laying at the Delville Wood (July) and Armistice (November) services.



Ken Mustard and Billy Ansell at the Delville Wood service in July 2014

Our pipers joined NMR Pipe Band to play for the 2014 Caledonian Society Congress at the Blue Waters Hotel in Durban.



September 2014 saw us starting piping and drumming classes for members of the Regiment.



Billy Ansell takes the drumming class.



Ken Mustard takes the piping class.

We finished off 2014 by playing for the Kloof and Highway SPCA's Carols by Candlelight assisted by the NMR Pipe Band.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Mike Munro, Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell, Warren Kietsman, Rob Roscoe, Shireen v d Berg, Stacy Grundy, Quinton Sinclair, Jim Ware.

Marching on to the stage.



On 2 May 2015 we again combined with NMR to compete at the South Coast Highland Gathering.



Front row Left to Right: Ken Mustard, Billy Ansell, Larry Sinclair (NMR), Gordon Capper (NMR). Mike Munro is behind Gordon.

We also played together at the Natal Scottish Gathering in June 2015.



Left to right: Mike Munro, Billy Ansell, Colleen Scott and Ken Mustard.

The combined KZN Bands played again at the 2015 July Handicap at Greyville Racecourse.



In the circle during the 2015 Durban Tattoo.



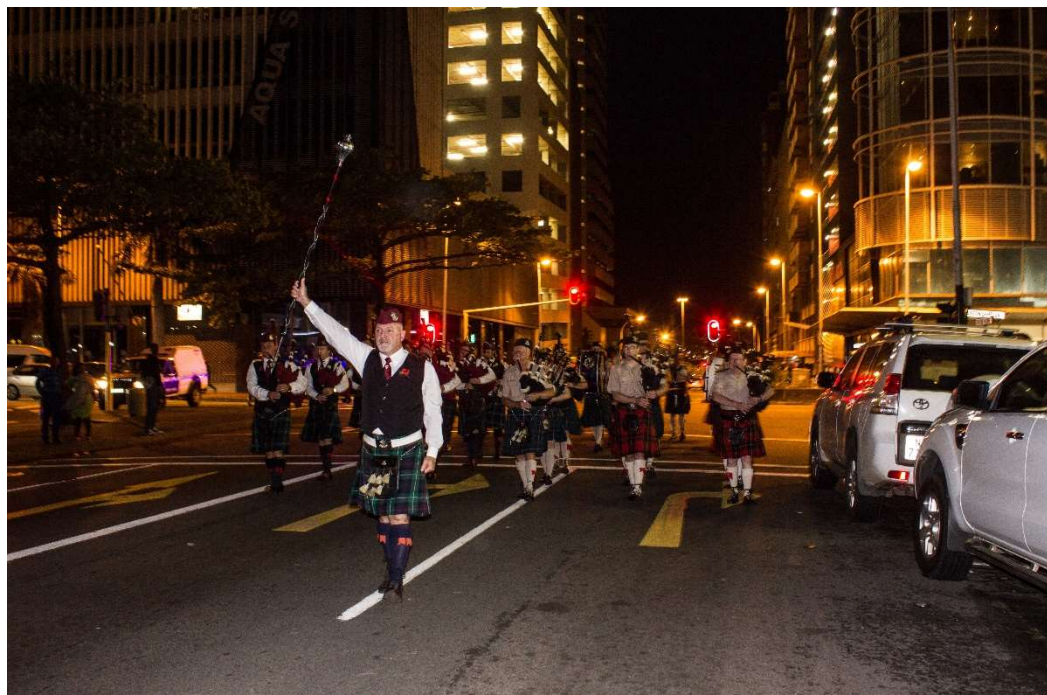
In October 2015 we were back at the Playhouse Theatre for Last Night of the Proms.



Ken Mustard and Billy Ansell at the 2105 Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph, Durban.



