

## 1) THE KINGSTON PARTY, SAT. APRIL 23, 6:30PM

The site of this great party, held in Kingston, the spiritual home of the King's Royal Yorkers is the Prince George Hotel, built circa 1809, at 200 Ontario Street, a block south of historic City Hall and the KRR NY Provincial plaque. We will share a dining hall with members of the public, a fact which will appeal to the spirit of public service so imbued within all of you.

As previously stated, members are encouraged to wear uniforms from the range of 18 & 19C units which we have recreated. We will be joined by an important guest; a gentleman who is descended from Sir Wm Johnson and who is touring historic sites in the Colonies to view his family's past possessions. He will expect to see the Yorkers in fine fettle.

We have set a standard meal in the interest of cost and simplicity. This will also ensure a smooth flow of food. Cost \$8.00, dessert and beverage extra. Beer \$2.25; Liquor \$3.05 and Shlock \$15.00/bottle.

For those few who cannot stand the fare selected, there is an a la carte menu.

Don't forget that you will need overnight accomodation. This hotel has a range of quality, small rooms ranging from \$40-75 a night. You must reserve soon as they fill up well in advance. 613-549-5440.

For those who want more modern accomodation, perhaps a little cheaper, try Journey's End Motel, 613-549-5550. If they are full, they will suggest alternates. Their address is 1454 Princess St. Exit 401 Hwy. at Sydenham Rd, south to Hwy 2 and you're on Princess; go left. Princess runs east into Ontario.

We have great hopes for an excellent turnout from the Army of the East which will give all a good chance to get together before the Campaign season starts.

## 2) FINANCIAL AFFAIRS 1987

This past year was quite unusual as the Regiment enjoyed a small balance in its favour after expenses. This went a long way to make up for the erosion of the previous two, where expenses far outweighed receipts. This is not in any way to suggest that we are now cash rich. In fact, with all of the new recruits coming in this year, we are again in need of cashflow.

## 1987 RECEIPTS

Royal Exchange, Oakville	\$660.00
Premier Peterson appearance	210.00
Burlington Cubs appearance	25.00
Unionville Parade	200.00
Oshawa Canada Day Event	1000.00
Crossroads Entertainment event	520.00
Ontario Hydro appearance	150.00
Thornhill Parade	900.00
Tor. Hist'l Board, GKW lectures	250.00

\$3915.00

## 1987 IRRECOVERABLE EXPENSES

Postage	\$489.98
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Printing	1200.76
OMA Fees	40.00
Liability Insurance	525.00
Flowers, Jack Rogers	50.00
Lines House Foundation Donation	200.00
	<u>\$2505.74</u>

This leaves us a credit of- \$1410.26. This assumes that we completely recovered all costs from the Winter Party and that there were no bad debt losses, the former being probably true, the latter.....

Everyone will recognize that these various appearances which have generated this revenue represent the time and effort of the members involved who have donated their payments to the Regiment.

Not included in any of the above is the efforts of Grenadier Ken Paterson who did a superb job of fundraising on behalf of those who attended the trip to England. All of the monies raised was spent on moving troops and followers there and back. The majority went towards students who otherwise could not have afforded the trip. The balance was shared evenly amongst the others. I thought that we should make all of these donations a matter of public record.

A&P	\$200.00
Boyle Midway	400.00
UEL Association Branches	
Toronto	5000.00
Gov. Simcoe	250.00
Grand River	200.00
St.Lawrence	200.00
Jessup's	100.00
Victoria	100.00
Upper Canada	25.00
Vancouver	20.00
	<u>\$6495.00</u>

Our most sincere thanks to all and to Ken who did so much to make it all happen!

## 3)SAFETY

F/Mjr Gavin A. Watt was in attendance at our last drill in Toronto and observed several troops engaging in a most serious safety infraction which we have never had to mention in the past. He advises that this error was unfortunately common amongst the troops at Fort York.

He refers to the placing of one's hands over the muzzle of the musket when off duty. Considering how often we stand down with loaded muskets for quite long periods of time, that's not a smart habit to cultivate.

Thinking troops...thinking!!

## 4)ANOTHER LETTER FROM ENGLAND

Those of you at the Winter Party will recall the excerpts which I read from a letter which Dave Gutteridge had found pinned to the bulletin board at the High School. This specifically had mentioned the writer's

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pleasure at seeing the Royal Yorkers perform Light Infantry tactics better than he had ever previously seen done. Of course, we had all enjoyed this compliment and none more than our Light Bobs who knew very well that they could have done much better than the old crocks in the Col's Coy who were there. There is another letter of a more general nature which I would like to share and which speaks volumes to those of us who enjoy sharing our knowledge.

