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### Queen's Badge Advisor

There are 33 Queen's Badge candidates currently registered with the battalion. Fifteen have completed their completion courses over the Easter period and one more will attend the October course at Carronvale House. A further 15 are registered and should complete in 2018. They are in 6/8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Forfar, 42<sup>nd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Dundee. Of the 24 boys who completed the recent Building your Skills course in Forfar a potential 22 could register as Queen's Badge candidates this Spring.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

There has been no change since the March report and we are still awaiting a national co-ordinator to replace Ramsay Aiken.

The battalion is registered as a D. of E. award scheme group administered by Carronvale headquarters. With the Bill Stevenson and Ramsay Aiken from Inverness both taking up new appointments I am still awaiting details of who will run the DofE administration this year. The 1st Carnoustie Company currently have boys working towards their award and a number of companies have boys working towards the DofE awards through their respective schools. They include 7<sup>th</sup> Arbroath, 1<sup>st</sup> Kirriemuir, 1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth, 6/8<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> if your boys are working towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold award please let know. I can also register new boys through the battalion who can complete all four sections within the existing BB programme. The section headings are Community, Skills, Physical and Expedition

### Band work

I have passed on band organisational work to serving band officers who should now co-ordinate events for battalion company bands.

The Mid Scottish Area Queen's Badge presentation takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Blairgowrie Parish Church. This date clashes with the RSPBA national British pipe band competition in Belfast. Unfortunately, all three company pipe majors will be in Belfast that weekend. Despite this fact, I hope that some of our pipers and drummers not in Belfast can play for our Queen's Men in Blairgowrie as we have been invited to lead the parade to and from the church. I am currently waiting for particular details of the parade from Perth and Kinross Battalion which is co-ordinating the service.

### Company visitations

I continue visiting companies particularly those with senior members but am very happy to visit your own company at any time. Please get in touch on any BB matter and look at our battalion web page for up to date news.

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