



### Hugh Nimmo, - Testimony

I am an Ayrshire lad, brought up in a mining community. My father had five brothers, and several of them settled in the new village of 202 houses called Glenburn, near Prestwick. It was where two pits had recently been opened up, close by a 'glen' and a 'burn'.

Into this gas-lit community came an Irish man lieutenant from Ayr with his concertina. I was only thirteen years of age. He took the "Rows" in turn and held his open-air meeting at the gas lamps. The meetings were held in the local Glenburn Public School, where I attended from the age of five. On leaving the school I was the Dux Boy.

During the mission my teenage sister and some of her friends were converted. Also, Jimmy my eldest brother, - then captain of the football team, - was impressed with the courage of the lieutenant and was convicted by his Christian example. After the lieutenant departed to another area, he was converted. My mother was next. ... Then, for a complete week I was under deep conviction of sin. I was eagerly awaiting the Sunday night meeting in Prestwick Public School, and even though I was only 13 years old, I clearly knew the message was for me. I was a lost sinner. I needed to be saved, and Jesus Christ was the only Saviour. That evening, - 20<sup>th</sup> August, - I walked up to the front and knelt at the Penitent Form and "wept tears of repentance", and I was gloriously saved, - Ensign Rainey met me there.

I felt as if I was walking on air. A young lady lieutenant, - Mollie Darlington from Northchurch, - followed and took an interest in me. She informed me of the basics for Christian living, - prayer, Bible reading, and witnessing. Even at the tender age of 14½ I was aware of God calling me. I made a vow to Him that if He spared me and wanted me I would become an officer. Consequently, on my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday I entered the training garrison, - the International Training College in London, - to begin what proved to be forty-six years of unbroken service, - *to God be the glory!*

Col. Nimmo served in the following areas of Britain:

Pocklington (near York)	1929
Horncastle	1930
Immingham (near Grimsby)	
York	1931
Brigg, Lincolnshire	
Easingwold, Yorkshire	
Thorne (near Doncaster)	
Lincoln	
Bridlington, Yorkshire	1936-38
Hull East	1938-40
Liverpool	1940-42
Thatto Heath	



Colonel Nimmo, in the centre of picture, with Corps Officers

Portsmouth

Exeter 1943-48

Bristol

Newcastle

Potteries (Divisional Youth Secretary) 1952-55

Durham & Middlesborough

Southampton & Channel Islands

Divisional Commander, Headquarters Scotland, Dundee

Liverpool & North Wales

Glasgow, Territorial Headquarters, Field Secretary for all Officers in Scotland

Retired 1976

Lt-Colonel Nimmo was accompanied in his service for the Lord by Dorothy who he married in 1933 until her death in 1978. His second wife, Marion, shared with him in the work from 1979 until her death in 2003.

Since 2003 Colonel Nimmo has been faithfully worshipping with us in Pathhead Baptist. In thanksgiving to the Lord for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Miss Marlene Allan kindly gifted a beautiful piano to our church. We are indebted to the Lord for His bountiful goodness.

