

**NEXT EVENT: 10TH ANNIVERSARY - LAKE FARM TACTICAL AND CFB KINGSTON
LIVE SHOOT APR 17 & 18, KINGSTON, ONT**

We will return to the scene of two excellent tacticals of the old days when the Yorkers and King's Rangers were locked in immortal combat and Lazarus Parkhouse wore his head-to-toe flak suit. The Lake Farm is Al Joyner's loyalist ancestor's property and provides some interesting challenges. We would hope that the 1 & 2Bn KRR would turn out several sections as well as Butler's & the King's Rangers.

For the tactical, we will rendezvous at the school 0.3Km north of 401 on the Sydenam Road, the exit just west of Kingston itself. Be there no later than 12:30 having already eaten your lunch. As we will convoy from this point, you have to be on time so that everyone isn't having to wait just for you!!! If you have older kit, be sure to wear it as the bush will be wet.

In the evening, we will all go to the local Brew Pup for a meal and lies. As it is too early in the season for camping, I suggest the Journey's End Motel at 401 & Division street which is located to the south west after you exit - it's visible from the highway. This is relatively inexpensive for better than average accomodation. Every town/city has a central reservation number - for the Toronto area it's 416-624-8200. There are two Journey's End units in Kingston so be sure that you specify which one you want. For the 401 Hwy & Division street motel the room rate for two double beds, 4 person occupancy is \$52.88 - that's \$13.22 ea if you can stand the smell of dirty socks and the snoring.

On the Sunday, we will have a leisurely start and then travel to the Ranges at CFB Kingston. From 401 & Division, here's the way to get there. Take 401 east to the Hwy 15 exit (that's sort of the last for Kingston and the way to get to Fort Henry) and go south to Hwy 2. You go left, or east, on Hwy 2 for two sets of traffic lights. CFB Kingston is all around you. The second set is the Vimy Gate and you turn left. You keep on the same road, past the water tower on your left, past the 600 yd range on your right, past the RCE works, past the CPS range, you run out of pavement, past the fire training tower on your right to the 75yd, SMG range on your right. That's us.

For the live firing, if you have lead ball and want to roll your own cartridges, be our guest. They should be about 100 grain of 2F powder and rolled in aluminum foil so that it is impossible to confuse them with blank. Your live ball rounds should be stored in a separate container when you come on this weekend. If you don't have any cast ball, a large quantity will be available at the range courtesy of Rich Parks and you simply use blank cartridges for propellant.

There will be a range fee of \$3.00 per shooter and safety lectures, safe loading drills, etc... as we do not want even a sniff of an accident. The sound produced by live rounds is stronger than blank; but, not as fiercesome or damaging as modern centrefire rifles or shotguns. If you feel sensitive about your ears, bring your own ear protection. We will have disposable soft plugs at the range and everyone must wear protection.

No one should be concerned about firing live ball. The recoil from the musket is a solid, but strangely gentle, push. Any worries that you may have about a recoil like a 12ga shotgun is absolutely wrong. There is a major flash in the pan that takes some getting used to but the experience of firing a musket is so excellent that everyone should jump at the opportunity to have a go. Considering that so many guys think they can hit a moving man in the bush at 100 yds., it is a humbling experience even for the best of marksmen to find out that it ain't all that simple. And for the Colonel it is more than obvious that he is only dangerous with his mouth and his word processor.

Every participant should roll 45+ rounds of blank for the schemes and the shoot combined. To measure about 100 grains of 2F powder use a 'cup' about 17mm inside diameter by 34mm deep.

BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEMBERSHIPS

Hello! Hello! All of you old Officers & Serjeants received material from the BAR regarding membership. You were supposed to fill out all this stuff and send it on to me so that I can pay your dues and send

the BAR the forms. Not a single one of you Officers & NCO's has done this!!

I've only had a couple of requests from the membership at large to join the BAR - is that all of you - just two? Time's running out.

CALENDAR CHANGES ALREADY!!!

In my long, long memory, this has been the worst year for changes to the calendar. Right up to the day the masters were being finished for printing (which Gord Weaver again got done for absolutely nothing) there were events being moved or altered.

First thing to change - cross out the words "Schoharie cont'd" on Sunday Oct 10.

Explanation: The Burning of the Valleys Committee advised us at the last minute that although Stone Fort Days at Schoharie is 'on', they would prefer that we make the trip for their big event at Cherry Valley the next weekend. I missed pasting-out the entry on the Sunday.

Second thing to change - delete the 2Bn event on Aug 27,28 & 29 at Elmira, NY.

Explanation: see below.