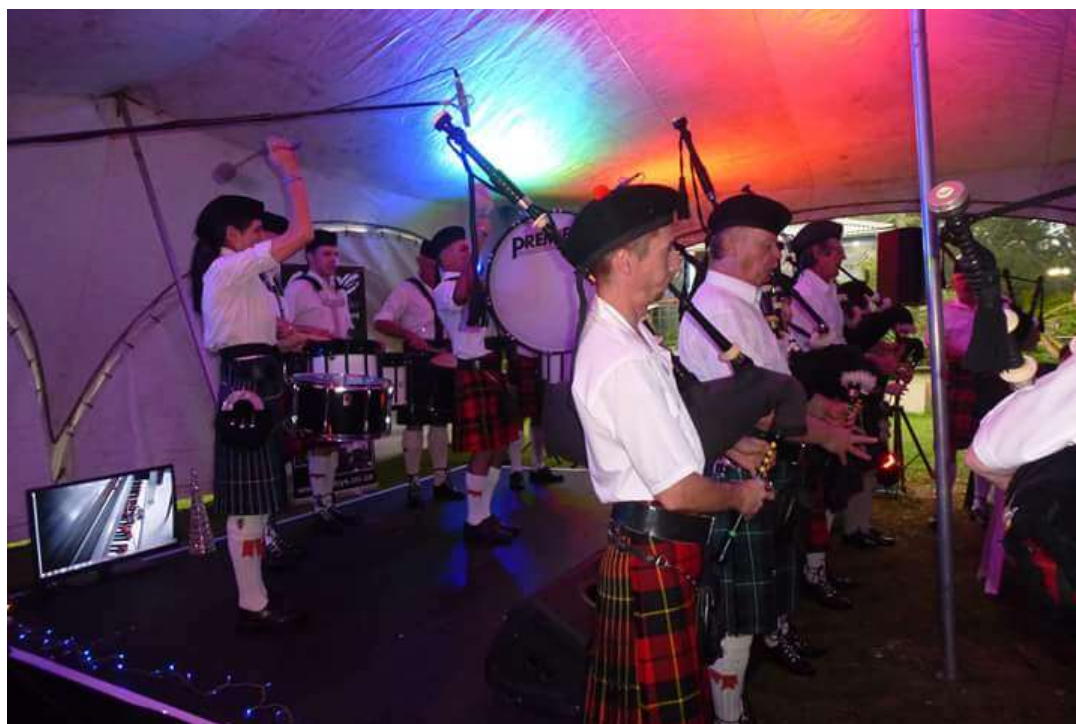
On 11th November we took part, as we have done since the 1960s, in the MOTHS annual Armistice Day parade.



We also assisted NMR with their parade at Warner Beach on Remembrance Sunday.



We finished off 2015 by playing at the Kloof and Highway SPCS's Carols by Candlelight.



The drummers – Left to Right: Grahame Bedford, Clive Thompson, Billy Ansell (yes, he plays both pipes and side drum), Rob Roscoe (NMR), Daniel Philogene.

At the 2016 South Coast Highland Gathering we competed for the first time in many years under the Durban Regiment Pipe Band name using only Durban Regiment Pipe Band members.



In June 2016 we competed at the Natal Scottish Gathering, again as Durban Regiment Pipe Band. One of our learners, Corporal Zithulelu Mdingi, one the practice chanter contest.



Cpl Mdingi receives his prize practice chanter plus his certificate from the judge, Chris Terry.



Billy Ansell and Ken Mustard play for Corrie Stevens who competed in the solo drumming contest.



The band competing in the selection contest

In July, we again took part in the combined KZN Pipe Bands display for the Durban July Handicap at Greyville Racecourse.



On the 15 July 2016 the MOTHS and SA Legion held a commemorative ceremony at Kings Park rugby stadium prior to a match for the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Delville Wood at which three former Natal rugby players were killed in action and the combined bands of KZN led the members of the two organisations on to the field.

As usual, the band took part in Music from Scotland at the DLI Hall in September 2016.



We also took part at the 2016 Last Night of the Proms in the Playhouse Theatre. Here, the combined bands of Durban Regiment and Natal Mounted Rifles welcome the patrons to the theatre.



