

1st Battalion The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) Officers' Mess Silver Passed to

The Royal Scots Borderers, 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland on formation, 1 August 2006

Introduction

This little booklet, in two parts, has been produced for Officers joining The Royal Scot Borderers, 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (1SCOTS) for the first time. Its purpose is to tell the story of the background to, and provide information on, the individual items of Royal Scots silver passed to 1SCOTS on their formation. The first part, issued individually to all officers, provides the background to the development of Mess silver and gives the history of and detail on a number of historic pieces. The second part, copies of which are held in the silver room and behind the bar, lists each item individually, providing a source of information both for Officers of the Battalion and, in particular, the ability to answer questions from visitors to the Mess, on any former Royal Scots item on display or in store.

PART 1

Background

It was not until the general introduction of Officers' Messes at the end of the 18th Century, although beforehand some Regiments, in particular the Guards, had had them, that Regiments began to collect silver. In the case of The Royal Scots the first mention of an Officers' Mess was in 1803 on the Island of Antigua. A Mess Minute Book dating from 4 June 1812 in Antigua, now in the Regimental Library, starts with new Mess Rules and refers to existing ones. Silver usually belonged to the individual Battalion rather than the Regiment as long as that Battalion existed. On disbandment of a particular Battalion the Mess silver was either placed in the care of Regimental Headquarters, as happened with most of the Militia or Territorial Battalions, or passed to a successor Battalion, such as on the merger of the 1st and 2nd Battalions in 1948, or to 1 SCOTS in 2006.

Apart from the silver transferred to 1 SCOTS there is, therefore, a substantial holding of silver within the Regimental Museum in Edinburgh Castle. Some of the more interesting or historically important items are on display and the balance is in the Reserve Collection. Much of the latter came from the 3rd Militia Battalion, formerly The Queen's Regiment of Light Infantry Militia, whose Colonel for over 40 years was The Duke of Buccleuch. The officers were a wealthy lot who, on retirement, often presented their Regiment, and latterly the Battalion, through the Colonel, with some fine pieces of silver. An example, with 1SCOTS, is an oval cigar box (Item 054). The Royal Scots Club in Abercromby Place, Edinburgh (The Regimental WW1 Memorial), also has a substantial holding of silver, much of it from former Territorial or WW1 Battalions.

The story of the 2nd Battalion silver in WW2 is interesting. The Battalion had been stationed in Hong Kong from 1938. In 1940, after Dunkirk, it was realised that Hong Kong was isolated and virtually indefensible. It was decided that the silver, and the Colours, should therefore be sent for safekeeping to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in the believed impregnable 'fortress' of Singapore. After the fall of Singapore in February 1942 the silver was found by the Japanese who did not loot it but kept it in its

boxes. Just before the end of the War a Japanese Kempetei (Military Police) Colonel moved the boxes to another small (Dutch) island, Kundar, south of Singapore. On 24 September 1945, nine days after the Japanese surrender in Singapore, a recently released POW, Major MCff Sheppard, visited this island to take the surrender of the small Japanese garrison. At the end of a long day he noticed a hut which had not been searched. The Japanese Colonel claimed there was nothing in it and, sure enough, the first room was empty. There was, however, an inner, heavily padlocked, door. The door was forced and inside were found a number of boxes. When opened these were found to contain silver from The Royal Scots and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (whose 1st Battalion had been stationed in Singapore since before the start of the War and, after a most gallant fighting withdrawal down Malaya, had been forced to surrender with the rest of the Garrison in February 1942). The silver was taken back to Singapore where The Royal Scots element, virtually complete, was handed over to Captain RM Crockatt (son of Brigadier NR Crockatt, Colonel of the Regiment 1946-55) who was serving on the staff of Headquarters Fourteenth Army at the time. The silver was subsequently returned to the 2nd Battalion. By a further coincidence Major Sheppard, who found the silver, had a brother Frank who was a Royal Scot.

History of the Regimental Silver

The oldest piece of Officers' Mess silver in the Regiment today is a superb soup tureen made in 1812 by the famous silversmith of the time, Paul Storr. At that time the 1st Battalion had been stationed in Demerary and Essequibo, modern day Guyana, since 1804. The tureen, presented to the Commanding Officer and Officers, and now displayed in the Regimental Museum, is inscribed as presented by the Governor 'and the Honourable Court of Policy of Demerary and Essequibo as a Mark of Great Respect for their uniform good conduct during the eight years they were stationed in that Colony. 1812'. How times change – at least in saying 'thank you'! A matching tureen, maker unknown but certainly made in Dublin was purchased by the Mess while stationed in Ireland in 1818. It was sold in 2014.



