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The winter session is now well under way with Companies looking forward to Christmas festivities.

Queen's Badge Adviser

I attended the Mid Scottish Queen's Badge meeting in St Leonards's Church, Dunfermline in August. Alan Hunter our Scottish training director led the QB training for a group with a high proportion of new advisers like myself. It was a very happy meeting and I hope our battalion Queen's Badge candidates will benefit from the support I can give over the coming months. My personal thanks to Bill Miller for his help and support in handing over the role which he fulfilled over the last few years.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

As reported earlier I attended the BB training in Glasgow for those officers considering operating the DofE Award scheme in their own companies. Following discussion with members of other Battalions I have now set up a DofE Group within the Battalion which can cater for boys wishing to undertake the award challenges through the battalion. The benefits to company officers include the registration and scheme administration will be undertaken at battalion level; initially by myself.

Band work

Having stepped down from company band work at the end of the summer it is now a good time to hand over the co-ordination and organisation of band performance requests to an active BB band officer and I will be pursuing this matter in the near future.

Company visitations

So far my visits have concentrated on those companies with senior boys who have registered for advanced awards. This work will continue over the next few months however I hope to meet all companies at some time this session.

UK Development Team Conference in Carronvale November 2016

The second week in November found the entire UK and Ireland Development teams gathered together in one place for the first time in eight years. The conference was led by Bill Stevenson recently appointed Brigade Secretary for the UK. A very full programme of subjects was covered and some topics generated interesting debates all directed to what is good for the future of our great movement.

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