

Ordnance reports prepared in the Canadian Department often organized small arms returns in three categories: 1) those that were immediately **Serviceable** and available for issue; 2) those that were moderately damaged and **Repairable** and 3) those that were **Unserviceable** and only useful for the cannibalization of parts.

Of course, the Armourers could take parts from Unserviceable muskets and use them to repair others and then return them to the Serviceable category. So, over time, small arms moved from Repairable and Unserviceable into the Serviceable category.

Rather than clumping all the Serviceable arms into one total, at times they were listed as having iron or wooden rammers or as being British, French or Dutch in origin.

At other times, Ordnance listed Serviceable arms in even more precise categories, such as New Pattern, Old Pattern, Short and several Sorts; however, we are left to surmise what constituted 'New Pattern' versus 'Old Pattern'. Was it as simple as Short Lands versus Long Lands? Or, muskets with iron rammers versus those with wooden?

Alan Guy in his landmark book, **Oeconomy and Discipline** wrote,

*The Board of Ordnance supplied a regiment with its firelocks and bayonets. The regiment was accountable to the Board for the weapons it had received and it was insisted upon that, when it was reduced, surplus firearms should be returned to store and the Ordnance value paid for those missing or ruined, the exceptions being weapons lost or damaged on active service for which proper vouchers could be submitted, and (in practice) those worn out by the passage of time... The routine repair of firelocks was chargeable to the [regiment's] non-effective fund. [i.e. a system of deductions from the men's pay to meet the many costs of service]*

*Since the reign of Charles II it had been the custom for the Board of Ordnance to provide a regiment of foot with muskets at its first raising, but only to replace without charge those weapons lost or damaged on active service.<sup>1</sup>*

Regarding accoutrements, Eric Fernberg supplied the following germane quotation (note: 'New Levies' are American loyalist Provincials) written by rebel Quarter Master General Timothy Pickering to Virginia Governor Jefferson, 03Jul80.<sup>2</sup>

*The British have for several years past, furnished their new levies with cartridge boxes made of close wood [as maple or beech] with no other covering than a good leather flap nailed to it at the back near the upper edge, and of sufficient breadth to cover the top & whole front of the box; they are fixed to the body by a waist belt, which passes through two loops that are nailed to the front of the box.*

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*Note Well: most of the original spellings, grammar and syntax have been retained.*

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**28Jul75** Maryland Gazette, October 19, 1775 issue<sup>3</sup>

Dateline "London: July 28. Fifteen-thousand stands<sup>4</sup> of arms were shipped last week at the [T]ower, for Quebec, in order to arm the Roman Catholics of that province."

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**19Sep75** Quebec Garrison, General Orders<sup>5</sup>

Quoting from Chartrand's text, "In Quebec City, the militia consisted of six companies of English-speaking residents called the 'British Militia,' eleven companies of French-speaking 'Canadian Militia,' and an artillery company. All received arms on September 19. General Orders of the Quebec Garrison provide some indication of the arms, clothing, and accoutrements that they used... Those who disliked the 'large pouches' could exchange them for cartridge boxes... [cartouches for belly boxes]"

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**09Dec75** Quebec Garrison, General Orders<sup>6</sup>

Quoting from Chartrand's text, "Arms were English or French muskets until December 9 when it was announced that the British Militia were 'all to receive new Arms,' presumably the same as the regulars."

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**26May76** Office of Ordnance, Quebec

Return of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores Collected from different Batteries &c occupied by the Enemy after their retreat the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant<sup>7</sup>

	Serviceable	Unserviceable
Musquets, English		413
, Riffle		4
Bayonets f/musquets		244
Cartridge Boxes		80
Ramrods Iron	9	

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**1776** General Abstract of Arms and Necessarys Bo[ugh]t. For the use of the Troops under the command of Sir John Johnson [arms only]<sup>8</sup>

At Johnstown and St Ridgis

92 Firelocks

66 pouches

43 powder horns

250 pounds Ball

50 pounds Shot

120 Flints

20 knives

Cash paid Jean Bapt. Sanson Black Smith at St. Ridgis for repairing Arms £12 19s 5p

At Montreal

300 Flints

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**15May77** Sir John's Orderly Book, La Chine<sup>9</sup>

It being Reported to the Commanding Officer that Several of the Soldiers make a practice of Gunning with their Regimental Fire Locks, he Desires for the future to say any Soldier who shall be guilty of Using their Arms to that purpose, if they shall, they may Depend they will be punished as the Martial Law Directs.

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**15Jul77** Sir John's Orderly Book, Buck (Carleton) Island<sup>10</sup>

General Order – The K.R.R. of New York will Expend that part of their ammunition which [is] fit for service in firing at marks Every morning in presence of their officers.

Regimental Orders – all the men of the R. Regt of N.Y. to fire two Rounds of Ball Cartridge each to morrow at 10 o'clock. [Wow – two rounds!]

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**17Jul77** Sir John's Orderly Book, Carleton Island<sup>11</sup>

Lieutenant Collorton [RA] will prepare ammunition For two 6 pounders & 2 Cohorns and 50 rounds ball cartridges per man for 500 men and make demand of the number of large boats that will be sufficient For their transports... the kings regt, the 34, Captain Watts's Detachment [KRR Lights], and Capt Reveil's [Hertel de Rouville's Canadiens] corps to be completed with 50 rounds of good ammunition Immediately... it is absolutely necessary that the officers commanding Corps should provide their men with some sort of cases to keep their locks dry through the woods in rainy weather...

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**15Sep77** Butler's Rangers' Beating Order, Quebec<sup>12</sup>

To John Butler Esqr appointed Major Commandant of a Corps of Rangers to serve with the Indians.

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the King, I do hereby authorize and empower you, or such officers as you shall direct, by the beat of the Drum, or otherwise, forthwith to raise, on the Frontiers of this Province, as many able bodied men, of His Majesty's loyal subjects, as will form one Company of Rangers, to serve with the Indians, as occasion shall require: which Company shall consist of a Captain, a first Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, three Serjeants, three Corporals and fifty private men; and when you shall have compleated one Company as aforesaid, you are further empowered to raise and form another in like manner, and of like numbers as the first, and so on, untill you shall have compleated a number of companies of rangers as aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole eight companies;

observing that the first be compleated, armed and fit for service, and have passed muster, before such person as shall be appointed for that purpose, by some one of the Commanding Officers of His Majesty's Troops, nearest to where the said companies so raised, shall be at the time, before another be begun to be raised. And of which eight Companies, or such part thereof as you shall be able to raise, you shall be Major Commandant, two of the Companies aforesaid (to be composed of people speaking the Indian language and acquainted with their Customs and Manner of making War) for their encouragement shall be paid at the rate of four shillings New York Currency by the day, non Commissioned Officers in proportion from the day of their inlisting, and the other said companies (to be composed of people well acquainted with the Woods) in consideration of the fateague they are liable to undergo, shall be paid at the rate of two shillings New York Currency by the day; Non Commissioned Officers in proportion, **the whole to cloath and arm themselves at their own expense** [editorial emphasis.] You and the Officers so raised, to be paid as is customary to the Officers of like rank, in his Majesty's service, and you are carefully to obey and follow such orders and directions; as you shall from time to time receive from me, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, or any other of your superior Officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand and Seal at Quebec this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and in the Seventeenth year of the Reign, Guy Carleton