The Paul Storr Soup Tureen

Much silver was purchased from the 1830s through to the 1860s, mostly for table rather than decorative use, examples being serving and entrée dishes, candle sticks, condiment sets, champagne coolers and wine jugs. A number of these items are now with 1 SCOTS. An example however, now sold, of the scale and 'style' of the Messes over this period were two solid silver oval venison dishes bought by the 2nd Battalion on its return to the UK, in 1831, after 30 years continuous service abroad in Egypt, Gibraltar, the West Indies and, from 1807, in India and Burma. They were made by Benjamin Smith of London and each measured 24 inches by 18 and weighed in at almost 10lbs. You can get an awful lot of deer on a dish of that size – let alone two! Ten years later these were enhanced with a pair of matching meat dishes 21 inches by 15, also by Smith, and weighing some 6lbs each.

A plate fund was established by the 1st Battalion in 1878 and, soon afterwards, the decision was taken to purchase a centrepiece. In 1883 a design and estimate was obtained from Hunt and Rockall of Bond Street, London. Designs sent to Barbados in January 1884 were approved, but the work was put in abeyance due to the imminent move to Bechuanaland, and the order was not confirmed until 1890. It was completed in August 1892 at a cost of around £600, at least £65,000 today - if you were able to find a silversmith to make it. The centrepiece (see Front Cover and left on next page) stands some 40 inches high and was designed to illustrate the history of the Regiment up to that time. At the top is a group representing Sir Robert Douglas's recovery of the Colour at Steenkirke in 1692. Round the base are four figures illustrating the uniforms and weapons of 1625, 1685, 1742 and 1813. Each figure can be detached and mounted separately on its own ebony plinth. Between the figures are four panels, chased in relief, representing four of the Regiment's most celebrated battles: Blenheim, 1704, where both the 1st and 2nd Battalions distinguished themselves; and three of the great battles of the Napoleonic wars, in each of which the 3rd Battalion played a major role, Corunna, 1809, San Sebastian, 1813 (where the storming twice, the second time successfully, of a breach in the City walls is generally considered to be the Regiment's greatest single feat of arms up until that point) and Quatre Bras (the prelude to Waterloo), 1815. The centre pillar has four Sphinx at its base marking the 2nd Battalion's success in the Egyptian campaign against Napoleon in 1801.



1st Battalion Centrepiece



2nd Battalion Centerpiece

The 2nd Battalion Battalion Centrepiece (above right) took the form of a 10 branch 'Waterloo' Candleabra on a mirror base with Sphinx feet, made in the 1830s by Benjamin Smith, possibly for a private owner, and presented to the Battalion in 1871 by Lt Col Lawrence McGuire. Detail is at Serials 072 and 132.

Another interesting item from the same period was the Drum Major's staff, always known because of its length and the figure of St Andrew at the top as 'Big Andy'. The story is that, while trekking from Enshawe to Pietermaritzburg in 1888, on the conclusion of the operations in Zululand, an idea for a new Drum Major's staff occurred to Captain Cecil Daniel. During that march Captain Daniel produced sketches of his idea which were given approval. Hamilton and Inches of Edinburgh were commissioned to design and manufacture the staff which was delivered to the 1st Battalion, at a cost of £48, in 1890. The staff was some 6 foot 6 inches long and was surmounted by a 9 inch figure of St Andrew, making an overall length in excess of 7 feet, considerably taller than any Drum Major who ever carried it! The original, shortened, but still just over 6 foot overall, is now in the Regimental Museum having been replaced in



'Big Andy'



'Little Andy'

1986 at a cost of £4,800, exactly 100 times the cost of 'Big Andy', by a new, model (Folio 107) of a height of only 5 foot 6 inches – perhaps it should be known as 'Little Andy'!

From the later part of the 19th Century and into the 20th Centuries, the direction changed from the functional table silver to more decorative items such as rose bowls, tankards, sporting cups and trophies, often presented by individuals rather than purchased by the Mess. It also saw the arrival of statuettes commemorating particular wars or operations, often funded by the officers who had been involved, such as the 1st World War Soldier (Folio 058 and next page left), bought out of the Polo Fund and on the right of the front cover, or the Northern Ireland statuette (Folio 083 and next page right) paid for by the Captains and Subalterns who served there on the four OP BANNER tours in 1970-72. The oldest statuette, and the author's favourite piece of Mess silver until it was stolen in 1987 en route to be repaired, was that of a Royal Scots Mounted Infantryman in the Boer War presented by the officers of the 1st Battalion who served there (see the left of the front cover). A more modern reflection is in the silver model of a 432 Armoured Personnel Carrier (Folio 111 and photograph on the next page) the original of which was bought to mark the fact that the 1st Battalion in 1966 was the first infantry battalion to convert direct into tracked APCs.



