2nd bttn. Royal Canadian Regiment Pipes and Drums

http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/2rcr/band-fanfare-eng.asp

The Second Battalion the Royal Canadian Regiment Pipes and Drums (2RCR P&D) were formed on 01 July 1970.

When the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment of Canada were reduced to Nil strength, as part of the Land Force Restructure. Today the Black Watch, RHR (Royal Highland Regiment) exist as a Militia unit. The Soldiers of 2RHR rebaged and formed 2RCR. The Black Watch Pipe band was given to 2RCR in trust, changing from the Royal Stewart to the Maple Leaf tartan. A few Black Watch traditions remain with the band to this day. The Second Battalion is now located at Gregg Barracks, Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick. Since that time the Pipes and Drums have maintained a very high professional standard, proving to be very popular with soldiers and civilians alike. The Pipes and Drums have represented the Battalion, the Regiment, the Canadian Forces and the Country performing in many parts of the British Isles, Continental Europe, and North America. Since 1983 members of the Pipes and Drums have incorporated Highland dancing into performances. When military duty allows the band will take to the competition field, in 1990 2RCR P&D won the Nova Scotia Pipe Band Championship and went on to win the North American Pipe Band Championships. The Pipeband is funded and maintained by the Second Battalion, all members of the band are regular force soldiers who volunteer from within the Battalion. P&D platoon is made up of approximately 30 soldiers located within Lima Company. 2RCR Pipes and Drums represents the Canadian Forces only remaining regular force Pipeband with a Regimental affiliation. Many former members of the band go on to become Canadian Forces Pipe Majors. The primary duty of the Pipes and Drums takes place at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, supporting the Battalion in various mess functions and parades throughout the year. The band has proudly served the Second Battalion and the Canadian Forces with distinction and will continue to do so into the 21st century.

Grouping: Pipeband
State: NB
Country: CA
Year-Joined: 2012
UL Rank (1 is highest, 4 is lowest): 4

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