

APPENDIX III.

2nd. BATTALION (M.G.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT  
CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE

The Armoury, Bay St.,  
VICTORIA, B.C.  
28th Sept., 1939

To: Pipe Sergeant I. Duncan  
and Pipes and Drums,  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Bn. (M.G.) 2 Scots R.

- (1). I wish to impress upon the Pipers of this Battalion that, in the absence of the Colours while the Battalion is on active service, you the Pipers, individually and collectively, represent the Spirit symbolized by the Colours.
- (2). As is to be expected in a Highland Regiment raised in this Dominion, all personnel are not necessarily of Scottish birth or lineage. Therefore, it devolves upon the Pipers, who are so endowed, by example as well as precept, to infuse and educate the personnel of the Battalion with the traditions and customs bequeathed to us by the original 16th Battalion, C.E.F. and the four Highland Regiments, Gordons, Seaforths, Argyle and Sutherlands, and Camerons, all represented in the original 16th Battalion. Also we must have an ever present remembrance that we wear the tartan of the Senior Infantry Regiment of the British Army, the Royal Scots, with whom we have the honour to be affiliated.
- (3). Of particular interest is the fact that two of the Pipers come from the home of Her Majesty the Queen, and had the honour to pipe before her at the reception granted by Her Majesty to the men of Angus, at Government House, during the Royal Visit.
- (4). The Staff Pipers will make themselves proficient in all Orderly and Band duties, being particularly responsible for the promotion of Battalion entertainment, a very important phase of a soldier's life. They will assist in the promotion of suitable recreation and in every way be in the forefront in building up and maintaining the "Esprit de Corps" of the Battalion. Their conduct and that of the Company Pipers, both on and off the parade, will be that of Highland gentlemen, a pattern of smartness, sobriety and dignity.
- (5). The Company Pipers and Drummers will make themselves proficient in their duties as stretcher-bearers, and assist the Staff Pipers in all matters of entertainment, and will parade as a band with the Staff Pipers at all times when the Battalion is on the march. When their respective Companies are at any time on detached duty they will assume the responsibilities to their Companies that the Staff Pipers have towards the Battalion as a whole.

(6). I am very appreciative of the encouragement that my predecessor, Lt.-Colonel Walter Bapty, gave to the Pipes and Drums in building up the “Esprit de Corps” of the Battalion in times of peace and intend to further his efforts in time of war. In the furtherance of these efforts I rely upon the Pipes and Drums of the war unit to do all in their power to cherish and keep alive traditions handed down to us.

(R.G.L. Parker), Lieut.-Colonel.  
Officer Commanding 2nd. Bn. (M.G.)  
Canadian Scottish Regiment.