World War One Statuette



Op Banner Statuette



FV432 APC

The Mess Table

At some stage, and probably soon after its return to the United Kingdom from Canada in 1816, the 1st Battalion Officers' Mess acquired a large mahogany dining table but its origins remain obscure. The Minute Book mentioned at the beginning of this short paper records in an entry dated Glasgow, 20th April 1838, 'That a Slab, half the size of one of the slabs now belonging to the Mess Table, should be procured.' The obscure origins of the table led to speculation that it had been an article of loot. The most popular theory on this line was that it had been taken by the 3rd Battalion from a Portuguese or Spanish Monastery in the Peninsula. Nobody, however, has yet come up with an explanation as to how the Battalion would have moved such a large piece of furniture around with its very limited, mule drawn transport and, in particular, over the mountains in which much of the campaign took place. Lieutenant General Sir Edward Altham, Colonel of the Regiment at the time, attempted to resolve the issue in a letter to the Regimental journal, *The Thistle*, in 1935.

'As I am one of the oldest officers of the Regiment now living, may I place on record that I have a distinct recollection of being told, on joining the 1st Battalion in 1877, that the table had been made originally for a Russian Prince, but was bought by the Royals on his refusing to pay the price demanded by its makers.'



1st Battalion The Royal Scots Officers Mess Table (Tidworth 1966)

Unfortunately there is no mention of such a purchase in the Minute Book – but then there is no mention of the purchase of other items, such as pieces of silver, either.

Whatever, the table has survived within the Regiment for what, now, must be close to 200 years. When the author first joined in Tripoli in early 1962 it was one of the duties of the Orderly Officer on a Tuesday to give the table a weekly polish with beeswax and vinegar, no spray polish in those days! When packed in its specially made crates for a Unit move it weighed several tons and for some weeks after arrival in the new station the table was being constantly re-levelled with the use of sheets of folded newspaper between the support frame, which had suffered over the years, and the table slabs. All this passed into history, however, around 1977 when the Battalion was stationed in Munster. The RAOC (now RLC) Major who commanded the local Base Ordnance Depot was a Scot and a keen piper. He became a great friend of the Battalion. Within his Depot he had a team of highly skilled German joiners and polishers, together with a stock of good wood. The table disappeared into his Depot and re-appeared some months later with a completely new support frame and the top beautifully French polished – all for a case or two of whisky.

Conclusion

I hope that this little booklet and the information within it, together with the more detailed information in Part 2, will be of interest to present and future generations of Officers of 1SCOTS and that they will enjoy and draw inspiration, as much as we did, from the silver, paintings, pictures and artifacts given into their care by earlier generations of Officers of The Royal Scots.

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PART 2

Former RS Silver now with 1 SCOTS (From the 1st Battalion unless otherwise shown)

Folio

No	Item	Further Information
052	Salver	Capt Iain Maclachlan. Wedding present.
053	Salver	Col Mackenzie. Wedding Present. 11 September 1943. Col 'Burra' Mackenzie was the 25 th Colonel of the Regiment 1940-46 during which time he got married. See also Folio 056.
054	Cigar Box Oval	Silver Plate. Presented to Colonel The Duke of Buccleuch and the Officers of The Queen's Regt of Light Infantry Militia, predecessors of 3RS, by JM McKay Esq.
055	1RS Centrepiece	See introductory history and front cover. Made 1890 by Hunt and Rockall of Bond Street, London.
056	Quaich	Col Mackenzie. See Folio 053. A further wedding present returned to the Regiment by his widow after 'Burra's' death in 1963.
057	Bowers Trophy Inter Coy Swimming	An enormous cup weighing over 16 lbs and standing 18" high with a diameter of 12". SSgt Bowers had served in the 2 nd Battalion from 1881-1909 during which he was the Canteen Sergeant for 13 years. After leaving the Army he made a considerable amount of money, and rose to be a senior Mason, but never forgot his old Regiment. This cup with cover, in Queen Ann style, was made in London in 1896 and was presented by his three sons, all of whom were commissioned into the Army, and daughter in his memory in 1930. He also left a sum of money to provide a library for the Officers – presumably in the hope of improving their education! This was still active in the early 1960s but ran out soon afterwards. See also Folio 086. He also presented silver to the WOs and Sergeant's Mess.
058	Polo Statuette	See introductory history and on the right of the front cover. A silver statuette of a WW1 soldier with Battle Honours on the base. Modelled by HS Gamley in 1922 and made by Hamilton and Inches (No 59 of what must have been a major production run after the War). Paid for from funds originally owned by the Regimental Polo Club which had not been touched for many years.
059	14 Beer Goblets	Bowl shaped on a circular stand and holding just under a pint. Presented by various officers mostly in the period 1895 – 1909. The last one was presented by the officers of C (Cyclops) Squadron of 2RTR to mark a very happy time when they shared a Mess with 1RS in Tripoli in 1962.
060	9 Beer Tankards	Half pint. Bought with insurance money in 1966 after two boxes of silver deposited with Pickfords in Amesbury on the emergency move to Aden in 1964 could not be found on return. The boxes were eventually found some 18 months later by which time some of the insurance money had been spent. The insurers generously agreed that the Mess could buy back individual items, such as the Atholl Brose jugs (Folio 063), at their paid up insured valuation and they would then keep