At the Durban Regiment regimental lunch members of the band put on a display.



Our end of year function was held at the home of Billy Ansell who, with his mother, put on a fantastic meal for the band. We put on a short display for the families to build up an appetite.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Garth Botha, Corrie Stevens, Alan McLuckie, Clive Thompson.

We finished off 2016 with a performance at the Kloof and Highway SPCA Carols from Candlelight:



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Garth Botha, Clive Thompson, Corrie Stevens.

We were joined by Melissa Wood who put on a display of Irish Dancing.



On the 17th March 2017, members of Durban Regiment took part in the Stevens Challenge (a solo drumming contest) and the Dunsmore Challenge (a solo piping team contest).



Ken Mustard accompanies Allan McLuckie.



The piping team: Frank Botha, Ken Mustard and Colleen Scott.

The KwaZulu Natal Piping and Drumming Society organised a pre-South Coast warm up contest at Flame Lily Shellhole on 30th March 2017 and the band took part in that.



This was followed by the South Coast Highland Gathering on 29 April 2017.



Left to right: Mike Munro, Peter Duncan, Billy Ansell, Frank Botha, Ken Mustard, Colleen Scott, Corrie Stevens, Garth Botha, Clive Thompson, Grahame Bedford. Allan McLuckie was judging when the photograph was taken.

On 7th May 2017 the combined pipe bands of KwaZulu Natal took part in the MOThs 90th Anniversary parade in Durban.



Left Flank front to rear: Ken Mustard, Roland Murray, Colleen Scott, Mike Munro

After the MOTh parade, some of the bandsmen went to NMR where the Bikers for Life were having a fundraiser and entertained the crowd.



Visible in the photo from DR are Frank Botha and Mike Munro.

On 16th June 2017 we were back in Pretoria for the Pretoria Highland Gathering.



Left to right: Mike Munro, Billy Ansell, Frank Botha, Ken Mustard, Garth Botha, Corrie Stevens, Clive Thompson, Allan McLuckie, Grahame Bedford.

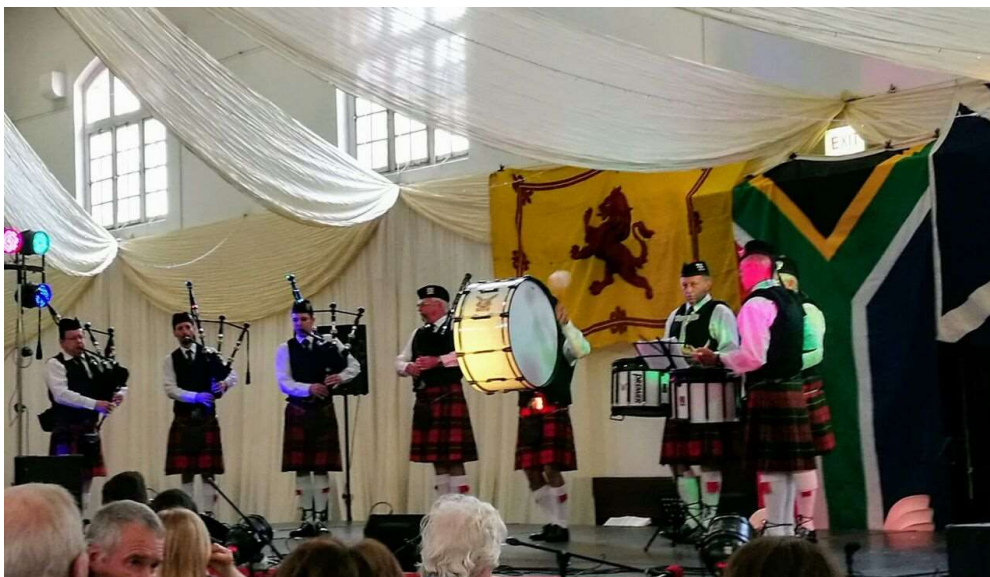


Left to right: Garth Botha, Billy Ansell, Grahame Bedford, Clive Thompson, Mike Munro.

