

SKY SKYE 1967



THE LOGBOOK OF THE 44TH GLOUCESTER SENIOR
SCOUT TROOP EXPEDITION TO THE ISLAND FROM
26th JULY TO 6th AUGUST 1967.





From Elgol, a view into the Cuillin. Sgurr na Stri
(1623 ft) marked with an arrow is on the left of the
Camasunary valley, just visible on the far right.
Boats leave this jetty for Loch Coruisk

Visible from the campsite (usually) was the Island of Rhum, and Eigg, one of its satellites. The wind was generally such that we could forecast immediate weather changes by seeing what was coming across from Rhum.



1923. RUM FROM ELGOL, SKYE.

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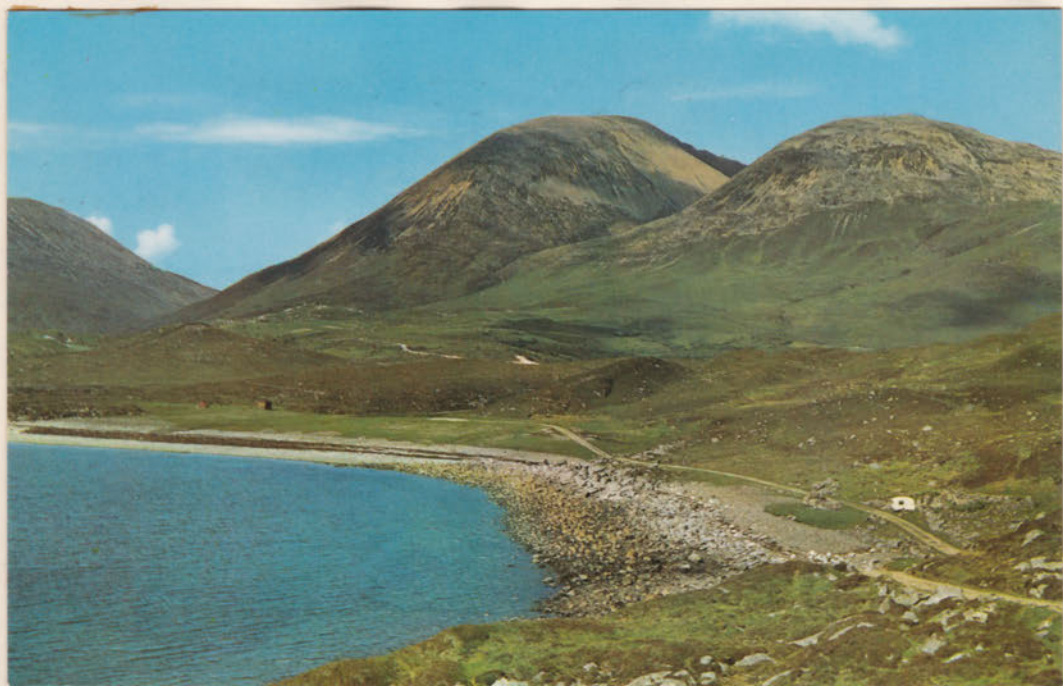


Loch Coruisk penetrates into the Black Cuillin and rocky mountain faces 3000ft high come down to the water side. One of Scotlands most famous lochs, it was visited on August 2nd

THE WEATHER

The M.V. Clansman which took the party to and from
the Island (Mallaig to Armadale)





From Broadford the road runs through Torrin and along the head of Loch Slapin. The smooth sounds of the Red Hills overlook the loch.

From Torrion to Elgol the road runs along the Strathaird Peninsula (in the middle distance of picture) below Beinn Meabost (1128 ft). In the background the Black Cuillin can be seen, and the ridge of Blaven to the far right



1920. LOCH EISHORT AND THE CUILLINS FROM ORD SHYE.

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Marsco (2414 ft) is one of the highest of the Red Hills, and was ascended by the party on Tuesday August 1st. From the top it was possible to see much of the island, with a particularly good view of the Black Cuillin.

Blaven (3042 ft) is an outlier of the Cuillin, with a reputation as a killer mountain. It is also reputed to be sufficiently magnetic to affect a compass. Three members of the party made an ascent in mist on August 3rd, but the mountain failed to fulfil its reputation on either score.





The first campsite used was at Broadford, half way between Armadale and Elgol, close to the sea on the right of the picture. The village was the main shopping centre for the expedition.

To the west of Broadford, the Red Hills, dominated by Beinn na Caillich (2403 ft) overshadow the village.





One of the island's traffic hazards.



MAP OF AREA AROUND CAMASUNARY

SCALE 1 MILE TO 1 INCH