and sell any other items that the Mess no longer required – or the insurance money paid back for those items which had been believed to be in the boxes but had not been found there!

061 **4 Silver Goblets** Embossed with Thistle foliage and emblems of the three Kingdoms – the Thistle, Rose and Shamrock. London 1866. Three presented individually by Capt CB Steer, Capt Deane and Capt DC Brock, fourth unknown.

062 **2 Dinner Music Programme Stands** 2RS. Mounted with three badges and presented by Col A J G Moir in 1920 on his transfer to The Royal Irish Regiment in 1920. The Royal Irish were one of the 6 Irish Regiments disbanded at the time of Partition in 1922.

063 **2 Atholl Brose Jugs** A pair of silver mounted crystal Claret jugs, with a figure of St Andrew on the lids. Made in Edinburgh in 1897 and presented to the 1st Battalion by Lt Col E P Morgan-Payler on promotion. He was commanding the Battalion on their deployment to the South African (Boer) War in 1899. Traditionally only used for the Atholl Brose on St Andrew's Night.

064 **Gymnastic Challenge Cup** 2RS. Made in London 1906. Bought out of Battalion funds.

065 **Heavy Weight Tug of War Cup** 2RS. On ball feet. London 1906. Bought out of Battalion funds.

066 **Four Sphinx Match box holders** A Sphinx on a sliding lid. London 1904. Two presented by Capt HRN Bourne. Two no detail. Also used as ashtrays. The Sphinx and EGYPT, to be carried on the Colours, recognizes 2RS's role in the successful Egyptian campaign against Napoleon's Army of the East in 1801. King George III granted the Honour to those Regiments that took part in the Campaign. The first Honour, although latterly not the oldest, to be carried on British Colours.

067 **Zululand Punch Bowl** Fluted with scalloped border and embossed with floral designs. Edinburgh 1893. Presented by Major and Mrs Halliwell as a souvenir of operations in Zululand 1886.

068 **Hill and McDonald Cup** Two handled trophy embossed with masks and garlands. Made in Dublin c1870. Presented by Maj JR Hill and Capt WEB McDonald on their promotion in 1876.

069 **Quaich Inter Platoon Hockey** 2RS. Presented by Comte Guy De Etchgoyen in 1927 having been won by 2RS at Moascar, Egypt. Last competed for in 1947.

070 **Subalterns Handicap Shooting Cup** 2RS. Two Handled. London 1898. For annual competition. Presented by Lt Col TF Ross in Mandalay 1898 having transferred to command from that of 1RS. See Folio 122. Last competed for in 1948.

071 **The Scissors Cup** 2RS. Birmingham 1928. For six-a-side football.

072 **Candleabra 10 Arm** 2RS Centrepiece. Plate. See introductory history. On three scroll feet. Engraved with a crest and "Waterloo". Paired with Folio 132 the Mirrored Stand.

073 **Six Champagne Ice Buckets** Actually two sets, both Plate. The first, of four of Campagna form, with flower and scroll handles and detachable collars. One engraved with the Regimental badge.

Sheffield c1845 11 ½" high. The second, a pair, slightly smaller at 10", and plainer, fluted with detachable collars. Each engraved with the Regimental badge. Both made in 1845.

