

THE WINTER TACTICAL - THE PAINE FARM

Some problems. We are discussing alternatives. May happen mid-February. More later.

THE OTTAWA MUSEUM PARTY CANCELLED

We had planned to repeat the successful party and War Museum tour of last year. Unfortunately, the timing required is impossible to coordinate.

THE TORONTO DRILL SCHEDULE

All of these dates are Wednesday nights at Fort York Armoury, Fleet St., Toronto. Participants are to bring: musket, belts w/bayonet & hat. Drills start at 8:00 PM.

Jan 27; Feb 17; Mar 10 & 31; Apr 14; May 12.

Once the calendar is in your hands, you will see that we have the earliest start ever to the Campaign with a major event on the May 1st weekend. So, there's only the one drill in May.

THE WINTER PARTY - APPLEBY COLLEGE, OAKVILLE SAT MARCH 6

There will be more on this party in the next newsletter; but, please keep this date open.

PROMOTIONS IN THE FIRST BATTALION

Effective Dec 25, 1992

Andy Weston is promoted to Serjeant in No.1 Section, Major's Coy, vice Chuck Baker, resigned.

Andy filled the gap very quickly during the last campaign to replace Chuck. With very little previous experience of command in the KRR, he took to his new role in an exemplary fashion. Andy was one of the Cdn Fencible's first members. Congrats Andy.

Dan Craig is promoted to Corporal in this Section, vice Weston promoted.

Dan is a real veteran of this hobby, having been an NCO in the 84th Regt, a Private in the King's Rangers and, for the last seven years, a Private soldier in the Yorkers. Dan was also one of the first to join the Cdn Fencibles. He's one of those lucky guys who always looks like he belongs in a uniform. Rumours are that Dan is celebrating his promotion with the purchase of a new coat. My, my!

TRANSFERS

Johan Klyndyk, Grenadier G12, has transferred to No.1 Section, Col's Coy as Private Soldier A12, effective Jan 1, 1993.

John Gourlie, Private Soldier A29 in No.1 Section, Col's Coy, has transferred to No.2 Section, the Light Infantry Coy as Private L21, effective Jan 1, 1993

RESIGNATION IN THE SECOND BATTALION

Eric Lorenzen has resigned as a Private in the 2Bn. Eric retains his position as Sjt in the 1Bn and as Sjt NCOIC in the 1758 Regiment.

LIEUT-GOVERNOR JACKMAN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

It was a very pleasant surprise to find that Lieutenant Governor Henry Jackman chose a photograph of his Inspection of the Troops at Fort George as the subject of his Christmas Card. This is a full-colour photo of the Inspecting Party just as it was passing the KRR. Our Colours are very visible as is the Major's Coy. The palisades of the fort, with trees rising above them, are the background. The photo was by the St. Catherine's Standard.

The caption reads:

"The Lieutenant Governor inspects loyalist troops at Fort George on the occasion of the re-enactment of John Graves Simcoe's Landing at Niagara-on-the-Lake two-hundred years ago."

All Coy commanders apparently received this card; one can imagine the general moan that must have accompanied the opening of the envelope - 'Arrghh, those #&<!>%##+ Yorkers again...'. It just may be true what Napoleon said, "God is on the side of the big battalions".

MEMBERSHIP IN THE BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Due to our very large membership, our unit has had a special relationship within the BAR since 1984 whereby we maintain full participation for all members by paying dues for only our Officers and NCO's. Many of you know that the total of our Officers and NCO's is larger than many BAR units. This arrangement gives all of our members the BAR's, third-party liability insurance coverage while at their events. (over and above our own policy) While this saves everyone the BAR annual dues of \$20.00 USF, it has the disadvantage that you miss the BAR mailings. There are 3 different types of mailings made:

1. The Brigade Dispatch - this is the flagship publication in a booklet format - the most recent was 24 pages and full of good articles. This is issued 2-4 times per annum.
2. The Brigade Courier - a newsletter format publication which is issued several times a year with event notices; event reports and advertisements.

