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A MESSAGE FROM THE AYRSHIRE VALLEYS TOURIST BOARD

"I would like to welcome you all to Sorn during this Civil War Re-enactment weekend. Sorn has again been awarded the title of 'Scotland's best kept village' and will no doubt impress you during your visit.

This event is the result of many months of planning and organising by many groups and individuals throughout the area.

To thank each individual for their help would take all sixteen pages of this souvenir programme so I'll just say a tremendous 'Thank you' to everyone.

To the main sponsors shown below our special thanks for allowing the event to take place.

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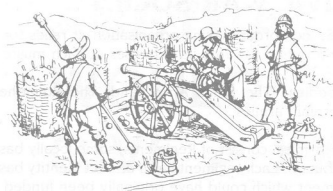
So — on with battle! — let's us enjoy our weekend in the Ayrshire Valleys."



James McK. Wilson,
Area Tourist Officer.

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THE NOT SO ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

Though the civil wars in the mid 17th century are commonly known as the "English Civil War" the Scots played no small part.

In 1644 the Scots sent an army some 20,000 strong, into England to support Parliament against King Charles I in exchange for England's acceptance of the Covenant. This army comprised the largest force at the decisive battle of Marston Moor as well as besieging Newcastle and York, and by the end of this first civil war, in 1645, were acting as far south as Hereford. During this period Montrose was waging his own civil war in Scotland on behalf of the King.

During the years that followed, Scotland was divided between supporters of the King, and the more militant Covenanters. In 1648 during the second civil war an army of the Royalist faction was set upon by locals at Mauchline, before its ultimate defeat by Cromwell at Preston.

In 1650, Charles II, by agreeing to uphold the Covenant, had the support of Scotland as a whole and was crowned at Scone, bringing about the third civil war.

This war proved disastrous for the Scots who were thoroughly defeated by their former allies at Dunbar in 1650. Despite their temporary success in the west, which is re-enacted this week-end, they were ultimately, and finally defeated at Worcester in 1651 and Scotland was occupied by Cromwell's army for the next 9 years. After Cromwell's death it was his army in Scotland that led the way in restoring King Charles II to the throne in 1660.



The "English" Civil War?

THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR SOCIETY

The English Civil War Society is a non-profit making organisation. It relies for its continued existence upon a contribution towards its expenses at each muster.

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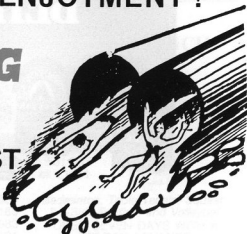
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The Armies are organised in true Seventeenth Century fashion, but Generals and Officers are all promoted from the ranks and opportunity presents itself for the keen recruit! Recognition is given to the most necessary element in any army and people who wish to swell the ranks of those who provide for the needs of the soldiers and indulge in non-military aspects of the Seventeenth Century society are as welcome as those who could trail a pike, ride with the cavalry, carry a musket, beat a drum or serve a Piece of Ordnance.

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CIVIL WAR ARMIES

The Scots and English armies of the period were similar in appearance and equipment, being distinguished in the main by the predominantly redcoated soldiers of Cromwells New Model Army, and the mainly grey coats of the Scots.

An army consisted of Regiments of Foot, numbering up to 1,200 pikemen and musketeers. Regiments of Horse, whose cavalymen would be brigaded into bodies of up to 2,000; Dragoons, who were really mounted musketeers, and a Trayne of Artillery with its accompanying Baggage Trayne. There was

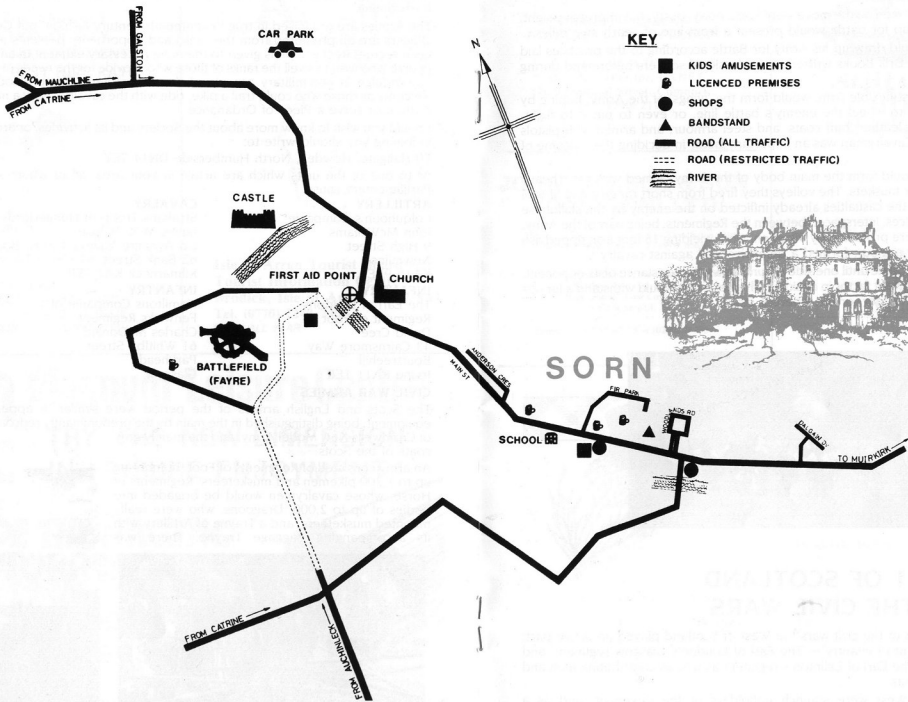
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An Army of 15,000 men on the move would be a noisy, dusty, but impressive sight, and when drawn up for battle would present a front line of nearly two miles.