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**19Sep77** State of Small Arms the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1774 with the receipts and Issues to the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1777<sup>13</sup>

	English Musquets			French Musquets		
	Ser.	Rep.	Uns.	Ser.	Rep.	Uns.
Total Receipts during this period including the opening inventory	5650	1204	1090	2931	2759	460
Total Issues	5569	966	833	2931	2731	
Remains in Store	81	230	265		28	460

N.B. One Hundred and Ninety two Stands of English Musquets, Repairable remaining in Store have Wood Ramrods, they having been sent from New York for service of the Transports.

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Of the significant Receipts – English Arms only:

On 01Oct74 in inventory at this date	1020	294	
On 07Dec75 from Barclay from England	3120		
On 12 Dec75 from Brit Militia (Quebec City)		229	
“ from French Militia “		99	
On 28Dec75 from Armourers	450		245
On 01May76 from Col Hamilton, 21 <sup>st</sup>		379	
On 06May76 from the rebels			413
On 11Aug76 from England for Col Maclean	720		315
On 24Mar77 from 47 <sup>th</sup> Regt			109
On 29May77 from Col Maclean		194	4
On 30Jun77 from Armourers	271		
On 26Jun77 from British Militia	47		
On 28Dec77 from Armourers	450		245

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Of the significant Issues:

On 13Sep75 to General Prescott	280
On 17Sep75 to British Militia	229
“ to Canadian Militia	212
On 08Oct75 to Col Maclean	30
<b>[NB: marks arrival of 3120 stands from England]</b>	
On 12Dec75 to British Militia	294
“ to Canadian Militia	548
“ to Col Maclean	478

	English Musquets			French Musquets		
	Ser.	Rep.	Uns.	Ser.	Rep.	Uns.
On 28Dec75 to Navy	373					
On 28Mar76 to Invalid Company	78					
On 19&20May76 to three Naval vessels	105					
On 21May76 to 29 <sup>th</sup> Regt	76					
On 28May76 to the vessel General Thomas	1000					
On 07Jun76 to Beaujour's Canadians	80					
<b>[NB: 19Jun76 KRR NY beating order]</b>						
On 30Jun76 to the vessel Success	500					
On 15Aug76 to Canadian Militia	125					
On 26Nov76 sent to England			833			
On 26Dec76 to German recruits	136					
On 31Dec76 to Armourers to repair			695			
On 24Mar77 to 47 <sup>th</sup> Regt	343					
On 01Sep77 f/vessel Ceres	650					
f/Armourers to repair			271			

A quotation from Jim Kochan's article – "Prior to Johnson's appearance, Burgoyne had ordered 1,000 stands of arms forwarded in conjunction with the British advance up the St. Lawrence with which to arm the much-anticipated Canadian Provincials. On 28 May, 1,000 "serviceable English" muskets were shipped aboard the General Thomas, Mr. Littlewood, Master. Providing for additional troops, such as Johnson's new regiment and the refugees that began flooding in from the southward, had not been anticipated. Burgoyne requested Carleton to send forward another 500 stands of English arms, which were dispatched via the Success on 30 June (nearly exhausting the remaining stock of British arms on hand at Quebec). All (or the vast majority) of the 1,500 muskets forwarded were probably the same Short Land Pattern muskets shipped to Canada for the provincial corps (based on careful analysis of all deliveries into and issues from the Quebec store during 1775-76)."

When I suggested to Jim that the Ordnance Department in Quebec City may have emptied out its inventory of all the marginal arms to send upriver, he was satisfied that the 'last-in, first-out' inventory principle would have applied, and, of course, it may have.

It is worth noting that LCol Allan Maclean must have indented to England for 700 arms when he arrived in Canada long before the siege of Quebec and when that shipment arrived, he turned in 315 Unserviceable ones. In 1777, when the Emigrants were left in Canada as part of Carleton's army for the defence of Canada, the regiment's strength was approximately 500 all ranks. Yet, over the years 1775-77, Maclean had been issued from England and Canada 1,228 muskets (ignoring the 96 French arms he was issued on 08Oct75) and returned 513 to stores, which left him with 715 – perhaps he was holding the additional 215 stands in expectation of recruiting; however, considering the shortage of arms mentioned below in Carleton's letter to Germain, this would seem very unlikely.

**21Sep77** Governor Carleton to Lord George Germain, Quebec

I enclose your Lordship A Return of Arms received and issued since the latter end of the Year 1774 to the present time.

General Burgoyne has demanded first a thousand stands[,] which have been furnished as your Lordship will see in the return, and he has since required the number to be made up to fifteen hundred for Provincials. The additional five hundred your Lordship will see we shall have difficulty to make out for him, and the kings store in this province, will have no arms remaining, which I thought necessary to inform you of, in order that you may give directions for such number to be sent here as your Lordship shall judge requisite for the defence of the Province and other purposes.

*This letter from Carleton requires interpretation. Clearly, the governor is referring to the 1,000 stands ( 650 English and 350 French) shipped on 01Sep77 aboard the storeship Ceres. What was Burgoyne's intention when he indented for 1,000 stands? It can be interpreted that the additional 500 were for Provincials, or that all 1,500 were. Not very clear.*

*And, this thought does not answer what happened to the 1,500 stands of English arms shipped aboard the General Thomas and Success in May and June, 1776. Where had they gone and why did Burgoyne need yet another 1,500?*

*It is known that Canadien Provincial battalions were not raised for Carleton's 1776 campaign. Only Messrs Beaujou's and Baby's militiamen drew English arms, 80 and 175 respectively. Other Canadien militiamen drew French arms about this same time.*

*Obviously, Maclean's Royal Highland Emigrants did not eat up this large supply of British arms, as all of that regiment's issues were properly recorded.*

*If, the Royal Yorkers drew from this supply in June/July 1776, they would have taken only some 175 stands, so where did all the rest go? One supposes, the British Regular regiments replaced broken arms before they left on Burgoyne's expedition, but no records of issues from the 1,500 stands was recorded and the 343 stands issued to the 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment appear to have come from stores in Quebec City.*

*Of the three Canadien companies that were raised to support Burgoyne and St. Leger for the 1777 campaign, 150 stands of French arms were issued to Boucherville and Launière; however, what arms were issued to Hertel de Rouville's company when it went with St. Leger is a mystery.*

**01Oct77** Office of Ordnance, Quebec

	Serviceable	Repairable
Musquets, English	115	204
, French	28	
Bayonets, Musquet	968	
, Carbine	190	