On 24 June 2017 we competed in the Natal Scottish Gathering where we came second overall. This year the Gathering was held at the Shongweni Farmers and Craft Market.



Music From Scotland 2017 was held on 10th September 2017 at the DLI Hall in Durban.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford (partially obscured on bass), Clive Thompson, Garth Botha (partially obscured), Corrie Stevens (back to camera).

On 10 October 2017 we were up at the crack of dawn to play for the runners taking part in the FNB 10km Fun Run.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Billy Ansell, Sarah Colville, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Garth Botha, Clive Thompson, Corrie Stevens.

As usual, we took part in the Last Night of the Proms together with the Natal Mounted Rifles Pipe Band on 22 October 2017 where we played Mull of Kintyre with the KZNPO conducted by Richard Cock.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Colleen Scott, Sarah Colville (NMR), Billy Ansell, Stacy Grundy (NMR), Quentin St Clair (NMR), Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Douglass De Lange (NMR), Rob Lewis- Walker (NMR), Rob Roscoe (NMR), Clive Thompson, Garth Botha, Corrie Stevens.

On 16th December 2017 we played for Carols by Candlelight at the Kloof and Highway SPCA.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Sarah Colville, Colleen Scott, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Garth Botha, Clive Thompson, Corrie Stevens.

In the photo below, we are playing for the Dancers, sisters Melissa Alberts and Samantha Wood from the KZN Academy of Celtic Dance. The drummers are on the other side of the stage out of camera.



Pipers: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Sarah Colville, Colleen Scott, Mike Munro

We were invited to take part in the Christmas show, Christmas Celebration produced by Ralph Lawson which ran at the Playhouse Theatre from 21 to 24 December 2017. We played the pipe and drum part of an arrangement by Mike Campbell of Little Drummer Boy. Judging by the applause from the audience, that particular item and in particular the pipe bands part went down well. The conductor was Lyk Temmingh.

Here we are on the stage – unfortunately Billy Ansell who was standing to the right (photo left) of Frank is not visible in the photo.



And here we are in the practice room waiting for the choir to finish warming up so that we can start warming up.



Our first event of 2018 was the pre-South Coast contest held at Flame Lily Park on Saturday 14 April 2018 where the band was place second in both events and second overall.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Garth Botha, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Corrie Stevens, Clive Thompson, Frank Botha, Sarah Colville, Billy Ansell.

This was followed by the South Coast Highland Gathering on 28 April 2018. We came second in one event and third in the other.



*Front row left to right: Billy Ansell, Sarah Colville, Ken Mustard
Mike Munro is behind Ken Mustard and Clive Thompson behind him. Garth Botha is on tenor and Graham Bedford on bass. Frank Botha, Allan McLuckie and Corrie Stevens are obscured.*

On 19 May 2018 we played at a garden party to celebrate the Royal Wedding



Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Clive Thompson, Corrie Stevens.

We then travelled to Pretoria for the Pretoria Highland Gathering on 16 June 2018 where we achieved another second and third.



Left to right: Sarah Colville, Grahame Bedford, Clive Thompson, Mike Munro, Frank Botha, Billy Ansell, Corrie Stevens and Ken Mustard. Allan McLuckie was not available when the photo was taken.

Our next event was the Natal Scottish Gathering on 30 June 2018 at the Shongweni Farmers Market where we achieved two seconds and second overall. This was the first competition with us for side drummer Andy Turrell who joined us a few months before.



The Gathering was followed in the evening by a concert in which all the bands took part.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro (obscured) Grahame Bedford, Clive Thompson, Andy Turrell and Corrie Stevens.

On 16 July 2018 the band provided two pipers to play laments at the Delville Wood Commemoration Service at the Durban Cenotaph which the band does every year. This year, Ken Mustard and Billy Ansell did the honours.