- 074 **Two 5 Arm Candelabra** A matching pair. 'Waterloo' Plate. See also folio 101.
- 075 **Inter Company Football Cup** 2RS. London 1903. Presented by Col WEE Murray, CO in Kamptee, Central India, in 1905.
- 076 **Western India Cup** 2RS. Birmingham 1904. Presented by The Bombay Presidency Rifle Association.
- 077 **Lt Gray Challenge Cup** Two reeded handles, fluted. Marked 11Bn. London 1903. Presented by Lt AD Gray and Capt TW Bennet on behalf of the 11th Battalion – the first of the Kitchener battalions raised in August 1914.
- 078 **The Ashoka Pagoda Bell** See right hand side of cover. RHQ/2RS. In the shape of a Burmese Pagoda. Traditionally used by the PMC on Dinner Nights.
- 079 **8th Division Football Cup** Two handled with floral design and cover. London 1911. Inscribed '8th Division Football Tournament France 1916'. On 'permanent loan' from The Regimental Trustees of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). See also Folios 108 and 143.
- 080 **Korea Commemorative Statuette** A soldier dressed for Korea 1953-54. Made by Garrards, London 1954 and presented by 29 Commonwealth Brigade. 1953-54.
- 081 **Gurkha Figure** Presented in 1983 by 10GR to mark the 350th Anniversary of the Regiment.
- 082 **St Andrew Lighters** See extreme left and right of cover. A pair. Roman lamp form with figure of St Andrew on the lid. One on rectangular base, one oval. Edinburgh 1870. The first presented by Capt C Atkinson Logan in 1870, the second by Lt Allen W Richards in 1871.
- 083 **Northern Ireland Statuette** Hamilton and Inches, Edinburgh 1973. Presented, on the initiative of the then A/Maj John Charteris, by the Captains and Subalterns who served in the Province on the first four OP BANNER tours in 1970-72. The model was Cpl, later Major (QM), David Beveridge who was in B Company at the time. The Battalion served 13 BANNER tours in the Province, of which two were resident, totalling over 8 years there, between 1970 and 2002.
- 084 **Port Chariot** See cover centre front. Chased and embossed with a Ram's head and on three wheels. Maker AM Marks London 1873. Presented by Maj G Craig, Capts CKC Rooke and A Moberley and Lt JB Moore on Promotion 1874.
- 085 **Poona Division Rose Bowl** 2RS. Sheffield 1906. Won at the Poona Rifle Meeting, 1908.

- 086 **Bowers Cross Country Trophy** Sheffield 1929. Depot RS Cross country Running Trophy. Victor finial on cover. Presented by John Bowers (See Folio 057) to mark the command of Maj NJ Fargus at Glencorse 1924 – 27. Maj Fargus later commanded 1RS at the time of the Tercentenary in 1933.
- 087 **Capt Gilderdale Cup** Sheffield 1938. Presented by Capt HA Gilderdale to 4th (RS) Bn The Home Guard for miniature rifle shooting.
- 088 **Lord Provost of Glasgow's Football Trophy** RHQ. Bowl shaped. Two Handled. London 1914. Presented by Hector McNeill Esq, Lord Provost of Glasgow 1946 to Lowland District.
- 089 **Durand Cup** 2RS. The Army in India Football Championship won in 1937. The final was traditionally played in Simla.
- 090 **Lt Masterton Smith Salver** Wedding Present. 10 July 1935. Lt Col Masterton Smith commanded 1RS in Burma from after Kohima until the end of WW2.
- 091 **St Andrew's Church Baptismal Quaich** Inscribed 'Suffer the little children to come unto me '. Edinburgh 1961. See also Folio 97.
- 092 **Moncrieff Cup** RHQ/2RS. London 1903. Lt Gen GH Moncrieff presented one to each of 1RS and 2RS for inter-company shooting between teams of 8 at 200, 500 and 600 yards.
- 093 **Athletics Standard Test Challenge Cup** Birmingham 1913. Presented by Capt TF Carstairs and Lts EK Wylie Rodger and BH Ashmore (father of Lt Col MBH Ashmore. See Folio 114) on transfer to 1RS (from 2RS) in February 1923.
- 094 **The Afghan Cup** 2RS. Sheffield 1904. Presented by His Excellency The Amir of Afghanistan 1907. On 20 February the Amir visited the Battalion at the Regimental Sports in Bombay and presented the Cup in remembrance of his visit.
- 095 **Northern Ireland Squash Championship Cup** Two handled. Plate. Won by 1RS 1995/96.
- 096 **Aldershot Army Athletic Championship 1896** Rose Bowl, Cartouche, Fluted. Mappin and Webb. Sheffield 1895. Officers Open Tug-of-War.
- 097 **Communion Cup and Plate** Edinburgh 1961. Cup inscribed 'St Andrew's Church of Scotland. 1st Battalion The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)'. See also Folio 091.
- 098 **Rose Bowl Depot** Two handled 'cup' on circular feet. Presented by officers who served at Glencorse during WW1. Edinburgh 1914.
- 099 **Dining Subalterns Tankard 1929** Birmingham 1927. Crested with the motto 'Blow, blow thou winter wind'. The Battalion was stationed at Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow at the time before moving to Aldershot in December. There is no indication of a particular hard winter but the national economic situation may have led to a shortage of fuel for the Mess fires!