**27Oct77** Survey of Ordnance Stores.<sup>14</sup>

	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Montreal			
Halberds Serjeants	14		
Iron ramrods	57		
Pouches w/o belts	18		
Musquets, English w/o rammers		66	184
, French “			26
Chambly			
Musquets, English w/Iron rrrds, Bayonets & Scabbs, Cartridge boxes w/straps and frogs	500		

**11Mar78** Survey of Ordnance Stores, St. John<sup>15</sup>

	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Musquets w/Bayonets, Scabbards, Belts, Frogs & Cartouch Boxes – English	197	9	
Musquets w/Cartouches, boxes & belts	868		
Musquets of sorts			54
Musquetoons		2	

**01May78** Remain [i.e. current inventory] of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores in the several Garrisons undermentioned, Montreal, Alex Schaw Esq, Commissary & Pay Master of Artillery in Canada<sup>16</sup> [S – serviceable; U – unserviceable]

	Remain	Chambly	St. John	Montreal
Musquets w/Bay's, Scabbs, Belts, Frogs & Cartridge Boxes – English	S 247	S 150	S 197	
Musquets w/Cart Boxes & Belts -- French	S 268	S 268		
Carbines w/Bays, Scabbs, Belts, Frogs & Cart Boxes Compleat f/Artillery	S 278	S 130		S 148

	Remain	Chambly	St. John	Montreal
Musquets of Sorts	U – 54		U – 54	

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*Examining the above two returns, it would appear that the second refers only complete stands of arms, as the 868 English muskets w/o bayonets held at St. Johns on 11 March are not mentioned in the second return.*

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**01 May 78** General Return of Stores in the Quarter Master Generals Department in the several Storehouses at Quebec, Montreal, Chambly and St Johns – Montreal<sup>17</sup>

Articles	Quebec	Montreal	St. Johns
Arms out of which 31 Fuzees } have been Issued to Canadians } and Indians }	Cases 29		
Shott	Keggs 220		
Cartridge Boxes and Belts	Casks	26	
Canadian Firelocks			48
Cartridge Boxes			48

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**04 Jun 78** Captain Walter Butler to Carleton, Quebec<sup>18</sup>

The Rangers, when they join the Corps, are nearly destitute of clothing and necessaries, and having no bounty allowed them confirmed by the General, their being obliged to pay for their arms brings them greatly in debt and subjects Major Butler to many losses, either by their being killed or by natural death.

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**29 Jun 78** Office of Ordnance, Quebec<sup>19</sup>

Musquets – English	297
-- French	318
Bayonets – Musquet	1031
-- Carbine	173
Scabbards f/Bays – Musquet	297

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**12 Jul 78** LCol von Kreutzbourg to the Hereditary Prince regarding the Hesse Hanau Infantry detachment under Captain von Schoell.<sup>20</sup>

I am told that no new equipment has been sent for the new arrival of recruits from London to Portsmouth, but hope is expressed that some will be sent shortly. If it does not arrive during this year, it will be impossible for these recruits to do service, as they do not even have muskets. However, I trust that they will receive some old English guns from General Haldimand as they can do nothing with the muskets which they have received at Portsmouth which have only wooden ramrods. They have no swords and will probably have to be satisfied with bayonets.

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**03 Aug 78** Office of Ordnance, Quebec<sup>21</sup>

	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Musquets English w/Steel Ramrods		15	
Musquets English w/Wood Ramrods	192		
Musquets French	247	54	

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**04 Aug 78** Return of Arms, upon an Average, Quebec<sup>22</sup>

Each Case Contain'd 25 Stands	725
<u>Issued</u>	<u>37</u>
Remains	688
Suposition	
No. 1 @ 10..... Common Sort	

Suposition

11 @ 20 ..... Second ditto  
 21 @ 29 ..... Best ditto

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**26Aug78** Lieut William Fraser to Haldimand, Isle aux Noix<sup>23</sup>

Fraser wrote to the governor about the formation of his Independent Company, "Nothing is wanting to render them fit for immediate Service but Cloathing and light Arms, concerning which would be glad to receive your Excellency's Orders, in what manner they are to be provided for in these Particulars."

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**17Sep78** Major John Butler to Haldimand, Niagara<sup>24</sup>

Many of the Rangers who are daily joining in the Indian country being in want of arms, I would humble submit to Your Excellency's consideration whether light arms such as carbines with bayonets and boxes (of which I have heard that there are a number lying in the magazine at Quebec) would not be the most proper for those people. Should Your Excellency approve of this measure, I would request that you would be pleased to give the necessary orders for forwarding them if possible this season. The number of arms requisite for this purpose will be about five hundred to make them all uniform, for which I will be answerable to Your Excellency, either by paying for them or returning, whichever you may think most expedient.

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**26Sep78** General Return of Stores in the Quarter Master Generals Department in the Kings Magazines at Quebec<sup>25</sup>

27 Cases with Arms out of which 30 have been issued  
 196 Kegs and Boxes of Shot for Ditto

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**Oct78** Proportion of Ordnance & Stores to Compleat the Field Train in Canada... 26Mar78 Sent in the Andrew, arrived in Oct78 – 60 Chests, musquets w/bayonets<sup>26</sup>

Short Land Musquets w/Bayonets, Scabbards, & Steel Rammers	1500 }	
		} In 60 Chests
Cartouch Boxes w/Belts and Frogs	1500 }	

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**09Oct78** Haldimand to Major John Butler, Sorel<sup>27</sup>

With respect to arms, the great deficiency of that article at present in this province for any extraordinary emergency renders it impossible to supply you with any until we shall be furnished from England.

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**14Oct78** Return of Cloathing in Store at Sorell.<sup>28</sup>

N.B. Ten Cases of Accoutrements

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**15Oct78** Haldimand to Germain, Sorel.<sup>29</sup>

Haldimand described the vulnerability of Isle aux Noix, St. John and Montreal and advised that he was moving virtually all of the province's stores to Sorel, which he planned to fortify.

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**24Dec78** Subce. Return for Ten Companies of the Kings Royal Regiment of New York... signed Will. Morison Lieut & Actg QrMstr, Montreal

30 Serjeants  
 30 Corporals  
 14 Drummers  
 335 Private Effectives

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**31Dec78** General Return of Stores in the Quarter Master Generals Department in the Several Store Houses, Montreal<sup>30</sup>

Articles	Quebec	Sorell
Arms Out of which		
29 Fuzees have been		

Articles	Quebec	Sorell
Issued to Canadians; Cases & Indians	25	
Shott	Keggs 196	
Cartridge Boxes and Belts		
	Casks 16	10

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**01Jan79** Office of Ordnance, Quebec<sup>31</sup> (virtually the same f/**01Apr79**<sup>32</sup>)

Musquets – English	1714
-- French	103
Bayonets – Musquets	2131
-- Carbines	170
Scabbards f/Bayonets	1714

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**24Jan79** A Return of Articles ordered to be delivered out of the Quar'r Master Generals Store to the Board of Ordnance; Engineer, Barrack and Naval Departments by His Excellencys the Commander in Chief Head Quarters Quebec<sup>33</sup>

Ordnance

Fuzee Cases	25
Keggs of Shot	196
Cartridge Boxes & Belts	16

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**12Feb79** LCol Mason Bolton to Haldimand, Niagara<sup>34</sup>

Major Butler's Corps having extreme bad arms, I have lent him one hundred firelocks out of the Garrison Store, for which number he had given me a receipt to be accountable to Government.