On 28th July 2018 the band was in Benoni for the Benoni Highland Gathering, the final championship contest of the year. It was a good end to the 2018 competition season for us as we came 3rd in the march selection, 1st in the march, strathspey and reel and 1st overall. The drum corps came 1st in the drum corps contest. In the 2018 Champion of Champions log we came second overall and our drum corps took first place in the 2018 drummers Champion of Champions for 21018 award.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Sarah Colville, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Corrie Stevens, Clive Thompson, Garth Botha.



The winning drum corps: Grahame Bedford, Corrie Stevens, Garth Botha and Clive Thompson being congratulated by Allan McLuckie

Last Night of the Proms took place on 5th August 2018 at the Playhouse, Durban. The band was involved again, welcoming the audience before the show and playing on the stage, firstly on its own and thereafter playing the 2014 Commonwealth Anthem (Gaisgeacht) with the NPO under the baton of Richard Cock.



Left to Right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Sarah Colville, Billy Ansell, Stacy Grundy, Colleen Scott, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford.

And the drummers



Left to right: Grahame Bedford, Garth Botha, Clive Thompson, Andy Turrell, Corrie Stevens

The week after the Proms we played for Concours Durban at the Durban Country Club where we entertained the crowd during the day and at prizegiving.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Sarah Colville, Billy Ansell, Colleen Scott, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Clive Thompson, Andy Turrell, Corrie Stevens.

Music from Scotland took place in the DLI Hall on Sunday 9 September 2018 and probably was our best attended show.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Billy Ansell, Mike Munro, Graeme Bedford, Garth Botha, Clive Thompson, Andy Turrell, Corrie Stevens.

And the combined bands in the finale:



On 14th October 2018 the band again formed part of the entertainment at the FNB 10 km fun run, joined by members of Natal Mounted Rifles and 1 Med.



11th November 2018 was a busy day for the band. It was the 11th Anniversary of the Armistice which was signed on the 11th November 1918 agreeing to end hostilities in the First World War. Every year the band is involved in a ceremony at the Durban Cenotaph at 11am on Remembrance Sunday and takes part in the shadow march in the evening of the 11th November itself. This year, not only was 11th November the 100th Anniversary but Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday were on the same day.

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary, pipers throughout the world were asked to play the retreat "When the Battles O'er" at 6 am local time to mark the time when the armistice was signed as opposed to the time it came into effect. The Durban Regiment Pipe Band took part in this event, meeting at the City Hall at 5 am to tune up and playing at 6 am with the other Durban Bands at the Durban Cenotaph.

From there we proceeded to the "Mendi Stone" on the shore of Durban Harbour where we took part in a ceremony at 7.00am to remember the 616 South Africans who died when the SS Mendi sank in the English Channel in 1917 after a collision with another ship while taking the South Africans to France.

After that, Ken Mustard and Billy changed into full military kit to take part in the Mayoral Remembrance Sunday organised by the S A Legion at the Cenotaph, playing the lament while wreaths were laid.

We were back at the City Hall at 5.00 pm to tune up for the M.O.T.H Sunset Parade which started at 6.00pm.

The article below appeared in the Natal Mercury a few days before Armistice Day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tribute to those who died in WWI

BARBARA COLE

THIRTY Durban pipers and drummers will get to play a once-in-a-lifetime tribute on Sunday as the world remembers the centenary of the signing of the Armistice of 11 November, 1918.

And at 6am at the Durban Cenotaph, exactly 100 years after the armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany, marking the end of the fighting on the Western Front and ultimately the end of World War I, the tartan-clad pipers and drummers of the Durban Regiment, the Natal Mounted Rifles (NMR) Regiment, and 1 Medical Battalion will play the haunting tune *When the Battle's O'er* twice, an instruction of old to those soldiers remaining on the battlefield to "cease fire".

Millions were killed and wounded in the Great War, including 2000 pipers. While pipers around the world have been invited to take part in the poignant tribute, Pipe Major Captain Ken Mustard of the Durban Regiment, said it had been decided that drummers should also be involved in the local ceremony.

