

# **REGIMENTAL COINS**

References: Nil

## **GENERAL**

- 1. The Regimental Coins are individually issued to members of the Regiment. The coin bears the Regimental crest on one side, with "Princess of Wales' Own Regiment" surrounding the crest. The reverse side has the crest of the 21<sup>st</sup> Bn CEF and "Ich Dien" and "Nunquam Cede" surrounding.
- 2. The coins are a gift from the Regimental Honoraries, to the Regiment, with the intention that they will be awarded to each member of the unit. Each coin is serialized with the numbers being recorded and held by the Regimental Sergeant Major.
- 3. The coins will be presented to the members on parade by the Commanding Officer and the Regimental Sergeant Major.

### **ISSUING GUIDANCE**

- 4. All of the following criteria must be met before a member can be issued a Regimental Coin:
  - a. The member must have successfully complete their trades training, i.e. completed their infantry course, logistics course, phase training, etc and be employable in their trade; and,
  - b. The member must have completed one year of service as a member of the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment.
- 5. A member who transfers to the Regiment who is trades qualified only need spend one year as a member of the Regiment prior to being issued their coin. An officer who joins the Regiment must complete all years of trades training prior to being eligible to receive their coin.

#### **CHALLENGE COIN**

- 8. The Regimental Coin can be utilized as a challenge coin with the following rules;
  - a. The challenge can be made at any time;
  - b. The challenge begins with the challenger removing their coin and placing it on the bar in a manner which attracts the attention of the surrounding members;
  - The challenge is made out to those members in the immediate vicinity of the challenger;
  - d. Only those members who have been issued Regimental Coins are obliged to respond;
  - e. Everyone being challenged must immediately produce their Regimental Coin;

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- f. There shall be a reasonable 'step and reach' permitted for those challenged to retrieve their coin if the uniform of the day does not permit they carrying of a wallet;
- g. If someone is unable to produce their coin, they are obligated to purchase beverages for the challenger and those that have successfully produced their coin;
- h. If everyone produces their coin, the challenger is then obligated to provide purchase the round of beverages for those he has challenged; and,
- i. A coin that inadvertently or accidently strikes the bar, including one that falls out of a members wallet, or is contained in change from the members pocket, that they place on the bar, is to be considered a properly issued challenge.
- 9. Only a Regimental coin can successfully be utilized during a challenge. Coins issued by other organizations and command appointments, including the CDS, while signifying the respect earned by the coin holder, are not a proper response to a coin challenge.
- 10. The only other Regimental Coin in existence that can be successfully utilized during the coin challenge is the commemorative coin issued to members of the Regiment in 1991 during the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief. Should a member produce the coin issued during the visit from Diana, Princess of Wales, that member shall be the first to receive their drink from anyone unsuccessful during the coin challenge.

# **LOST AND FOUND**

11. Any found Regimental Coins can be privately returned to the member by the finder, with some form of thanks being offered by the authorized holder of the coin. Coins found which cannot be identified shall be forwarded to the RSM who will identify the member it was issued to via the serial number. The RSM shall set the remedial measures appropriate for any NCO having lost their coin, and the Commanding Officer shall do the same for any Officer who has lost their coin.



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