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**04Mar79** LCol Mason Bolton to Haldimand, Niagara<sup>35</sup>

PS - We have not at this time a single good musket flint in the garrison.

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**27Mar79** List of Ordnance Stores at Niagara reported Repairable or Unserviceable & therefore proposed to be withdrawn...<sup>36</sup>

	Repairable	Unserviceable
Bayonets – Musquet	167	
-- Carbine	125	
Cartouche boxes – Musquet	230	
-- Carbine	35	
Carbines		27

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**01Apr79** General Return of Stores in the Quarter Master General's Department in the several Storehouses at Quebec, Montreal, Saint Johns, Chambly and Sorel, Head Quarters, Quebec<sup>37</sup>

At Quebec

Cases of Arms for Canadians & Indians out of which have been Issued 29 [firelocks]	
	25 [cases]
Shot for Ditto	Keggs 194

At Sorel

Cases of Accoutrements	10
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**08Apr79** Haldimand to Col Bolton, Quebec<sup>38</sup>

As many of the arms, &c, belonging to the artillery are deemed in their present state unfit for service, it is my intention to send up armourers and other artificers to put everything in the best order they can.

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**24Apr79** Subce. Return for Ten Companies of the Kings Royal Regiment of New York...signed by P. Daly Capt & Paymaster and John Johnson Lieut Col Commandr<sup>39</sup>

30 Serjeants  
 30 Corporals  
 14 Drummers  
 341 Private Effectives

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**May79** a State of facts respecting the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 84 Regt for the Consideration of Sir Henry Clinton<sup>40</sup>

When the Augementation of the 84 Regt took Place in May 1779 Brigadier Maclean was in England to recommend it to his new Agents to receive the allowance for Pistol Money from the Board of Ordonance for the Augementation of 400 Men[.] those Gentlemen told him there Could be no difficulty in the Matter, as they had before received it for the whole Regiment when they were only a Provincial Corps, on ... arrival in Canada having learned that his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton had approved Messrs Cox Mair & Cox Agents, I immediately wrote them not to forget to apply for the Allowance for Pistols...

As the reduction of 280 men had taken place long before my Arrival in England last January the allowance for Pistols to 280 men was refused, but without the Smallest difficulty the[y] granted an order the remaining 120 Men, and Had not those Gentlemen neglected to make the application properly any time before the reduction of the 280 took place they would have received this allowance for the 400...

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*This undated document is of particular interest as it proves that the Royal Highland Emigrants were granted the usual Highland privilege of carrying pistols. Also, it raises questions about augmentations and reductions to the battalion's strength that I have not seen elsewhere.*

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**08May79** Return of Arms and Accoutrements wanting to Compleat the Kings Royal Regt of New York, Montreal – signed by John Johnson

Companies	Firelocks	Bayonets	Cart'g Boxes
Lieut Col Sir John Johnsons	11	10	9
Major James Gray's	9	10	10
Captains John Munro	10	11	11
Patrick Daly	6	8	6
Richd Duncan	8	9	9
Saml Anderson	14	14	13
John McDonel	6	6	6
Angus McDonel	1	1	1
Alex McDonel			
Joseph Anderson	1	1	1
Total	66	70	66

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**13May79** Haldimand to Sir John, Quebec<sup>41</sup>

I expect Lieut. Colonel Carleton here in a few days and I shall then arrange and order, the arms, and Blankets, you have sent Returns for.

I should be glad to have a return from you, of what is wanting to compleat the Regiment, but must observe, that as Our Stores in the Province are not considerable, and Our Supplies uncertain then nothing may be asked for but what is absolutely necessary.

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**20May79** Sir John Johnson to Haldimand, La Chine<sup>42</sup>

Inclosed herewith I transmit the Return of Arms[,] Regimentals &c to compleat the Regiment to its Establishment...

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**20May79** Return of Arms & Accoutrements wanting to Compleat The Kings Royal Regt of New York, agreeable to the Establishment, Montreal – signed by John Johnson

Firelocks 188  
 Bayonets 188  
 Ca. Boxes 188

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*This return was entered at the same time as an indent for clothing and suggests that 188 recruits had been absorbed into the battalion; however, other evidence does not support that supposition. As the very large increase in recruits came in May80, the significance of the number '188' remains a mystery, especially when considering Johnson's return of twelve days previous that showed so many fewer requirements and was more consistent with recruiting of the time. Perhaps a thorough survey had been conducted and marginally serviceable arms were identified for turning in.*

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**23May79** Haldimand to Sir John, Quebec<sup>43</sup>

I have received your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, with the enclosed returns for Arms, and Accoutrements, also for Cloathing and Blankets, - and shall send you my determination, respecting these Articles in a Short time.

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**24May79** Major John Butler to LCol Mason Bolton, Niagara<sup>44</sup>

Four casks of powder that was sent was entirely spoiled and could not be made use of. I would be glad if you would order the powder you send me to be inspected, as the expense of getting it to this place is considerable and this is only thrown away on bad powder, besides the disappointment of it.

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**04Jun79** Return of Arms[,] Ammunition and Camp Equipage wanting to Compleat Capt Leake's Company, Sorel<sup>45</sup>

For 1 Capt, 4 Lieut, 1 Ens, 5 Sjts, 2 Drs & 80 Ptes = 93 all ranks

Firelocks	80
Bayonets	80
Cartouche boxes	19
Cartridges	5100
Fuzee Balls	336
Tomahawks	45
Tents & Kettles,	15 ea
Canteens & Haversacks,	93 ea and Knapsacks, 87

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**07Jun79** Sir John to Haldimand, La Chine<sup>46</sup>

As Your Excellency expects to send Captain Leakes Company on immediate Service I beg leave to enclose a Return of Arms, Ammunitions and Camp Equipage, wanting to Compleat them.

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**10Jun79** Haldimand to Sir John, Quebec<sup>47</sup>

I beg you will be so good as to make a particular inquiry into the State of Arms of Captain Leake's Company - I am surprised to find by the Return that Arms are wanted for the whole Company, having understood they were Compleat in Arms, except some that may want repairing, which shall be done, or if necessary exchanged - a Scarcity of Arms, make it necessary to be very attentive to so very Essential an Article.

