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Development

My previous reports, numbered 27-35 inclusive have covered the development work undertaken on behalf of the battalion. Having been the battalion's development officer for the last six years I believe this summer is the time for me to step down and a younger person take over the development, growth and support of Dundee and Angus Battalion. Family illness in recent months has also meant that I have less time available to support BB activities.

It has been a privilege to work with the many leaders and members of this battalion over the last six years and see the work of the BB in action at the point of delivery in the 13 companies across Dundee and Angus. An equally rewarding aspect of this job has been meeting, working a sharing ideas, knowledge and experience with headquarters staff in both Carronvale House and Felden Lodge who have proved good friends and supportive colleagues.

Queen's Badge

The battalion has seen 13 new Queen's Men presented with their certificates by Mrs Georgiana Osborne during a service at Panbride Church in June 2018. This year a further 15 candidates completed the course to become Queen's Men and they will attend a presentation service at St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes on 9th June, this summer. Eighteen senior boys are finishing their first 12 months and I hope to see them all gain their Queens' Badge next year in 2020. Following the battalion training course, 'Building Your Skills' held in Forfar in March, nine candidates from three companies are now registered for the two year course leading to the Brigade's highest award. I expect more to register over the summer months when companies complete their registration forms. My thanks are extended to all those who helped these talented young men achieve their full potential and in particular those officers and leaders who ensured last years' presentation service hosted by the battalion was a success for all involved.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The Battalion continues to offer members the opportunity to undertake the award scheme at all levels whilst the majority will work towards the Bronze and Silver programmes. A number of companies support the work of the award as direct DofE groups within the Brigade or assisting individual members to complete the four sections comprising Skills, Physical, Service and Expeditions. Seven members of the 44th gained their Bronze Award last year and are working towards the Silver. The 30th Dundee Company has 4 members working towards Bronze through the battalion group managed by myself. It would be good to see more undertake this rewarding and at times challenging programme. I would be pleased to obtain the total numbers involved and the awards completed by BB members through their companies, clubs or school. This would assist the battalion to evaluate the true interest in the DofE programme.

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