There is also the Brigade Express; however, we haven't seen any issues in 1992. These items are good stuff for those who really want to drown in this hobby. So, in 1993 if you want to join the BAR, send me the word. Dues will be charged to your account, just like our Officers and NCO's. (female members join through a different route; Nancy can advise you how)

THE END OF THE GREAT WAR - "THE WAR TO END ALL WARS"

Nov 11, 1993 will mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Great War in 1918. Our Museum's Great War units are planning a trip to Europe to commemorate that momentous event.

Many of you may be aware that Canada fielded superb combat organizations during 1914-18. The primary element being the Canadian Corps of four Infantry Divisions with a massive, technically-advanced Corps Artillery group plus superb Signals, Service Corps and Medical units and oddities like a Cyclist battalion. Attached to British formations were a dashing Cdn Cavalry Brigade; three unique Motor Machine Gun Brigades; gigantic support groups of Engineers with specialists like Railway battalions, Tunnelling companies and Labour battalions.

The Cdn Corps was recognized as being the most effective offensive force within the British armies, with the Anzacs (Australians and New Zealanders) running a close second.

Within the last 100 days of the war, the Canadians had a spectacular run of achievement. The Cdn Corps fittingly ended the war where it had started in 1914 for the British Expeditionary Force - they captured Mons. Our trip will include visits to most of the major Canadian battle sites of the war, monuments, cemeteries and museums. At the exact anniversary of the war's end, the unit will attend a ceremony at the gravesite of the last Canadian soldier killed - tragically at 10:58, just two minutes before the armistice took effect.

The purpose of this write-up is to offer all Northern Brigade members interested in touring Canada's Great War battlegrounds an opportunity to join in this excursion. The return flight, accommodations, coach and meals will be \$1750.00. Airport tax and grog extra. You wouldn't be able to take part in a Great War uniform like the members; but, all the other features of the tour would be equally shared. More details will be published in a future newsletter.

LOST WEDGE TENT

Our good friends, the 64th Regt, have traced a lost wedge tent to the Simcoe Landing event of July 4 at Niagara-on-the-Lake. They have the poles, so we're looking for a tent body only, likely in a bag. Anyone with info on this pls phone Himself at 416-833-6435.

SUPER ITEMS IN STOCK FOR SALE

- 1) One only, large size (42-46" chest; 6'1"-6'4" height) Blanket Coat (Capote) with one light blue stripe. In very good condition \$100.00
- 2) Italian Brown Bess Short Land Musket w/ superb walnut stock w/swivels. Three years old, never used by Al Fraser who didn't complete his kit. Held in his gun collection since. Would welcome trade for used Japanese Musket. Value offered for used musket dependent upon condition. \$580.00
- 3) Italian Brown Bess Short Land Musket w/nice walnut stock. Ten years old and never used by ex-member, Ron Willson, who kept it as a spare over his fireplace. Needs moderate cleaning of metal. This is the old Italian manufacture with excellent frizzen. Complete with swivels. Trade-in used Jap musket. \$580.00
- 4) Beautifully tailored, white woollen breeches. Little wear; will require dry cleaning for dirt streaks. 40-42" waist 6'0"-6'3". If you own buckled shoes, or boots, these are a nice extra to your kit. \$85.00
- 5) Canvas, off-white, lightweight breeches, newly tailored, unworn. Buttons extra. Capt James was wearing this type last Campaign. Exc w/buckled shoes, or boots. 38-40" waist 6'0"-6'3" height. \$35.00
- 6) Inexpensive, not bad, Pn 1758 Hanger w/scabbard and shoulder carriage. Ideal for Drummers and OK for Sjts. \$64.00
- 7) Pair, Frye buckled shoes, 10 1/2 - 11, E or EE. For guys with narrow feet, wear heavy woollen socks. These are old shoes, repeatedly resoled and reheeled. Current heels have horseshoe steel cleats. Tops fair. Should last for couple of seasons w/love & care. \$35.00 w/brass buckles.