- 100 **Lt Col Charteris Tankard** Birmingham 1928. Presented on retirement. He had had a distinguished career including with the Mounted Infantry in South Africa and ending with the Home Guard in WW2 and earning a CMG, DSO and OBE. Great uncle of Lt Col John Charteris MBE MC (See Folio 083) who served 1961 – 1997 and won the MC in Northern Ireland in 1972 – the only such award in all the Battalion's tours there.
- 101 **Four Waterloo Candle Sticks** Plated. Probably purchased at the same time as Folio 74.
- 102 **Wager Cup** See cover, left hand side in front of mounted figure. Sterling Silver. Lady in a crinoline skirt holding a bowl above her head. Presented by Lt Col Peter Maxwell, formerly RSF, who commanded 1959-62. The wager, normally while standing on a low coffee table, was to drink first from the skirt then, after turning it one handed, from the bowl, both of which had been filled to the brim with assorted (usually alcoholic) drinks, without pause, resting the cup or, critically, spilling a drop. Any breach of the conditions meant the individual had to start again.
- 103 **Gong with Striker** Birmingham 1894. Presented by Lt McMicking. Ornamented by the Royal Cypher VR and a sphinx on a circular base. Lt Col McMicking was commanding 2RS on the outbreak of WW1, mobilised them and took them to France. He was severely wounded and captured at Le Cateau on 26 August 1914, only three days after the first contact with the Germans.
- 104 **14 Salt and Pepper holders** Originally a total of 19 salt holders, each set on three sphinx feet and crested. Presented by various Lieutenants between 1835 and 1870. Later inserts were added so that they could hold both salt and pepper.
- 105 **Two Crown Menu Holders** 2RS. Each in the shape of a Crown. Made by B Small, London 1838. Presented by the Rev J G Philip, 1908.
- 106 **Four Menu Holders** Officers' Cap Badges.
- 107 **Drum Major's Mace** See introductory history. Purchased in 1986 to replace 'Big Andy' at a cost of £4,800, of which £3,500 was provided by the Regimental Trust. Designed by the well-known Scottish Military artist, Douglas N Anderson, it was made by the firm of Dalman and Narborough Ltd. The design depicts St Andrew with his cross, standing on a dome of cut-out thistles on a green backing. Below the dome are officer's and soldier's cap badges. The Regimental Battle Honours, as carried on the Colours (less GULF 1990), are inscribed on scrolls on the staff of the Mace. The Mace has its own display box. It is very seldom carried on parade due to its weight and the ornateness of its decoration, making it unbalanced and, therefore, difficult to signal orders to the Band when they were playing and, in particular, playing on the march.
- 108 **Dragon Bowl Holders** A pair given on 'permanent loan' in 1969 by the Trustees of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) after the disbandment of their 1st Battalion. A base of three sphinx (the Regiment took part in the 1801 Egypt operations) with thistle mounts and three laurel wreaths with Regimental crests in the centre, surmounted by a dragon holding a glass fruit bowl (now missing but could easily be replaced). Made in London in 1875 by Stephen Smith. See also Folio 143. The dragon

featured on much Cameronian silver and, indeed, on their Colours, having been awarded as an Honour superimposed with the word CHINA after their participation in the First Opium War in 1839-42.

109 **Two Jugs** See cover left and right of the Centre Piece. Ewers in the Renaissance Manner with Caryatid handles. Copies of a jug by Benvenuto Cellini in The Hotel Cluny in Paris. One, with three oval panels, presented in 1866 by Col The Hon CD Plunkett, the other, depicting Apollo, Athena and Aphrodite, presented in 1868 by Lt Col F Wells. Both made by Robert Garrard, London 1866.

111 **FV432 APC.** A replacement for a larger original purchased by the officers in 1967 to mark the first tour of the Battalion as Mechanised Infantry. This, measuring 14" and standing on a plinth, was made by Garrards of London using an existing mould of a Mk1/1 from a previous commission. To save arguments amongst the Companies, and to personalize the model to the Battalion, the original had details of the Commanding Officer's APC engraved on it; registered number 10EA33, named 'Reynolds VC', radio callsign 9 and the diamond tac sign of Battalion HQ. That model was lost in 1987 when stolen en route to be repaired. A replacement model, by Carrington & Co, slightly smaller at 11 inches but equally finely made, of a Mk2 (with different air filter covers) was bought from the insurance money.

113 **The Morrison Tankard** Presented by Capt Peter Morrison on leaving the Regiment in 1998.

