



REGIMENTAL CAP BADGES

References:

a. Nil

GENERAL

1. Unlike many branches which have a single cap badge for all units, the Infantry Corps in addition to the branch badge, also has cap badges that are specific to each Regiment. The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment has undergone many changes in cap badges during its early history, particularly when transitioning from a Rifle Regiment to an Infantry Regiment of the line. This included moving from the 14th Bn to the PWOR. Although in recent years there has still been some tinkering with the presentation of the badge, what has remained unchanged for nearly a century is that the PWOR utilizes our Regimental Crest as a cap badge for all ranks on all orders of dress.

2. The wearing of the PWOR cap badge is restricted to members of the Regiment and the Regimental Family. This includes Association members, friends of the Regiment, our affiliated Cadet Corps, and pipe band. It must be noted that while all who wear the Regimental cap badge are members of the Regiment, not all who are members of the Regiment wear the cap badge, as seen by our finance, logistics, admin and medical personnel.

3. All private recruits and officer cadets shall wear the tri service cap badge of the Canadian Forces, regardless of their trade. They shall wear this badge until such time as they have completed at minimum their basic military qualification.

4. On completion of the basic military qualification, members move into their respective branches. Members of the Regiment who are in the supply or logistics trades will then wear the badges of that respective branch. Infantry members of the Regiment shall wear the cap badge of the infantry Corps.

5. All Infantry members who successfully complete their qualification as trained private soldiers, their infantry qualification, shall be permitted to wear the Regimental cap badge. This includes members who transfer from another unit, who are already trained as infantry soldiers.

6. When an infantry member of the Regiment under goes a re-muster into a different trade or transfers to a different regiment, they shall cease wearing the cab badge of the PWOR and commence wearing the badge of their new trade or their new regiment. They retain the privilege as a member of the Regimental Family of wearing their PWOR cap badge as a member of the association.

PRESENTATION

7. Regimental cap badges are always presented on parade. They are always presented by a Regimental officer and senior NCO. The members can either be called forward for presentation, or in the case of a presentation to a course, the presentation party may approach the soldiers on parade and make the presentation. The presenting officer shall say an appropriate few words prior to the ceremony and then present each member with their cap badge. The senior NCO shall welcome each member to the Regiment.

8. For presentations at home, the Commanding Officer and RSM shall normally conduct the



presentation ceremony. For presentations away, if the Commanding Officer and RSM are not available, the senior available officer and NCO shall make the presentations. The Regiment will send an officer and senior NCO to each infantry graduation ceremony to present the cap badges to the newly qualified soldiers as soon as their graduation parade is completed. Appropriate representatives are the Honoraries, a field officer, Adjutant, RQMS, DSM, and CSM.

CAP BADGES

9. There are currently three versions of the Regimental cap badge that are approved for wear. They are a brass coloured badge, a cloth badge, and a sterling silver badge. Traditionally the badges were separated into brass for NCOs and silver for officers. Due to the high price of the silver badges, a move to cloth badges was authorized during the early 2000s. There was also a short production of pewter badges in lieu of silver. The badges are appropriately worn as follows:

- a. **Brass Badges.** Shall be worn by all trained infantry NCOs, all members of the Regimental Pipe Band, all qualified cadets of in the affiliated Cadet Corps, and all infantry officer cadets who have completed their basic military qualification.
- b. **Silver Badges.** Shall be worn by commissioned infantry officers of the Regiment and the Regimental Sergeant Major.
- c. **Cloth Badges.** Shall be worn as a substitute to silver badges.

10. Brass badges will be issued to members by the Regiment. Replacements may be purchased at the Regimental Kit Shop at the members own expense. Cloth badges may be purchased at the Regimental Kit Shop. Silver badges have traditionally been custom made by a local jeweller. Acquisition of cloth and silver badges are the individual responsibility of each officer, and shall not be purchased at public expense.

APPOINTMENTS

11. The majority of the positions in the Princess of Wales Own Regiment are filled by infantry officers and soldiers, and it is the infantry members of the PWOR who wear the Regimental cap badge. There may be some rare circumstances when certain key appointments are not filled by members who are infantry trade qualified. Notwithstanding that the member may be of a different trade, these are still Regimental positions, and the member shall wear Regimental accoutrements. Those appointments are:

- a. Commanding Officer, and
- b. Regimental Sergeant Major.

12. It will be at the CO's prerogative to direct non-infantry members to wear Regimental accoutrements if they occupy the following traditionally Regimental positions:

- a. Deputy Commanding Officer,
- b. Adjutant, and
- c. Drill Sergeant Major.

ASSOCIATION

13. Members of the association shall wear the cap badge appropriate to their military rank. Members of the association who have no military service shall wear the NCOs brass coloured cap badge.



COLLAR BADGES

14. Collar badges are likewise segregated into brass versions and silver versions. The brass versions are issued to all members entitled to wear the Regimental cap badge. They shall be worn by qualified NCOs, and officer cadets who have completed their basic military qualification. The silver collar badges shall only be worn by commissioned officers and the Regimental Sergeant Major.



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