A PROFILE - OUR MEMBER PETER JOHNSON, THE ORIGINAL A-18 - ONE OF THE OLD GUARD

Peter Johnson, known to all as the creator of our annual calender (1993 is the 13th edition), is a man of many parts. Peter maintains a Musketman's uniform for both Battns, as well as Drummer's uniforms for both. With four separate KRR uniforms, Peter holds the unit record.

When Peter attends a Yorker event, I can rely on him to send along a few photographs of those in attendance. Peter concentrates on photos of new members to help his caricatures in the calendar; but, he also to make sure that I have a photo record. Peter has been quietly doing this for years and the three-ring binders that I assemble as an ongoing record of the Yorker story are much the richer for his attentiveness and kindness.

Many of us know that Peter edits and publishes a major newsletter for Toronto Branch, UEL Assoc. The format is Peter's unique style with pages and articles in bold outlines and rococo borders. Cartoons grace the pages. Unlike other branch newsletters, Peter's is chock full of military articles w/features on soldiers of all ranks, periodic reports by the renowned researcher, Todd Braisted, Sjt of the New Jersey Volunteers; another by a descendent of Benedict Arnold; report on KRR events by our RSM and excerpts from our Distaff Sjt's bulletins.

For the past two years, Peter has also served as the President of the Toronto Branch, one of the healthiest in the country. His term ends w/the New Year. His energy and application has assured that a strong organization awaits his replacement. Congrats to a very busy guy who seems to work as hard in bed as he does in other endeavours. He is certainly a great credit to our regiment.

SOMEONE OUT THERE!!!!

Somebody out there in the wide world of Yorkerdom has my video tape of the Trip To England. The Yorker star in this production, 2Lt Duff Steele, has never even seen his performance! Everyone - please think about this. Pls advise me if you have it. Thanks.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CAMPAIGN 1992

In making up this past season's binder, I find that several events are w/o photo record. Anyone having photos of the following events, pls make copies of a) action scenes of the regt or sections; b) members' group photos; c) funny or wierd photos of personalities. Good action photos are difficult to get due to distance and dispersion; but, if you have a good one, it would be appreciated. I will reimburse your expenses.

The Change of Command Parade, Queen's York Rangers, Aurora. Also photos of our 20th Battalion, as well.

The Napanee Event. Need a record of the mysterious Capt Jame's tent incident.

Herkimer Home, 210th Anniversary of the Last Raid to the Mohawk Valley I have nothing representing this event.

Penetang Again, no record whatsoever.

Fort Stanwix, BAR Grand Encampment I have nothing. Anything on the Feast, Dave's harangue in the Fort, Erie Canal, Sutler's Row...

Any Fort Niagara event photo records, I have none. We had men there on 3 occasions in 1992.

BAR Grand Tactical

Brit Bde, Fort Plain Again, no photo record whatsoever.

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1992 IN REVIEW

I know that lots of us thought that 1992 was another wierd one. Lousy weather throughout the campaign was a factor in members deciding not to attend, particularly as we passed the mid-point; but, strangely, not much of a factor at the events themselves.

At Herkimer Home, we drove through torrential downpours to get to the site and there were storms before we put the tents up, during the nights and just when we were striking the camp; but, not during the important hours.

At Fort Stanwix we had another tropical-style downpour, this coming just at the beginning of the Banquet; however, their good planning had provided a massive marquee. The rain just wasn't a negative factor - in fact, I think it helped to build a spirit of togetherness amongst all the reenactors.

Of course, at Fort Plain the best part of the weekend got tubed by people getting 'gun shy' about rumoured storms. But other than that one event, anyone who tried to second guess the weather missed a lot of good events by staying home.

A lot of members felt it was a rather quiet campaign; but, when you examine the statistics, it certainly wasn't. We had 16 quite major events where more than one company was in attendance. There were 18 small, often local, events at which 3 - 8 members attended. In anyone's books, that's a major campaign, especially if one belongs to two or three different museum units. For example, the Great War units had 1 major and 6 small events. The Second War had 4 major and 4 small. The 1758 NY Prov had 2 major, long distance events. There are lots of 1Bn KRR members who are in all of those mentioned units.