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**15Jun79** Sir John to Haldimand, La Chine<sup>48</sup>

Captain Leake Acquaints me that his reason for returning his Arms unfit for Service was from a desire to have such as he could depend upon, that those he has, when received in Winter 1777, were Old, and without Bayonets, and tho' repaired, not to be depended upon at this time...

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**17Jun79** Haldimand to Sir John, Quebec<sup>49</sup>

Captain Lakes Arms must be changed and repaired in the best manner possible, as New Arms cannot be at present furnished.

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**26Jul79** Major Daniel McAlpin to Capt Robert Mathews, Sorel.<sup>50</sup>

... I had no opportunity to see them [Corps of Loyalists] under Arms except Capt Leakes Detachment whose arms I found in very bad order, Sir John Johnson and Capt Leake undertook to report this to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Upon Examining the arms of the remainder of the Corps left here I found them much in the same Condition.

I have lately received a Letter from Captain Leake wherein he wishes much to have the arms of his Detachment exchanged[;] he reports them all unfit for service[.] [T]he most part of those arms were not good when we received them, being old french Muskets without Bayonets no Dou[b]t they were neglected by these people who assume the rank of officers which make them still worse.

[A]t the same time if it be convenient to His Excellency to order Compleat good arms to be Delivered to the whole of our Effectives. I shall while I have the honor to Command them, use my best endeavours to have the arms always kept in good and serviceable order.

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*Although Leake's Independent Company was not integral to the Royal Yorkers, it served with the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion as a de facto 11<sup>th</sup> company and later with the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion as a mentor, until absorbed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion in Nov81. What it drew for arms is no proof of what the KRR possessed; however, McAlpin's observations offer further evidence of the secondary position occupied by Provincials in the supply chain. The French muskets issued to the various loyalist units in Burgoyne's army (including the Loyal Volunteers from which Leake's was primarily drawn) must have been part of the 350 stands shipped in the Ceres on 01Sep77.*

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**24Aug79** Subce. Return for Ten Companies of the Kings Royl Regt of New York...signed by P. Daly Capt & Paymaster and James Gray Major<sup>51</sup>

30 Serjeants  
 30 Corporals  
 16 Drummers  
 380 Private Effectives

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**13Sep79** Sir John to Haldimand, LaChine<sup>52</sup>

Giving details of his planned expedition to relieve the Six Nations and their allies – “I am sorry to inform you that near a third of the Detachment of my own Regiment are Without arms, which I was intirely unacquainted with, till their arrival here; I demanded them in Montreal but was refused them – I must therefore by Your Excellency would Order fifty Eight stands, with everything necessary for them, to be forwarded after me, or they may overtake us before we get to Carleton Island – the Men remaining have scarcely a Gun fit for Service, Your Excellency will therefore see the Necessity of Ordering the Arms Agreeable to the return long since given in...”

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**16Sep79** Haldimand? to Sir John, Quebec<sup>53</sup>

I have received your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant, and have in Consequence of it, given orders to have the Compleat sett of Arms, you Require, forwarded after you to Carleton Island, where you will Likewise Receive Two Brass Field pieces with Ammunition agreeably to the enclosed Order. Should you stand in need of further assistnce of that Nature, the enclosed Letter to Lieut Colonel Bolton will procure it for you, I should think a couple of Coehorns might be usefull against their Stockaded Forts where they cannot yet have made Bomb Proofs...

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**01Oct79** General Return of Stores in the Quarter Master Generals Department in Canada – Head Quarters, Quebec<sup>54</sup>

At Montreal			
Tomahawks			100
At Sorel			
Fuzees	Cases	25 Contg	Stands 595
Rifles	do	2 do	do 18
At Sorel			
Fuzee Ball & Shott		Kegs	90
Accoutrements		Cases	27
At Chambly			
Cases of Cartridge Boxes			3

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**29Oct79** Major Gray to Major Francis Le Maistre, Haldimand's military secretary.<sup>55</sup>  
 ... indeed we never had good arms only old Repaired arms, & badly done.

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*This makes it abundantly clear that the Royal Yorkers had not drawn top grade Short Land muskets.*

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**11Nov79** Major Francis Le Maistre to BGen Allan Maclean.<sup>56</sup>  
 Three hundred stands of Arms are shipped for Montreal which his Excellency desires may be divided between your Regiment & Sir John Johnson's Corps, according to the deficiencies reported.

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*This must be the issue of arms referred to by Major Gray in November 4, 1781 when he mentioned receiving 130 good stands two years before.*

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**10Feb80** Report of the State and present Distribution of Powder, Small Arms, &c...<sup>57</sup>

	<u>Musquets, English w/steel rds complete</u>			<u>Musquets, French w/o Bayonets</u>
	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Serviceable
Quebec	1418			86
Sorel	160			
Chamblee	60	90	8	
Ft. St. John	115			
Montreal	65		359	
Oswegatchie			1	
Niagara	191	219	10	
Detroit	37		83	

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**01Apr80** Office of Ordnance, Quebec<sup>58</sup>

Musquets – English	1216
-- French	70
Bayonets – Musquets	1930
-- Carbines	161
Scabbards f/Bayonets	1216

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**01Apr80** General Return of Stores in the Quarter Master Generals Department in Canada, Head Quarters, Quebec<sup>59</sup>

At Quebec

Shots Boxes 8, Kegs 83

At Montreal

Tommahawks 88

At Sorel

Fuzees (Cases 25 Contg)	Stands	595
Riffles (Cases 2 Contg)	do	18
Fuzee Ball & Shott	Kegs	90
Accoutrements	Cases	27

At St. Johns

Tommehawks 217

At St. Johns

Stands of Arms 15

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**06Apr80** Memorand: of Repairable & Unserviceable Arms &c at Niagara & Detroit proposed to be removed to Quebec, Quebec<sup>60</sup>

	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Niagara			
Musquets { New Pattern	107	85	10
{ Old Pattern	70	47	
{ Short	14	87	
{ Dutch	97	61	
{ of several Sorts			36
Total	288	280	46
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Carbines, English			1
Bayonets f/Musquets		37	
Cartouch f/Musquets	74	130	
Cartouch f/Carbines	26		
Cartouch of Leather		4	
Detroit			
English Musquets	37		83
Bayonets f/Musquets	18		

**24Apr80** Subce. Return for Ten Companies of the Kings Roysl Regt of New York...signed by Will. Morison Lieut & Actg QrMasr<sup>61</sup>

- 30 Serjeants
- 30 Corporals
- 17 Drummers
- 430 Private Effectives

**01May80** Haldimand to Sir John<sup>62</sup>

I have Received Your Letter, Covering a Return of Ammunition wanted to Compleat Your Regimt to 50 Rounds per man... You will therefore be furnished with whatever quantity of Extraordinary Ammunition you may think necessary for the Men of Your Regiment, and for your Detachments at Large, either at St Johns, or the Isle aux Noix... Having Experienced the difficulty of preserving Ammunition from Injury upon long and irregular marches, I intimated to Capt Scott the means I have found most Effectual, which was by putting loose powder into dry Canteens, well Corked, and a Piece of Bladder, or oiled Linen, tied over it.

