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## PORTOBELLO ARMY PIPER PLAYS AT ROYAL SALUTE

Portobello Army piper Private Graeme Blyth (25) played at a Royal Salute at Edinburgh Castle to mark the 65th Birthday of HRH Prince Charles The Duke of Rothesay last month.

Private Blyth is a member of the Pipes and Drums of The Royal Scots Borderers, 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (1 SCOTS).

He explained:

"1 SCOTS who are based at Dreghorn Barracks in Edinburgh were deeply honoured to provide the Royal Guard and the Pipers and Drums at the 21-Gun Royal Salute to mark the 65th Birthday of His Royal Highness The Duke of Rothesay.

"The Royal Salute provided another occasion for the soldiers of 1 SCOTS to display their professionalism and pride in conducting such an honour."

Graeme joined the Army in 2008 and has served in Kenya, Switzerland, Holland, and Luxembourg.

He is a former pupil of Portobello High School and is married to Lindsay. They have three children Katie (7) five-year-old Jay, and Liam who is three.

The Royal Scots Borderers (1 SCOTS) is an <u>infantry</u> <u>battalion</u> of the <u>Royal Regiment of Scotland</u>. Two <u>infantry</u> <u>regiments</u>; the <u>Royal Scots</u> and the <u>King's Own Scottish</u> <u>Borderers</u>merged on the 28th March 2006, and with the other Scottish infantry regiments amalgamated into the single seven battalion strong Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Members of the pipes and drums are Assault Pioneers within the battalion.