114 **Ashmore Wine Coasters** A pair presented by Lt Col MBH Ashmore on finishing command. His tour had covered a two year residential operational tour at Ballykinler in Northern Ireland and the 1983 350th Anniversary events based on Edinburgh.

115 **Pair of Candlesticks** Rococo Design. London 1896. 12½" high. Inscribed on a plaque fixed to the wooden bases with The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) and the Regimental Badge with a GvR cipher.

116 **Pair of similar but slightly smaller Candlesticks** Sheffield 1897. 10¾" high. Inscribed as above.

117 **Wine Goblet** Plated. For Marching 1942. Fluted with chased band, 30th Battalion (Home Guard).

118 **Wine Goblet** Plated. For Boxing 1942. Matching above. 30th Battalion (Home Guard).

120 **Junior Football League Cup.** 2RS, 1901. Purchased from Battalion funds. (One handle broken).

121 **EiR Silver Salver** Plain, EPNS with cipher in centre.

- 122 **Two Beer Tankards** Lt Col Ross. Half pint with scroll handles. Inscribed 'For Auld Lang Syne'. London 1897. Lt Col TF Ross had commanded the 1st Battalion 1895-97 when he exchanged to the 2nd Battalion. See Folio 70.
- 123 **Beer Tankard** Half pint. Presented by Capt CGG Strange. Chester 1921.
- 124 **Two Beer Tankards** Half pint. Presented by Capt AC Pratt. London 1907.
- 125 **Ink Stand** Tray silver gilt. Two glass pot ink wells with lids. Presented by Princess Mary as a wedding present to Lt Gen Sir Edward Altham, Colonel of the Regiment. London 1930.
- 126 **Blotter** Oak with silver mounts. Presented by Lt CH Campbell on exchanging to the Carabiniers (3rd Dragoon Guards - amalgamated with The Royal Scots Greys in 1971 to form The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards). Hamilton and Inches 1892.
- 128 **Kukri** In glass case. Of 10th Gurkha Rifles (10GR) pattern. Ceremonial with velvet scabbard. Indian silver with silver ¼ rupee fastening cords. 3 miniature kukris at back (2 missing). Presented by Gen Sir Philip Christianson on 4 April 1950 at a ceremony in Glencorse Barracks to mark the Regiment's affiliation with 10GR. The Regiment presented 10GR with two claymores in exchange.
- 129 **Clock in Oak Case** Made by The Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company. Possibly held by the Company in the 1st Battalion achieving the best results in the annual musketry courses
- 130 **Napkin Rack** Oak, silver mounted. Presented by Maj DG Gibson 1958.
- 131 **Bread Bowl** Wooden with cap badges of 1RS and 8/9RS. Presented by 8/9RS to mark the meeting of the Battalions in Devizes Transit Camp in May 1964 when 1RS were en route to Aden and 8/9RS were in Annual Camp there.
- 132 **Circular Silver Stand** Mirrored top. On three sphinx feet. London 1871. Normally paired with the 2nd Battalion Centrepiece (Folio 72).
- 133 **Cigar Cutter** 2RS. Antler with plated mount.
- 134 **Cigar Box Mitchell Innes** 2RS. Oak with silver mounts. Presented by Capt AT Mitchell Innes 1938.
- 135 **Cigar Box Lord Denham** Oak with silver mounts. Presented by Lord Denham to Col Morgan-Payler and the Officers 1890.
- 136 **Beer Tankard** One pint. Presented by Capt EH de Stacpoole on transfer from The Leinster Regiment (POW) 16 August 1922. The Leinster Regiment (104th) was one of the six Irish Regiments disbanded that year at Partition.

