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**No-one has got back to me with a German source for the claim that the kilties during the First World War were known as The Ladies from Hell or the Devils in Skirts. See [My Challenge to You](#)*

*** A map showing the old Scottish regimental recruiting districts can now be seen by clicking [Recruiting Area Map](#) .*

**** Page Three - [The Fighting Men 1746](#) article now includes the estimated strengths of the Jacobite clan regiments which marched into England in 1745 See [Clan Strengths](#)*

***** Page Five - I've posted a fresh article - [Scotland's Forgotten Regiments](#) . Guess what it's about.*

******Page Two -I'm going to be adding more photographs from Afghanistan to the Photo Gallery over the next few weeks.*

******The High Court Hearing in London in May attracted a lot of visitors to this site. So, I've decided to keep the link to my latest article on the massacre in the Blog section. See [Batang Kali Revisited](#)*

********This Page- The Photo Identification article now includes illustrations of regimental sporrans as worn around the time of the First World War. Hope this helps identify the units those kilties in the old family photograph albums belonged to.***

Accent on Integrity

The Canadians appear to go as gaga over an English accent as the Americans do, if television advertising is anything to do by. Posh English accents are preferable but any English accent will do. It's not just national advertising campaigns. A local car dealership's advert here in Edmonton now has an English voice-over. For some reason, Americans and Canadians associate English accents with intelligence and sophistication. If a Scottish accent is used, it is often for comic effect and is usually associated with an offensive stereotype. Actually, there's an advert running for grass seed with a Scottish guy in it that's not objectionable. I seem to remember there was a time when British companies used to locate their call centres in Scotland because their surveys showed that a Scottish accent was suggestive of integrity. I've got a feeling those call centre jobs have been moved offshore.

What do you think?

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What's the Difference?

So, the British Government has apologised for torturing Kenyans in the 1950s and is even going to pay compensation to those victims who are still alive. I wonder if this paves the way for an end to the cover-up of the 1948 Batang Kali Massacre in Malaya. I doubt it. The British Government continues to maintain that the 24 ethnic Chinese men killed by the Scots Guards were shot while trying to escape – despite the testimony of both Guardsmen and Malayan witnesses. The Mau Mau in Kenya killed far more fellow blacks than the whites. The slayings were often barbaric. I wouldn't be surprised if some of those now receiving British compensation and an apology are murderers. Torture is seldom, if ever, acceptable. It often backfires on the perpetrators. A British High Court judge rejected British Government claims that the Kenyan Government, as the successor administration to the colonial regime, should compensate the victims, as “dishonourable”. The same argument is advanced by the British Government in the case of the Batang Kali Massacre, which it claims is a matter for the Malaysian Government to deal with. What baffles me is the differences between the way the British Government has dealt with the two countries. Something very wrong happened at Batang Kali. The British Government is getting away with sweeping it under the carpet. Some would argue that this is all ancient history and it is best to let sleeping dogs lie. That's not true. Until the Government comes clean, Batang Kali will remain a stick with which to beat Britain's international reputation. To let sleeping dogs lie is to not only condone what happened but to be complicit.

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