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DRESS CODE FOR OFFICERS & NCO's

Guidance for the Officers of the Citty of London Brigade

Dress Code for Commanding Officers

The Commanding Officer of each regiment will fulfil their obligation as a Gentleman, full of pride for their regiment and the Citty of London Brigade, will dress according to the standards expected of all members of their regiment. At all times, whilst in the field, the Commanding Officer will endeavour to meet the highest dress standards, and will encourage his members to meet the standards set out and agreed by the individual Commanding Officers of regiments in the Citty of London Brigade.

Divisional Officers [Pike & Musket]

Divisional Officers are gentlemen, and command Pike, Musket and Artillery Divisions, and as such their costume may or may not reflect that of the rank and file of the Regiment (*as agreed with their own Commanding Officer*), as they will dress according to their status and conscience as gentlemen. There is no dress code for Divisional Officers, other than to recognise that their presentation is a reflection of their pride in the division of which they command, and that their presentation to the rank and file is a source of pride for everyone in the Regiment. Divisional Officers should expect to bear a sword and a PARTIZAN befitting their rank in Parade Order. Divisional Officers will lead by example with the standard and presentation of their kit, establishing a clear statement of intent that The Citty of London Brigade are aiming to achieve the highest standards. Battle Order for the Divisional Officer will be entirely at their own discretion, and to the satisfaction of their Commanding Officer. *[Battle Order will except Pike Officers from having to wear a sword if they engage with their block.]*

REGIMENTAL ENSIGN

The Regimental Ensign will present himself on parade with a fine coat, which may use braiding and of a fashionable cut in the regimental coat colour. In all other aspects of dress and presentation the Regimental Ensign will be mindful of their position as bearing the REGIMENTAL STANDARD, the honour of the regiment, and will dress accordingly as a gentleman. The Regimental Ensign is given the privilege of wearing an officer's sash over their shoulder, and they should expect to bear a sword befitting their rank in Parade Order. Battle Order for the Regimental Ensign will be entirely at their own discretion, and to the satisfaction of their Regimental Commanding Officer.

ELDER SERGEANT & SERGEANTS

The Elder Sergeant is a regimental position which allows the holder of that rank the opportunity to support and advise the Sergeants of the respective Divisions in dress standards, drill manoeuvres and all aspects of presentation. This is a dignified position and the holder of this rank (*and there can be only one in any regiment*), will bear a HALBERD and wear a sash over the shoulder or around the waist as befits their role. An Elder Sergeant will be expected to bear a sword befitting their rank in Parade Order. The costume of the Elder Sergeant with the exception of the items listed above will be that of a common soldier.

A Sergeant in the pike block will wear their sash around their waist and when numbers allow i.e. a fighting strength of at least 9 rank and file (*not including officers or NCO's*) may bear a Halberd and step out of the division – at the discretion of their Divisional Officer. A Sergeant in the musket block may wear their sash over their shoulder and bear a Halberd. In all other respects the costume of a Sergeant in either block shall be that of a common soldier.

Battle Order for the Elder Sergeant and Sergeants will be as per the Dress Code for the soldiers in their Division, with the addition of a sash as a badge of rank, and to the satisfaction of their Divisional Officer, and their regimental Commanding Officer.

CORPORALS

A Corporal from the pike and musket division shall be afforded a position of opportunity by the Divisional Officers to experience field and parade command with a view to promotion to Sergeant. The costume of a Corporal shall be that of a common soldier, and they shall bear the arm of their division. A Corporal shall not wear a sash in Battle or Parade Order.

Sash Colours

All Officers and NCO's should have three sashes in the following colours:

- Blue – for New Model Army and Scottish Covenanter events;
- Tawny – for Essex Army events;
- Silver-grey – for portraying City of London units.

The Brigade Commander, Guidon, Brigade Drum Major (*and any further staff that might also be appointed*) may choose to wear black sashes to identify them as Brigade Staff. No other officer in the brigade shall wear a black sash on the battlefield.

This Standing Order is issued for the Citty of London Brigade, this daye 22nd February 2016.
By Order.

Jon Courtney-Thompson

Colonel & Officer Commanding Citty of London Brigade