A Commander would draw up his Army for Battle according to the practices laid down in the many Drill Books written by professional soldiers before and during the Wars.

The Horse, his most flexible Arm, would form the 'wings' of the Army, hoping by their shock attack to wheel the enemy's battle line, or even to put it to flight. protected by thick leather 'buff coats' and steel armour, and armed with pistols and a sword, the Cavalryman was an important factor in deciding the outcome of an 'action'.

The Musketeers would form the main body of the Army, armed with their heavy Match or Flint Lock muskets. The volleys they fired from short range could, if well controlled, add to the casualties already inflicted on the enemy by the skilful use of Light Artillery Pieces, interspaced between the Regiments, being part of the Army. The Musketeers were protected by Pikemen, who, wielding 18 foot iron tipped ash poles and wearing armour, formed a defensive wall against cavalry.

The battle would escalate until one side ground down the resistance of its opponent. Morale was an important factor in deciding whether a unit would withstand a furious onslaught, flee, surrender, or die where it stood.



THE WEST OF SCOTLAND DURING THE CIVIL WARS

From the outbreak of the civil wars the West of Scotland played an active part; raising one regiment of infantry — The Earl of Loudon's Glasgow regiment, and one of cavalry — The Earl of Eglinton's regiment as well as contributing men and money to other units.

The men of the West were staunch upholders of the Covenant, and as a consequence, after Montrose's victory at Kilsyth, were sorely persecuted by his

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hated highlanders, whose leader, "Colkitto" is said to have made himself very much at home in Loudoun Castle while the Earl, then Lord Chancellor (Prime Minister) of Scotland was about his duties elsewhere.

In 1648, when the Royalist faction gained control in Scotland, the West remained true to the Covenant. When the Duke of Hamilton's army marched South they were challenged unsuccessfully, at the battle of Mauchline Moor by the men of Ayrshire, Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, led by the local ministers.

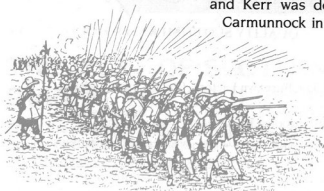


The subsequent "Whigamore Raid" on Edinburgh proved more successful, however, when a force of about 2,000 mounted men from the same area ousted the Royalist Government and reinstated Argyll and the Kirk party, in power.

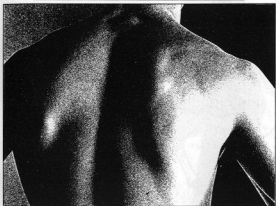
After the crowning of Charles II, and the subsequent English invasion, a new army was raised in the South-West by Colonels Kerr and Strahan, both of whom had served under Cromwell in the past.

This force, known as the army of the remonstrance, was almost as hostile to the Scots Royalists in the East as it was to the English invaders. After its formation, however, Strahan went back into Cromwell's service and Kerr was defeated by General Lambert at Carmunnock in Lanarkshire.

Upon the defeat of this army the South West was occupied by Cromwell's forces who set up small garrisons in most towns and many castles, as well as headquarters at Glasgow and Dumfries.



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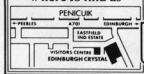
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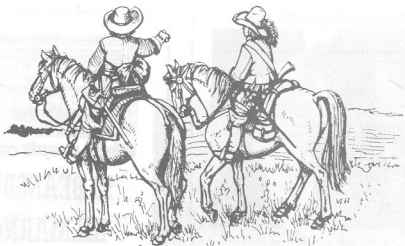
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These forces were driven out by Montgomerie's raid in 1651, an incident from which is re-enacted here, but by the Autumn of that year they were back to stay.

While Dumfries and Glasgow became regional headquarters for Cromwell's forces, once more, the previous policy of small, scattered garrisons was in the main discontinued in favour of larger concentrations of troops at strategic points.

In the West, the Chief of those was to be the large citadel at Ayr, part of which can still be seen today.

In the main, however, this occupation which was to last to 1660, did not seem to be as popular as the earlier one by Montrose's Highlanders and there are records of locals joining Cromwell's army as early as 1653.





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