

Dr Walter (Watty) Yellowlees MC

It is with deep sadness that we have to announce the death of Dr Walter (Watty) Yellowlees MC on 26th May 2014, at the age of 97.

The funeral service is on Wednesday 4th June 2014 at midday in the Church of Scotland, Aberfeldy.

Dr Yellowlees was commissioned into the RAMC in 1942. After seeing active service with other units in North Africa and Sicily, he was appointed Medical Officer with the 5th Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, with whom he landed in Normandy on 7th June 1944. A week later, at the battle of Saint Honorine, he earned the Military Cross for tending to the wounded under heavy fire.

After the War, Dr Yellowlees was for 33 years a family doctor serving a large area of Highland Perthshire, based in Aberfeldy. This was no backwater as he was a visionary medical practitioner, pioneering concepts such as healthy eating, long before they were taken up by the mainstream medical establishment. He was a published author, accomplished broadcaster and public speaker, and effective campaigner for both his profession and his Highland community. Two years ago he gave the Cameron Highlanders Officers' Dinner Club a fascinating short talk on the role of the Medical Officer during operations.

Dr Watty Yellowlees MC was predeceased by his wife Sonia. We send our deepest sympathy to his children Robin, Mike and Jane and to his five grandchildren.

Douglas Young