**12Jun80** Sir John to Haldimand, Montreal<sup>63</sup>

I hope to leave this with Colonel Claus on Thursday next, by water, and I shall bring the Armorer with me, I believe Your Excellency will find him the best in the Province.

**01Sep80** Report of the State and present Distribution of Powder, Small Arms, and Ammunition...<sup>64</sup> (not much altered by **01Oct80** & **01Dec80**<sup>65</sup>)

	<u>Musquets, English w/steel rds complete</u>			<u>Musquets, French w/o Bayonets</u>		
	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Quebec	1212	88	119	95		
Field Train	39	141	468		15	1
Sorell	78			62	2	
Chambly	60			94		
Oswegatchie	26			46		
Niagara	191			97 Dutch		
Detroit	37					

**07Sep80** Sir John to Haldimand<sup>66</sup>

As the men of my second battalion are... also all without Arms, as well, as a great part of the men of the first Battalion - returns for which have been sent in some time ago.

**Sep80** Captain John Munro to Captain Mathews, Point Clair, 30Jul81<sup>67</sup>

Munro wrote the following about the preparation made by Sir John and himself for their October expeditions. "... when Sir John Johnson went off with his detachment the Men and Arms were picked from the whole Regiment – when I rec'd my Orders, I had no Arms fit for Service, many of the Men which went with me were Recruits [who] did not receive their Cloathing and the party in General in want of every thing fit for the Service they were [enter]ing upon, which obliged me Imediately to employ all the Gun-smiths, Taylors, Shoemakers &c in the Regiment and Montreal in order to get ready. I made application to the Kings Stores For Arms and Other Articles, and all I received was 12pr of Shoes and Six Blankets...

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**11Sep80** Major John Ross to Captain Mathews<sup>2</sup>, Coteau du Lac<sup>68</sup>

I hope youll be kind enough to put His Excellency in mind of the Cloathing and Arms for the [2<sup>nd</sup>] Battalion.

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**01Oct80** Remain of Ordnance & Ordnance Stores, Sorel<sup>69</sup>

	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Musquetoons, Iron barrels	3		
, Brass barrels	2		
English Musquets, w/steel ramrods, bay'ts & scabs	242		
, w/steel ramrods only	122		
, w/wood rrrds, b&s & brown slings	25		
, w/wood rrrds, b&s	21		
, w/o ramrods & bayonets	52		538
, barrels only			59
English Musquets Bayonets w/o scabbards			48
English Cartridge Boxes w/belts & frogs	320		
w/o belts & frogs	148		
French Musquets w/Steel ramrods	202	12	6
German Musquets			11
Fuzils w/Steel ramrods			35
Powder Horns for Light Infantry	13		
Pouches w/Slings: w/o Slings	7:47		

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**01Oct80** General Return of Stores &c in the Quarter Master Generals Department in Canada, Quebec<sup>70</sup>

At Quebec		
TommaHawks	Cask	1
At Sorel		
Shot	Kegs	70
Fuzees	Stands	595
Riffles	Do	18
Accoutrements	Cases	27
Tommawhawks	Cask	5
At St. Johns		
Fuzees		410
Shott	Kegs	10½
Flints	Do	1

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**05Oct80** Capt Mathews to Major Ross, Quebec<sup>71</sup>

You will likewise be furnished with cloathing and Arms (such as can be procured) by sending down a Batteau to Montreal and transmitting to Brigadier General Maclean a Return of the Number You will have occasion for...

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**15Oct80** Captain Gumersall to Sir John, Oswego 08Sep83

... orderd by the following Regimental order to proceed to Montreal on that Duty viz "Capt Gumersall to proceed immediately to Montreal to receive Arms for the Regt from Colo. Campbell [i.e. Indian fusils,] and Cloathg which his Excellency had orderd to be Issued from the Qr. Mr. Genl Stores..."

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**17Oct80** Demand of [indent for] Ordnance & Ordnance Stores for service of this garrison for year 1781. Quebec<sup>72</sup>

Carbines, w/Steel Ramrods, Bayonets, Scabbards & Cartouch Boxes 1000

Musquets w/Steel Ramrods, Bayonets, Scabbards but no Cartouch boxes 2000

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**17Oct80** Major John Ross to Captain Mathews, Coteau du Lac<sup>73</sup>

I hear my Quarters are fixed for Carleton Island, I have sent the only Officer here (except Ensn Arden) for Cloathing and Arms to Montreal (i.e. Gumersall.)

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**16Nov80** Sir John to Haldimand, Montreal<sup>74</sup>

As I understand there are Five Hundred Carabines in Store here, and the Indian Arms, which were delivered out to the Second Battalion, very unfit for Service. I wish they could be spared and Exchanged for the latter, as they would answer better than even Musquets or them for the Service of the Woods.

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**20Nov80** Haldimand to Sir John, Quebec<sup>75</sup>

It is not in my power to Spare the few Carabines remaining having detained them for a Particular purpose[.] Arms Expected by the Fall must certainly arrive next Summer, in the mean Time you will make the most of the Indian Arms.

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**12Jan81** BGen von Riedesel to Haldimand<sup>76</sup>

... he had observed artificers of Jessup's Corps employed in the Engineers Department cutting timber up Lake [Champlain] who were without arms or accoutrements and asked that this state of affairs be remedied.

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**19Feb81** Captain Robert Mathews to LCol John Campbell, Quebec<sup>77</sup>

The Company of Bateau Men at Coteau du Lac being in want of Arms, I am directed to signify to You His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs desire that You will deliver from the Indian Store to Captain Maurer thirty Setts of the long Fuzees, and as many of the red Handled scalping Knives, which, by reducing the Handles, may occasionally be used a Bayonet – Brigadier General Maclean has directions to send a necessary Quantity of Ammunition, but if there are not Balls in Store, nor Flints that will fit the Fuzees the General desires You will add them likewise.

