

# **Compliments**

## **The Origin**

The salute with the hand, the present arms and the salute with the sword were methods by which the person paying the compliment could show the person to whom the compliment was paid to that no offence was meant.

## **Who Compliments Are Paid To**

- a. Members of the Royal Family
- b. Governors and Ministers to whom the Sovereign delegates authority. (i.e. Members of the government)
- c. Formed bodies of troops on the Sovereign's business.
- d. All Standards, Guidons and Colours of Regiments of the Army and their equivalent in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and RAF.
- e. All officers, as holders of the Sovereign's commission.

## **When Compliments Are Paid**

- a. National Anthem. (Till music stops)
- b. Military Funerals. All cadets in uniform, when passing a military funeral will salute the bier (What carries the coffin, till bier has passed)
- c. Standards, Guidons and Colours. These are entitled to the highest compliments.