

George William Dodds

George William Dodds Born 31st January 1922

Died 3rd December 2012

Born in Cheshire his father a veteran of the 1st World war served as a Gunner and although from Winsford in Cheshire he had sung the praises of the Seaforth Highlanders having seen them in action on the Western Front. Doddy as he was known to all his friends joined the Territorial Army Unit the 7th Cheshire at the age of 17 years and on the 20th April 1938 signed the blue paper that committed him to serve 7 years with the colours and five on the reserves.

His initial training was done at Fort George where he became a top marksman, a skill he was to later use in France. He then joined the 2nd Seaforths at Maryhill in Glasgow where he passed out as a driver.

The 2nd Seaforth were then sent to Aldershot to join the 17th Brigade part of the 5th Division. They were then shipped to France.

During the retreat to Dunkirk Doddy a member of D Company became separated from the rest of the Company and in his 15cwt he transported wounded to a farm whilst under enemy fire. Later having been given orders to destroy his precious truck and having no desire to surrender he joined up with seven others led by the then 2nd Lieutenant Richard Broad. Their subsequent escape through France and Spain is documented in the book *The Long Way Round* written by William Moore.

Doddy was a staunch Seaforth and this year was one of the few times that he did not pay his annual visit to Fort George and Nairn. In Nairn he stayed with the late Bon Gordon also a Seaforth and latterly with his son also Robert. He was a regular attender at all the reunions and was immensely proud of being a former Seaforth Highlander. He is survived by his son Reg to whom our sympathies are extended.

Regards,
Robert Gordon