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*This is a small company of no more than 40 all ranks and, considering the volume of arms that were in inventory at the various storehouses in Oct80, it is remarkable that proper Land Pattern muskets or carbines could not be found to equip them. This is further evidence about which rung of the supply ladder American Provincials stood upon. This is especially the case regarding the extraordinary expedient of supplying scalping knives to convert into plug bayonets.*

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**01Apr81** General Return of Stores And Batteaux in the Quarter Master Generals Department in Canada – Head Quarters Quebec<sup>78</sup>

At Quebec

Shot	Kegs	83, Boxes 8
TommaHawks	Casks	6

At Sorel

Fuzees	Stands	595
Riffles	Do	16
Shot	Kegs	70
Accoutrements	Cases	27



*Considering the substantial volume of arms that arrived over the years from Britain and the obvious turnover in Ordnance stores, coupled with how few truly serviceable arms were distributed to Provincials, one could conclude that the British regiments were favoured with 'new' arms on a regular basis.*

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**11Sep81** Received from on board the Swan Transport, Thomas Potts, Master in good Order and Condition the following Goods for the Indian Department, being Marked and Numbers as per Margin<sup>83</sup>

Q  
G I  
N  
No.1 a 42. 42 Cases of Arms  
1 a 4. 4 Casks of Axes  
280 Quarter Barrels of Gunpowder

Q  
D P  
D  
No.1 a 30 30 Cases Arms  
1 a 8 8 Casks Flints  
480 Quarter Barrels of Gunpowder

Q  
G H  
C  
No.1 a 3 3 Cases Arms  
1 a 7 7 Casks of Flints  
200 Half Barrels Gunpowder

Q  
G H  
G  
No.1 a 99}  
118,119, 120, 121}  
103 Cases of Arms  
No.1 a 7 7 Casks of Flints

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**01Nov81** State of Powder, Ammunition & Small Arms at the Several Posts in Canada<sup>8485</sup>

	Musquets w/steel rrds, b&s	Musquets w/steel rrds only	Musquets w/o rrds or bay'ts	Musquets w/wood rrds, b&s	Carbines	French
Quebec						
Garrison	4296			25 + 400 black	1000	90
Field Train	122				161	22
Sorel	64	30		43	10	20
Chambly	60					94
Montreal						46

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**04Nov81** Major Gray to Lernoult, Montreal<sup>86</sup>

[W]e have not 100 Stands of good arms in the Regiment, its true we goat 130 stands of good arms two winters ago (1779), betwixt Prisoners taken & Arms Brock upon service a great many of them are Lost, what arms we goat before that were old Repaired arms not worth a sixpence for service, nor were we ever at any time Completed with Arms, good and Bad arms, we have not above 250, now I should be glad to Know whether we are to have arms this winter.

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**07Jan82** Jessup's Orderly Book<sup>87</sup>

G. Orders, Head Quarters, Quebec  
The British Regiments & Corps of Loyalists to Send as Soon as Possible to the adjt Generals Office a State of their Arms accounting for all Difficieneses and uppon What Occasion they hapned.

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**20Jan82** Captain Joseph Anderson to [Captain John Munro,] Coteau De Lac<sup>88</sup>

Having seen a late Genl. Order for all Regits. to send to Head Quarters a Return of arms wanting to Complete them, mentioning their losses, & upon what Service, I am under the Necessity to Return two firelocks lost on your Expedition to Balston, & three Bayonets, in Octor 1780.

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**07Feb82** Copy of a Letter from the adjutant General to Majr General de Riedhasl<sup>89</sup>

I am Commanded by His Excellency General Haldimand to acquaint you that Major Genl Clarke having Expressed a Desire to Make a tour round the Province he had availd himself of that Occation to Desire him to Inspect the arms accutrements & Cloathing of the British Troops in their Several Parishes as he Passes...

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**26Feb8[2]** Extract of a Letter from the adjutant General to Major General de Riedesel, Head Quarters Quebec<sup>90</sup>

The 34<sup>th</sup>[,] 44<sup>th</sup> and Jessups Corps being in want of arms you will Please Order them to receive the Same at Sorel agreeable to the Returns they have Made of their dificiency[.] [T]he Two first Corps will be Supployed with Musquets already there is[.] Some Carbines will be sent from hence for Jessups[.] [I]f those Corps have Any men who can Any Way assist in Repareing Arms the Commanding Officers are desired to Order them to attend at Sorel for that Purpose[.] [T]hose arms that are totally unfit for Service as well as those that Cannot be Repared at the Regiments are to be delivered in to Store at the time they Receive their Supply = Rogers Rangers & Myers Compy will be Completed at St. Johns with the Black Carbins already there.

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**03Mar82** Orders by MGeneral de Riedesel, Sorel<sup>91</sup>

The M.Genl. Begs the Commanding Officers of the Corps Mentioned in the above Extract [34<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, Jessup's Corps] will Send to Sorel as Soon as Convneant such men as May be in their Several Regiments or Corps that Can repara arms that they May be immediately imployd = the Commanding Officers of the 34 & 44 Regiments will Please to Send to Sorel for the Arms they want according to the Returns they have Given in[.] [T]hey will be Delivered to them by application to the Commanding Officer of the Artillery – who has Orders for that Purpose – Colnl St. Leger is Requested to Give his orders for the Black Carbines at St. Johns Being Issued to Rogers Rangers and Meyers Company and Notice will be sent to Majr Jessup the Moment the Carbines arives for his Corps.

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**15Mar82** Adjutant J. Valentine to Gray, Isle Jesue<sup>92</sup>

I arived this day about one o Clock from Sorell with the Arms &c for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion – a Return of which you have Inclosed – they have been Very Leberale to us[.] [W]e have got 112 Stands more than what we Applied for, but I believe they have made a mistake, I take it that they have orderd the 112 in Room of that Number that we Returnd unserviceable, because it is Just as many more than the full Establishment Including Serjeants –

I spoke to Capt. Bothwick to keep the over Pluce there, but as the order for 465 was made out at head Quarters and signd by the Adjt General it could not be done – if you think Proper you can Let the Adjt. General know of the mistake, and if Agreeable to him the 112 over the Establishment can be given over to the 2d Battalion which will save them the Trouble of Sending for them – and us from carrying them from Place to Place.

N.B. the Return we sent	}	237	Serviceable
in to head Quarters for	}	353	{Wanting to compleat
<u>Arms was as follows</u>	}		{ Including Serjeants
Total		590	

112 Unserviceable

{I delivered into Store 98 for  
{ which I got a Receipt

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**18Mar82** Major James Gray to Major Lernoult, Montreal<sup>93</sup>

The inclosed is from our Acting Quarter Master which will shew you that we have 112 Stands of arms &c more than we wanted. I would be glad to know what I am to do with them.