It is one of two extra commemorative events that are being added to the usual Remembrance Service ceremonies – which honour those who lost their lives in war – and will be attended



THE pipers will be in action at the Cenotaph on Sunday. Pipe Major Captain Ken Mustard, left, is photographed at a previous event with Roland Murray, Mike Munro, Billy Ansell, Andrew Mustard and Grant McLeod of the Durban Regiment.

by serving military members, veterans and civilians. The second additional ceremony will unfold some 12 hours later at the Sunset Parade – or Shadow march – in front of the Cenotaph.

As sunset in Durban will be at 6.26pm, the veterans will form up at the Cenotaph about 15 minutes earlier in time for the Beacon of Light

ceremony, where beacon fires will be lit at sunset around the world.

Colonel Pat Acutt, the Senior Staff Officer Defence Reserves of the SANDF, said a gas lamp would be lit for the Beacon of Light.

"The lighting of the flame symbolises the lighting of the evening fires/beacons on the battlefield and is now

also recognised as the Beacon of Hope. This will be followed by bugle calls of *The Last Post*."

Participants will be up at the crack of dawn on Sunday in time for the first ceremony, after which the gathering will move to the SS Mendi memorial on the shores of Durban Bay, next to the Port Natal Maritime Museum,

where the pipers and drummers will again be in action and where a member of the SA Navy will lay a wreath during a short ceremony.

Then it is back to the Cenotaph for the annual Remembrance Service at 10.30am, which will involve the SANDF band and company of troops on parade in Dorothy Nyembe Street.



The pipers of Durban Regiment warming up at 5am.

The Durban Bands playing "When the Battle's O'er" at the Cenotaph at 6.00am.



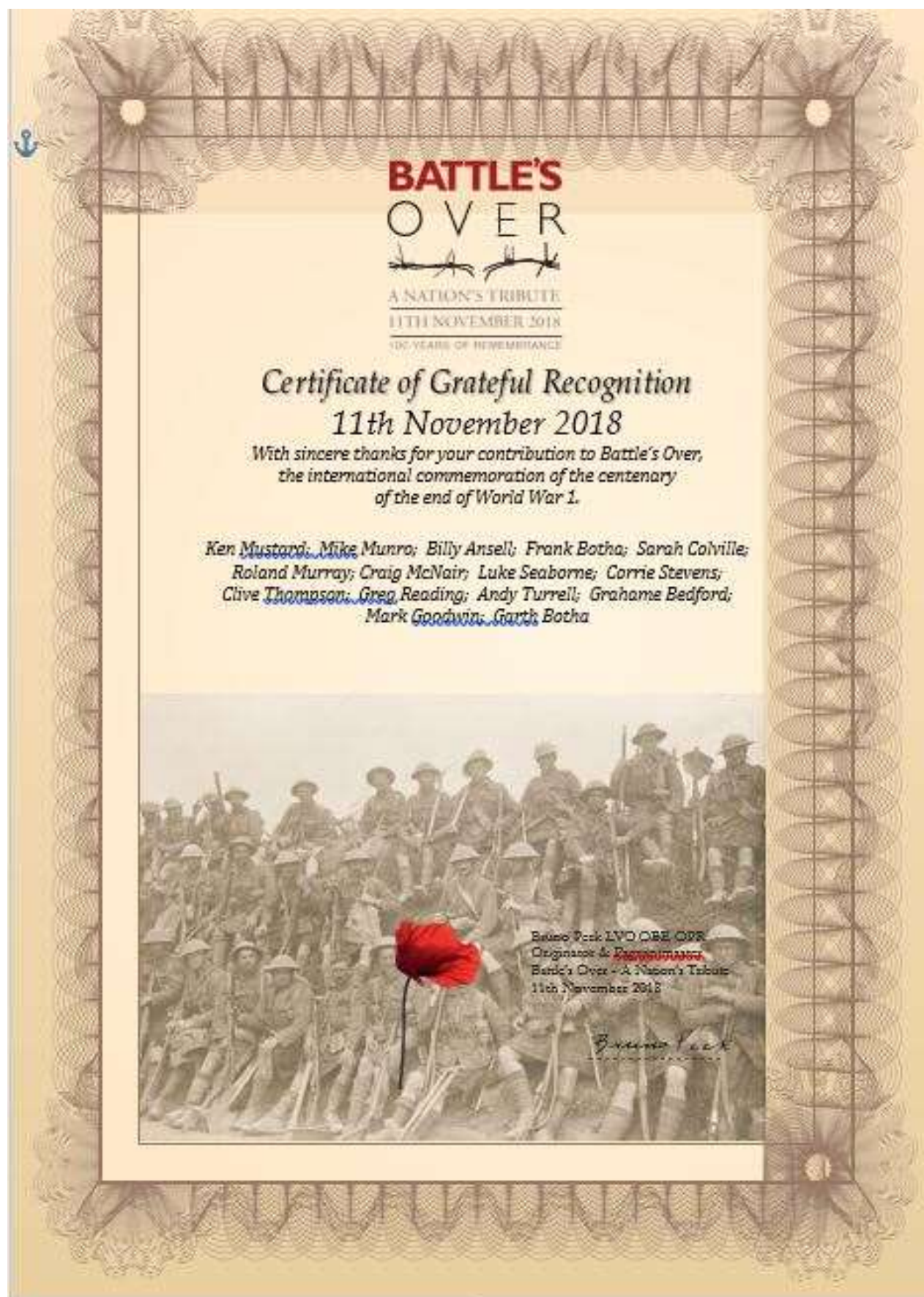
Left flank as visible: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford.