- 137 **Two Beer Tankards** One pint. Straight sided. London 1922.
- 138 **Rosebowl C in C India** 2RS. Known as The Monteith Bowl. For shooting. Inscribed C in C India. Shaped top with applied decoration. Presented by H E General Sir Power Palmer, C in C India. London 1900. The Battalion had previously won it in 1875.
- 139 **Sugar Sifters** A pair. Chased with masks and strapwork. Presented by Maj's WJF Rudd and F Wells. Made by Robert Garrard, London 1870.
- 140 **Dewar Trophy** 2RS. Two Handled. Chased with leaves. Won SIRA (?South India Rifle Association) 1900. Indian Silver by TRT and S Madras.
- 141 **Thomson Stumps** A cricket Ball sitting on three silver stumps. Presented to Major T Thomson by The Agricultural Department Cricket Club after taking four wickets in four overs for nil runs in a match on 17 May 1922, presumably with the 1st Battalion in India.
- 142 **Pen Stand** Oak with a silver plate inscribed 'Presented by Lt Col PJ Cardwell Moore MBE Commanding Officer 1983-84 for the first visit of HRH The Princess Royal as Colonel-in-Chief, 9 October 1984'.
- 143 **Dragon Cigar Lighter** On 'permanent loan' from the Trustees of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Known as 'Dog of Foe' it again depicts a Chinese Dragon – see Folio 108. Dated 1885.
- 144 **Gurkha Drinking Vessel** A 'Tongba'. Oak cased in silver. Presented by Lt Tom Martin RGR on leaving The Regiment in 1998 after a two year attachment.
- 145 **Silver Flute** Presented to the Officers' Mess by the Military Band in 1994 on their move from the Regiment to form The Lowland Band.
- 146 **1st Ranger Cup** RHQ. Malaysian Iban Jalong. Presented by the 1st Sarawak Rangers. Inscribed with an Eagle and their Regimental Crest
- 147 **Paymaster Statuette** Presented by Capt Roger Thomson RAPC who started with the Battalion in the mid-1970s as the Pay Warrant Officer before being commissioned as The Paymaster in 1979 and remaining as 'The Holder of the Treasury' until 1983.
- 148 **RCT Statue** Presented by 8 Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, to commemorate the linkage with the 1st Battalion in the Nuclear Convoy Escort (NCE) role 1976-79.
- 149 **Quaich** Presented by Thistle Pipe Band Sweden to mark their involvement in the Presentation of new Colours in 2004.
- 150 **Quaich** The Royal Bank. Pewter. For the winner of the individual. March, Reel and Strathspey in piping competitions.
- 151 **Claret Jug** Crystal with silver top. Presented to the 1st Battalion by East Lothian Council and the towns of Haddington and Musselburgh, 14 July 2005.

152 **Statuette Inter Platoon Drill** Soldier in full dress on octagonal plinth with winners inscribed. Presented by Lt and Adjt FK Wyllie Rodgers. London 1924.

153 **Kukri** Presented by Major JNR Birch RGR to mark the attachment of B (Gurkha) Company to 1RS August 2004- July 2005.

154 **Letter Box** Silver top with RS badge.

156 **Quaich West Lothian Council** Presented 1991 after the 1st Battalion paraded through Linlithgow following their operational tour in the Gulf.

157 **Champion Company Cup** Two handled with cap-badge. Presented 1923 by Lts CE Thurston MC and WA Cunningham.

Bayonet Tips Three, for SA80. To fit on bayonets of the Escorts to the Colours to prevent the Colours being ripped if they fall on the bayonets when being carried on parade. Presented by Lt Col (later Maj Gen) MJ Strudwick after Commanding 1984-87.

179 – 193 **Regimental Cutlery** A sad story! In 1998 the 1st Battalion cutlery, most of it late Victorian, was in a sorry state, and some of it, such as the, by now, thin and sharp edges of the dessert spoons, positively dangerous. The Regimental Trustees therefore purchased 60 new place settings of King's Pattern silver cutlery, each of 7 items, and 8 large serving spoons, a total of 428 items, engraved with a Crown and 1, for the Battalion at a cost of £25,000. All were individually fitted in two purpose made pedestal cabinets. The cutlery was intended for use on Dinner Nights and other, similar, formal occasions – certainly not for daily use for which perfectly good quality issue cutlery was available. This new cutlery, less one teaspoon, was complete when handed over to 1 SCOTS in 2006. By 2013, however, a total of 231 items (54%) had been lost, stolen or otherwise misplaced. The rest had been so misused through the industrial dish washing process, followed by being loosely put together for storage in plastic 'kitchen' cutlery holders, that they certainly no longer looked like quality silverware. Fortunately The King's Own Scottish Borderers have donated a large quantity of similar cutlery to allow sufficient silver place settings for any likely major Mess event – **if it is properly looked after and accounted for.**

205 **RS Pipe Corporal Statuette** Original made Edinburgh, 1990, by Gordon Lohead of Galashiels, now at Cupar in Fife. 8" high on an oval wooden plinth. Paid for by the officers serving with the 1st Battalion at that time whose names were recorded on a plaque on the plinth. The pipe banner was the Regimental one. The statuette, with Folio 206 below, was stolen on the evening of a Mess Ball after 1SCOTS had returned from Afghanistan in 2013. The insurers paid up and, fortunately, Gordon Lohead still had the original moulds. The replacement, made in 2015, is therefore identical to the original less the listing of the original donors.

206 **RS Drum Major Statuette** Matching pair to Folio 205. The Drum Major is carrying the new ('Little Andy') Mace. See Folio 107.

Letter Rack Oak. Presented by Major BG de la Haye on departing the 1st Battalion in 1996. Carved 'Crown and 1' on each end.