

Mrs W. F. Street, Honorary Secretary of the Benalla District Historical Society, in a letter to John Meredith on 1 September 1973, said as follows:

The cummerbund, or sash, measured 7'3" in length and 5½" in width, with a fringe about 2½" in length made of gold bullion thread, the kind used in school badges or blazer pockets, etc., now somewhat tarnished.

The whole sash was a soft green in colour somewhat grubby with wear, I'd say, the silk at one end of it was badly eaten with (possibly) silverfish or moths, toward the middle of its length the silk has split across the sash, whilst at the other end were very definite bloodstains — still evident today. It was lined throughout with coarse linen interlining and back was made of green cotton material.