

ANNEX D

TO DRESS REGS (C Scot R)

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## PIPE BANNERS

1. Piper banners have the full achievement or shield charge on the obverse and the Regimental Crest on the reverse, (rec by Lord Lyon).
2. The colour of the banner is usually that of the Regimental facings but in certain cases the principle colour in the achievement may have a bearing on the background.
3. Banners are carried:
  - a. on state occasions;
  - b. on Guards of Honour by the duty piper;
  - c. when pipers play in a Royal Palace or when Royalty is present;
  - d. when more than four pipers play round the table after dinner on Officer's Mess nights; and
  - e. when specifically ordered by the Commanding Officer.

4. The Honorary's and Commanding Officer's Pipe Banners are only carried on appropriate occasions when those officers are present.

5. a. Pipe Banners, are, in the first instance, provided, (not presented) by the serving officers. Officers on attaining "Field Rank", i.e. Major, are expected to provide themselves with a pipe banner. This dates from the time when an officer "got his company" i.e. was promoted Major to command one of the companies of the battalion. Each company had a company piper who carried his company commander's banner on appropriate occasions. In recent years the privilege of providing a pipe banner has been extended to Captains if they command a company.

b. When an officer leaves the Regiment, (or retires from the Army), he can:

- i. take his banner with him;
- ii. leave it on loan with the battalion for an agreed period;
- iii. present it to the battalion's Regimental Museum.

c. Anyone may present a pipe banner to the Regiment, i.e. Cities whose freedoms have been granted to the Bn (Victoria, Nanaimo), by persons held in high esteem by the Regiment.

6. Form of the Banner:

- a. the shape of the banner is set by Bn;
- b. the reverse side must have the Regimental crest;
- c. the background colour is Royal Blue; and
- d. the obverse shall carry the Officer's full achievement or shield charge. For those with arms a Motif Initial is acceptable. In addition to the 'personal' pipe banners there is the "Regimental Banner". This shows the Badge of the Regiment, and all the Battle Honours. It is always carried by the Pipe Major. Normally, the banners to be seen on a ceremonial parade would be relevant to the officers directly associated with the Regiment at that particular moment. If there is a surplus of banners an appropriate choice can be made to suit any particular occasion.

7. Banners are carried in the following way:

- a. normally four or five pipers are on duty;
- b. the leading and senior piper carries the Regimental Banner (PM);
- c. the rear piper carries the CO's;
- d. the remaining two or three banners are carried in descending order of seniority from rear to front, between the CO's and Regimental Banner, pending the PM's discretion; and

e. should the Colonel of the Regiment be present  
her banner will be worn in the position normally  
taken by the CO's.