

Chapter 3
MESS DINNERS

RECEIVING GUESTS

3.15 The PMC will meet all guests at the door and introduce them to The Commanding Officer. When appropriate the ladies of the Commanding Officer and the PMC will be in the receiving line.

3.16 At the Game Dinner the following procedure will be used in receiving the Guest of Honour, the Honorary Colonel, the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, and former Commanding Officers of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). These dignitaries will be met at the head of the stairs by the Orderly Officer and the **Duty Piper** where the Orderly Officer will salute, bid good evening, and introduce himself to the dignitary. The Orderly Officer and **Duty Piper** will precede the dignitary to the door of the Mess where the Orderly Officer will salute the PMC and introduce the dignitary. The Orderly Officer will again salute the party and with the **Duty Piper**, withdraw in order to receive the next guest.

3.17 At the Game Dinner the Orderly Officer will carry out the following preparations in order to be able to greet the Guests in the correct manner. He will, by means of a list, and, if necessary, by consulting pictures in the Mess be able to identify on sight the Honorary Colonel, the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, and former Commanding Officers of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). This list will be submitted to the PMC well in advance of the Dinner for verification. If the Orderly Officer is given a **list** of the favourite **pipe tunes** of the above dignitaries the Orderly Officer will forward the list to the **Pipe Major** well in advance of the Dinner and the dignitaries will be **pipéd** in to these tunes. If the Orderly Officer is not provided with a list he will, when greeting them, ask those entitled to be **pipéd in** what they would like **played**. If the Guest of Honour is known not to be of Scottish background this question will not be asked albeit he will be **pipéd in**.

3.18 An Orderly Officer on duty at the Game Dinner will greet all guests other those mentioned in paragraphs 3.16 and 3.17 in the normal military manner which in this case will include the salute for those no in uniform but who are known to have retired from the military

3.19 At Mess Dinner at which there is a Guest of Honour there will be, in addition to the Orderly Officer, a Duty Officer appointed who will carry out the following duties. He will wait at the main door of the Armoury and when the Guest of Honour has got out of his car the Duty Officer will greet him by saluting, bidding him good evening, and introducing himself. The Duty Officer will then guide the Guest of Honour to the cloakroom and assist him. If the Dinner is the Game Dinner, the Duty Officer will then accompany the Guest of Honour upstairs and, with the Orderly Officer and **Duty Piper**, will accompany the Guest of Honour as far as the Commanding Officer's party at the ante-room door. If the Commanding Officer so indicates the Duty Officer will remain with the Guest of Honour in the ante-room and act as his ADC. If the Guest of Honour has an ADC in attendance it is likely that the Duty Officer will be dismissed at this point until after dinner. If the Dinner is not the Game Dinner, the Guest of Honour will be brought directly into the ante-room from the cloakroom by the Duty Officer at which time it will be indicated if he is to act as ADC. At either type of dinner the Duty Officer will, following dinner, *not* by asking, but by observing the actions of the Guest of Honour, know when he is leaving and the Duty Officer will accompany the Guest of Honour to his car where the Duty Officer will salute and bid the Guest of Honour good night. Prior to the departure of the Guest of Honour from the Game Dinner, the Duty Officer will see to it that the Guest of Honour's hat and coat are brought to the upstairs cloakroom and that his car is on the drill floor. The Guest of Honour can then be accompanied down the inside staircase to his car.