"1 Elizabeth Drive  
 Capel Le Ferne  
 Folkestone  
 Kent CT18 7NA  
 GT Britain

17. 9.87

Dear Mr. Watt.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the performance by the King's Royal Yorkers among others of the American Revolution here at Dover Castle. I wonder if it would be possible somehow for you to convey my very sincere thanks to all concerned for such a wonderful show.

The extreme friendliness of everyone to whom I spoke and the knowledge they had of these past events meant that at 70 years of age I learnt more about the American Revolution than I ever had before. Thank you once again for a wonderful experience which I hope will be repeated sometime in the not too distant future.

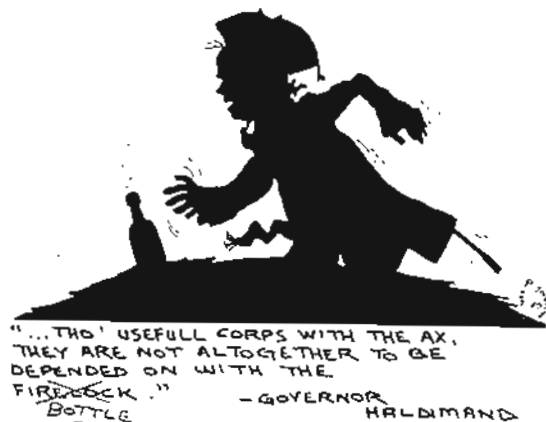
Yours sincerely  
 James E Tindale. DCM. MM."

5)BRASS BUTTONS

Jean Plamondon, Pte No.4 Sec, Col's Coy advises of a source of French Army buttons for those who may have an interest. They are available from-

Jon Soule, Box 323, Quechee, Vermont 05059  
 802-457-4073

minimum orders of 100; large \$0.60 & small \$0.50 each.



## 6) LINES HOUSE REPORT

Tex Joyner, Pte. No.2 Section, Col's Coy sends news of this historic building and the archeological digs associated with its movement.

Here are several quotes from the Whig-Standard of March 16--

"Kingston archeologists have unearthed one of the richest, most densely packed sites of historic artifacts ever found in the city... The occupants...threw their refuse through a trap door in the..base-ment ceiling...a layer of "solid artifacts" -- 10-15 centimetres deep

Coins are usually a rare find, but on this site of roughly six square metres, he estimates about 50 coins and tokens have been found...all the material is a "primary deposit. It was put here only and here first. The vessels are broken, but all the pieces are here."...volunteers found "literally thousands" of smoking pipes.....five perfectly intact ink-wells were recovered.....ivory dominos,.plain and coloured enamel marbles and jew's harps....crucifixes, ornate fashioned ivory and fancy handles for walking sticks."

Tex advises only a few military items were included; but, the excitement in the newspaper article was unmistakable.

## 7) ROYAL PROVINCIAL ALLIANCE FOUNDED

A recently received letter from our friend, Gary Corrado, OC Queen's Rangers advises of this newly founded association of all-Loyalist units.

The Charter Member units include the QR's; Neil Sorenson's King's Rangers; 1st & 3rd Batt'ns of Delancey's and the Westchester Refugees. Sort of associate members are ourselves; the NJ Volunteers; Jessup's; Butler's Rangers from Conn.; Brandt's Coy, Conn; and Peter's Corps. Gary has been appointed as Commander; Jack Frost of Delancey's aa Sjt Mjr & Neil Sorenson as Quartermaster.

In recognition of our strong numbers, I have been given the role of 2IC should we field at any of their events in strength.

Interestingly, they have sent a letter to the Brigade of the American Revolution, the British Brigade and the Continental Line Association advising them that they will not accept a parachute officer in command over them, even to the point of going to other events where this ruling will stand. A very brave position to take!

The minutes of their formative meeting are full of common sense. It will be interesting to see how this new amalgamation prospers.

## 8) OUR ORIGINAL OPPOSITION- THE TRYON COUNTY MILITIA

From a newsletter of the recreated 3rd TCM, Col Jim Morrison commanding, the following table ex the Collections of the New York Historical Society, 1915, pp. 490-491.

"A list of ye Men with Major Jelles Fonda at Caughnawaga, June 17,1778				
	Saml Bowen		with one gun	
	James McIntyre	do do do	& Sword	
	John Hendrickson	do do do	do	
	John Collins	do do do	do	
	Matthew Van Duzen	do do do	do	
	James Burroughs		no gun	
	Wm Schuyler		with one gun	
Absent	Cornelius Van Epps		do	
	Dirk Jansen		do	

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	Peter Van Horne	do
	Wm Snell	do
	Adam Young	no accoutrements
	Jeuget or Seuger Wilson	do
Absent	Mathasis Hogenboom	do

June 17, 1778 Wm Van Epps"

As Jim states, "this should give one an idea how well we were armed and no bayonets among this group which supports what Col. Guy Johnson wrote in his manual of drill of 1772. He stated that the bayonet drill was useless as the militia had no bayonets ..."

