

OBAN WAR AND PEACE

spaces with little working area, regrettably resulting in a largely static display.

'For long spells, the board of directors worked to secure grants and loans to enable the purchase of premises, resulting in the current preparations to open in early March 2006 in premises kindly offered to the museum by Mr and Mrs Bennett of *The Oban Times* at a very manageable purchase price.

'These new premises are the most spacious occupied by the museum, and it will now be possible to stage a better presentation of exhibits with spaces for making accessible, and allowing, 'hands on' experience of memorabilia, photographs and files of information for research, and there is space to create a children's corner. Research and working areas will be better, both being especially valuable in order to attend to rotating the display, and administration

and maintenance of stock, equipment and premises.

Bill Grant, curator of Oban War and Peace Museum from 1996 to 2005 said: 'The motivation in volunteering long hours as curator over the past decade, in a museum with an unknown future, has been that it was particularly enjoyable working with helpful and friendly colleagues.

'It has also been extremely interesting recording stories from visitors, local people and team members, and the hope was that one day in the future there would come the opportunity to set up a museum and information and research centre of high standard while not losing the homely aspect already developed and which seemed to have been appreciated by most visitors.

'Although having had a lifelong interest in



Californian Mike Morrison showed War and Peace members pics from WW1 of the 4th Highland Mountain Brigade