Second from left: Billy Ansell, Craig McNair, Roland Murray.



Historian Major Mark Levin gives a short talk on the significance of playing at 6.00am while we were waiting for the clock to strike 6.

Our certificate for taking part in the world wide event.



The Durban bands playing during the SS Mendi ceremony on 11th November 2018.



Visible DR members

Right flank: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Garth Botha, Andy Turrell, Corrie Stevens. Billy Ansell is next to Ken Mustard. Luke Seaborne is visible in the gap between Ken and Billy.

Mike Munro and Roland Murray



Group photograph of all the participants in the S S Mendi ceremony.



Ken Mustard and Billy Ansell salute during the playing of the National Anthem at the S. A. Legion / Mayoral Remembrance service.

The Durban bands leading the M.O.T.H.s to the Cenotaph during the Sunset Parade.



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While South African pipers in a military orchestra take part in WW1 commemorations in the city of Durban.

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DR Pipers left to right: Luke Seaborne, Frank Botha, Craig McNair, Ken Mustard, Billy Ansell.

Our final engagement for the year was the Kloof and Highway SPCA Carols by Candlelight on 15th December 2018. The weather was somewhat inclement but that did not spoil the show! We were joined for the event as usual by Melissa and Samantha of Celtic Heartbeat.



Left to right: Ken Mustard, Frank Botha, Colleen Scott, Billy Ansell, Luke Seaborne, Mike Munro, Grahame Bedford, Mark Goodwin, Garth Botha, Greg Reading, Clive Thompson, Andy Turrell, Corrie Stevens.

On the public holiday on 17th December 2018 we finished off the year with our end of year function held at the house of Grahame and Tracey Bedford. Our thanks to them for hosting a most enjoyable afternoon.



DURBAN REGIMENT PIPE BAND

LIST OF MUSICIANS WHO PLAYED WITH THE BAND DURING THE YEAR 2018

Allan McLuckie	Side drummer	
Andy Turrell	Side drummer	
Billy Ansell	Piper	
Clive Thompson	Side drummer	
Colleen Scott	Piper	
Corrie Stevens	Side drummer	Leading tip
Craig McNair	Piper	
Frank Botha	Piper	
Garth Botha	Tenor drummer	
Grahame Bedford	Bass drummer	
Greg Reading	Side drummer	
Ken Mustard	Piper	Pipe Major
Luke Seaborne	Piper	
Mark Goodwin	Tenor drummer	
Mike Munro	Piper	
Roland Murray	Piper	
Sarah Colville	Piper	