This is less than one year after the Royal Yorkers faced these same militiamen in the Oriskany ravine and it is little wonder why our men would have emerged victorious in that hand to hand conflict.

## 9)AN INTERESTING QUOTATION

For those of you old enough to have experienced some Loyalist history when you were in school, you may recall developing the opinion that these Loyalists must have been an insipid bunch who didn't have the courage or imagination to fight for new ideals. Such was the picture painted. For another viewpoint altogether, here's an quote from Robertson Davies' novel, 'The Papers of Samuel Marchbanks'-

"They were a cantankerous, resolute breed, superficially loyal to old manners and old trains of thought, but in fact determinedly individualistic." Quite refreshing.

## 10)NUMBERS AS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN THE RECREATED COLONEL'S COMPANY

The following listing details those members of the Yorkers who held the first issue of Col's Coy rack numbers and lists their present roles. As with the Light Company, these numbers were first assigned in chronological order. The Grenadiers have followed a practice of each man choosing their own number from a 1783 Company muster by picking a particular persona.

A1	Gavin K. Watt, currently LtCol, 1st Bn or Pte McGeachie
A2	Ed Anderson, currently Capt, Artillery Sec
A6	see A50 below
A8	Bill Severin, currently Capt, LtInf Pln
A11	Vic Zubatiuk, currently Cpl, No.4 Sec, Col's Coy
A12	Bob Anglin, currently Sjt, No.4 Sec, Col's Coy
A14	Al Joyner, currently Lieut, Col's Coy or Pte Lake
A16	Claus Reuter, currently SjtMjr, Col's Coy
A17	Ross Baines, currently Gun Number, Artillery Sec
A18	Peter Johnson, currently Fifer or Pte, Col's Coy
A20	Gavin A. Watt, currently Fife Mjr or Pte, Lt Coy
A22	Jim Devlin, currently second Cpl, Artillery Sec
A27	Duff Steele, currently first Cpl, Grenadier Sec
A30	Reg James, currently Lieut, Grenadiers or Gdr
A31	Denis Bourget, currently CaptLt, Col's Coy or Pte Joubert
A33	Tom Reuter, currently L/Cpl, No.1 Sec, Col's Coy
A34	Brian McHugh, currently Pte, LtInf Pln
A39	Syl Haase, currently Ensign, 1st Bn or Pte, Col's Coy

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A41 Gerry MacMartin, currently L/Cpl, No.2 Sec, Col's Coy  
 A42 Dave Moore, currently Sjt, No.2 Sec, Col's Coy  
 A50 Bruce Strader\*, currently Pte, No.4 Sec, Col's Coy

\*Bruce was chronologically the sixth member to join the Yorkers; however, on discovering that his ancestor was the original A50, this rack number was assigned to him.

The LtInf Pln was begun in 1977, Bill Severin leaving the Col's Coy to found it. Sjt Glen Smith of the Artillery Sec was that unit's third member to join and had the number L3.

The second last number assigned in the Col's was Dave Moore's A42, given to him in May 1980. The last number issued, A53, went to Harry Martin, now inactive. He joined on Oct 19, 1980, the 200th anniversary of one of the Yorker's largest battles during their boldest raid into the Mohawk Valley. A fitting date for the issuing of that last number.

It was quite recent that the Officers, NCO's and Drummers lost their rack numbers to make room for new men in that such were not issued to them originally. Of course, when the unit was first recreated, no one dreamt that it would grow so large as to necessitate making room for new members.

## 11)THE ALL-UP, GIGANTIC JULY 1 OTTAWA EVENT

Some news on the really big one for 1988. We will be unable to set up camp until Sat. July 2; but, we have to be all in position and on parade for the first appearance by noon! It takes little imagination to see the conflicts that this represents.

As no one is going to want to be driving to Ottawa on the long weekend at 5:00AM, we have a good-fun event slated for Fri. July 1 at Prescott. The Duke of Wellington is visiting the Fort for a special anniversary remembrance and the Yorkers have been asked to Parade for him and to be reviewed. That night we will put sleeping bags and air mattresses into the Blockhouse and be fed an evening meal and a next morning a breakfast. From Prescott, it is an hour's drive to Ottawa and thus, we have a good staging area with no problem to be up and running for noon Saturday.