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*So, over a year after the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion had been withdrawn from active service on the frontiers, it was issued a full quota of Serviceable arms. It was not recorded whether these were new or repaired.*

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**01Apr82** General Return of Stores &c in the Quarter Master Generals Department in Canada, Quebec<sup>94</sup>

Articles		Quebec	Sorel	Montreal	St John's
Shot	Boxes	8, Kegs 83	Boxes 23		Boxes 4
Flints	Casks		4½		Loose 600

Articles		Quebec	Sorel	Montreal	St John's
Fuzees (Cases 94					
Contg)	Stands	30	2234		153
Riffles	do		77		
Accoutrements	Boxes		26		
	Cases		4		
Sundry Stores					
Bullet Moulds	Pairs				12

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**02Apr82** Return of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Kings Royl. Regt of New York, Montreal – signed by Jas. Gray, Major<sup>95</sup>

	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank & file
Fit for Active Service	27	20	400
Fit for Garrison Duty	3		104
Too young for Service			8
Invileads not fit for Service			10
Prisoners with the Rebels			31
Totall	30	20	553

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**02Apr82** Orders from Majr General de Riedesel<sup>96</sup>

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having determined that the arms that were to have Been repaired at Sorel Should be Sent to Quebec to be Repaired – therefore the Commanding Officers of Regiments or Corps will order all the arms that want reparing together with the armourers or Men that Can be of impolyed in repairing arms to be Sent to Sorel between wth 15<sup>th</sup> -&- 20 of May Next Where they are to be delivered to the Commanding Officer of artillery and the Armourers to announce them Selves to that Officer on their arrival they will be forwarded to Quebec and when reppard Sent Back to Sorel with the armourers of the different Corps & timely Notice will be Given to the Commanding Officers of Regiments to Send to Sorel for them when they are Returnd From Quebec.

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**27Apr82** Orders from Majr General de Riedesel, Sorel<sup>97</sup>

The Armourers & arms out of repair that Were Ordered to be Sent to this Place Between the 15 and 20 of May By the Majr. Generals Orders of the 2d. Instant – are to be sent to Sorel Immediately and the armours to announce them Selves to the Commanding Officer of the Artillery &cc &cc as directed in that Order –

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**01Jun82** Return of Stores in the Quarter Master Generals Department at this Post, Sorel<sup>98</sup>

Fuzee Cases 94	Contg	Stands	2234
Riffles		do	77
Fuzee Ball and Shot		Boxes	23
Flints		Casks	4½
Accoutrements,	Boxes		26
	, Cases		4
Tommy Hawks		Casks	4

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**01Oct82** General Return of Stores and Batteaux in the Quarter Master Generals Department at Several Posts of Quebec... Head Quarters, Quebec<sup>99</sup>

Articles	Quebec	Sorel	St John's
Shot, Boxes	8	23	1
Kegs	83		
Flints Casks		4½	Loose 500
Fuzees			
(Cases Contg) Stands	30	2234	204
Rifles do		77	
Accoutrements Boxes		26	
Cases		4	
Bullet Moulds			12

**01Jan83** General Return of Stores and Batteaux in the Quarter Master Generals Department at Quebec – Head Quarters Quebec<sup>100</sup>

Sundry Stores

Shot	Boxes	8
	Kegs	82
Fuze[e]s (Damaged)		31
Flints	Cask	1

**26Feb83** Major Gray to Major Lernoult, Terre Bonne<sup>101</sup>

There is a Corpl of our Regt. who was sent to Sorrel last March, as the only Gun Smith in our Regt. Could this man be sent to the Regt. I should be glad, as our Arms wants many Repairs which we Cannot get done in Montreal when we want them, we have one Clyn the Air Gun Maker, but he is always sick, this Corpls name is McKacny [McKaughey] and I am told hes now at Quebec.

**01Apr83** General Return of Stores and Batteaux in the Quarter Master Generals Department at the Several Posts... Head Quarters Quebec<sup>102</sup>

Sundry Stores

Articles	Quebec	Sorel	Montreal	St Johns
Flints Cask	1			
Shot, Boxes	8			
Kegs	82			Lbs 12
Accoutrements Casks		26		
Cases		4		
Bullet Moulds				12
Fuzees (Damaged)				107

**12Jul83** Von Kreutzbourg, Hanau Jägers to the Hereditary Prince, La Prairie QC<sup>103</sup>

[the regiment was about to return to Hanau] I have tried to sell the guns [rifles??] to General Haldimand but he refused them.

**01Oct83** General Return of Stores and Batteaux in the Quarter Master Generals Department at the Several Posts... Head Quarters Quebec<sup>104</sup>

Sundry Stores

Articles	Quebec	Sorel	Montreal	St Johns
Flints Cask	1			loose 1000
Shot Boxes	8			
Kegs	82			lbs 12
Accoutrements Casks		26		
Cases		4		
Bullet Moulds				10
Bayonets				14
Damaged Stores				
Fuzees				69

Damaged Stores		
Muskets		35
Musket Barrels		5

**18Dec83** HQ Orders<sup>105</sup>

An order... required that the Provincials give up their arms before being discharged. Those who settled on the land in the following year would get their arms and ammunition back.

**24Dec83** General Return of Stores and Batteaux in the Quarter Master Generals Department at the Several Posts... Head Quarters Quebec<sup>106</sup>

Articles		Quebec	Sorel	Montreal	St Johns
Sundry Stores					
Flints	Cask	1			
Shot & Ball	Boxes	8			
	Kegs	82			Lbs 12
Accoutrements	Casks		26		
	Cases		4		
Bullet Moulds					10
Bayonets					14
Damaged Stores					
Fuzees					69
Muskets					35
Musket Barrels					5

**Jan84** Memorial of the Associated Loyalists, Sorel<sup>107</sup>

That Arms & Ammunition with one Felling Ax be allowed for each Male Inhabitant of the age of fourteen years.

**1793** List of Stores held in Halifax and very likely left over from the Revolution<sup>108</sup>

- 6,202 Tan leather Slings
- 640 Buff leather Slings
- 10,000 Hand Grenades (perhaps dating back to the second siege of Louisbourg)

- <sup>1</sup> Guy, Alan J., **Oeconomy and Discipline – Officership and administration in the British army 1714-63** (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1985) 127-28, 146.
- <sup>2</sup> Palmer & Flourney, **Calendar of Virginia State Papers**, I, 364&65; Pickering had been Adjutant General of the Continental Army until the fall of 1777 and Quarter Master General in 1780.
- <sup>3</sup> **Archives of Maryland Online**, Maryland Gazette Collection, MSA SC 2731, M 1282.
- <sup>4</sup> The word 'stand' is one of those strange collective nouns that was often used in the singular to denote a plural, or employed in the plural form, 'stands.' For simplicity, I have pluralized the word throughout.
- <sup>5</sup> H. Charles McBarron, Jr. & René Chartrand, "The Quebec Militia, 1775-1776," **Military Uniforms in America – The Era of the American Revolution 1755-1795** from the Series Produced by The Company of Military Historians, John R. Elting, ed. (San Rafael, CA: Presidio Press, 1974) ex NAC, C1713, MS Quebec Garrison, General Orders.
- <sup>6</sup> McBarron & Chartrand, "The Quebec Militia, 1775-1776." ex NAC, C1713, MS Quebec Garrison, General Orders.
- <sup>7</sup> **CO42/34**.
- <sup>8</sup> **NAC, HP, AddMss21818**, 6-8.
- <sup>9</sup> **Orderly Book of Sir John Johnson during the Oriskany Campaign, 1776-1777 [hereafter SJJ OB,]** William L. Stone, tr. (Albany – Joel Munsell's Sons, 1882) 36.
- <sup>10</sup> SJJ OB, 80.
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