



STOBS MILITARY CAMP
HAWICK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

Transcript of interview between Dr Murray Watson and John Common, 29th June 2016
With the kind permission of Dr Murray Watson



Dr Murray Watson

Were there many officers with you at Stobs Camp?

John Common

No, none at all, I don't think, no.

Dr Murray Watson

Roughly how many Coldstream Guards were there when you were there?

John Common

There was a lot. Oh I couldn't tell you how many. It was quite a lot.

Dr Murray Watson

So are we talking hundreds or more?

John Common

I was going to say at least fifty anyway.

Dr Murray Watson

Uh uh.

John Common

And it was like the 2nd Battalion or part of it that went to Italy. They went to other places you see. It was the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards so there was quite a lot of them went to near Trieste.

Dr Murray Watson

Being a sheep farmer I mean the only thing at Stobs these days are sheep. Were there any sheep there when you were there?

John Common

At Stobs Camp?

Dr Murray Watson

Yes.

John Common

There was, yes. Oh yes, there were farms all about. There was stock on them.

Dr Murray Watson

Mainly sheep or cattle as well?

John Common

There would be yes. The hills were all bare, the fields with stock in them.