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**SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR SCOTTISH REGIMENT IN IRAQ  
700 FRESH ROSES FOR MINDEN DAY**

Seven hundred soldiers from 1 Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers currently serving in Iraq today (Friday 1 August 2003) received fresh red roses to wear in their bonnets.

Courtesy of Interflora, the Battalion were able to commemorate the Battle of Minden in the proper manner even though they are currently on tour in Maysan Province, in the south east of the country.

The company responded delivered the roses, an order normally worth about £25,000, from a florist in Kuwait. The flowers survived the searing heat and dust to be presented, as tradition upholds, by the wife of the Commanding Officer Major Frances Castle, who is also currently serving in Iraq.

The soldiers are involved in a range of peace-keeping, security and civil aid duties for the local community, as part of the coalition forces work to return stability and security to Iraq.

An Interflora spokesman said: "The soldiers are conducting a difficult peacekeeping mission and we just hope our efforts help to give them a morale boost."

The Battalion celebrates the Battle of Minden on 1 August every year. On this day the Battalion holds a parade and presents roses to every serving soldier. They are placed behind the cap badge on the Tam O'Shanter regimental headdress.

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Mark Castle said: "In memory of our ancestors who earned this great Battle Honour and who plucked roses from the garden of Minden as they went forward to the Battle, we of the Minden Regiments wear roses in our headdress on this proud day."

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Squadron Leader Lynda Sawers