Third thing to change - the BAR Grand Tactical, delete Aug 20,21 & 22 and enter that event into Aug 27,28 & 29.

Explanation: At the time of making up the artwork for the calendar, the BAR had two weekends up in the air for their Grand Tactical. I put the then favoured one in our calendar; but, Todd advises that they had to change the date and venue. Instead of somewhere in Connecticut, it is now slated for Schroon Lake, New York, not far from Crown Point.

As this is always an excellent event, we should not miss it and we will have to sacrifice the Elmira, NY one in favour of the BAR. As everyone in the regiment should get a chance to attend, it will be a 1Bn event. Our non-BAR units in the Northern Bde will likely support Elmira.

PROMOTION IN THE SECOND BATTALION

Major John Ross is pleased to advise

Jeff Paine is promoted to Captain of Crawford's Coy, 2Bn effective March 6, 1993.

Jeff entered the 1Bn in 1983 and was promoted to Cpl of No.3 Section Col's Coy in 1987. In this rank he led the Section until it was temporarily amalgamated with No.4 Section. He now serves in the 1Bn as senior Cpl of No.2 Section, Maj's Coy.

Jeff was one of the original members of the 2Bn when it was founded in 1985. As Coy Captain, Jeff will copy as closely as possible the Jeremiah French coatee, the only coat extant from both Battalions. Completion of all of the necessary kit will be laborious as the details are quite different than those of the 1Bn.

PLAIN WHITE WOOLLEN TAPE FOR DRUMMERS AND SERJEANTS

All of you Serjeants and Drummers who have the remnants of rolls of this tape, please package them up and send them to me at Fog Rd., RR #1, King City, Ont L0G 1K0 for a credit to your account. We are extremely short of this item and it is incredibly difficult to buy new supplies cheaply. Every yard returned to stores will help.

REPORT ON THE WINTER PARTY - MARCH 6

While the turnout was again small, a great time was had by all who attended. The meal, which many thought had achieved an all time low last year, took a most dramatic turn and was absolutely superb! I know, this sounds like propoganda; however, just ask anyone who was there. A beautifully roasted hip of beef; delicious mushroom soup; excellent salades and vegetables; staggering variety of desserts - an all round feast.

Our musical entertainment from the 8th King's Regt, Fort York were again a very large hit. Whether one danced or not, the music was a joy to listen to. Much energy expended on the floor. I was exhausted trying not to watch it.

Peter Twist introduced his exquisite pewter figure of a Yorker hatman ramming his musket. The detail is so complete it's hard to explain adequately. The figure is mounted on a crystal cylinder and has a total height of about 7". Ensign John Moore quickly grabbed off the display piece - greedy S.O.B. Peter has graciously made these available to the regiment at his wholesale price. The unit has applied a modest mark-up. I know, you don't believe me; but, the figure will retail for about \$100.00. Through the unit, you can buy yours at \$60.00. If you know anything about retailing - the unit's mark-up is modest. If you don't, you'll just have to believe me - or ask Peter. This figure is magnificent - and although of a hatman, even the Lights will have to attest to Peter's great skill.

We have reserved a special 'antiqued' brass finish of this figure as an award for the Immediate-Past, Yorker of the Year and Jon Wannamaker happily collected his at the party. Previous Y of the Y recipients may choose to have their copy in this same finish.

A popular choice for this year's Yorker of the Year was Kate LeBlanc, our Lady of Safety for all you Catholics. Kate's application of unstinting energy in trying to take care of both the unwilling and willing casualties of Yorker life and her damn good humour through the various trials and tribulations of this thankless job have at least earned this little reward. Wannamaker had to spoil the whole thing by pointing out that she can outshoot the Colonel - a dubious accomplishment as everyone else can too. (Pls don't give Chris LeBlanc a musket!!)

Runner-up in the voting this year was Cat Visser - the cross-dresser of the Grenadier Coy. Of course, Ted will never let her win; but, don't tell her.

The Gun Team awarded Himself a delightful little trophy as a reminder of his disgusting lapse of memory at Fort George last July. Baked of sourdough, this gilded pudding face is mounted on a background mat of Royal blue with an artful, Yorker green frame. Truly a delight!

Maj Barry Lewis and Gunner Lance Appleby of the 4th Bn, Royal Artillery (whom many will remember from Ball's Falls a couple of years ago and from their service with us at the Simcoe Landing where Barry served as Battery Commander) were guests at the dinner and offered a modicum of tone amongst the colonials.

Many thanks to John Murray who projected trays of slides which he had taken during the 92 Campaign and to the many people who brought photo albums and board displays for everyone's enjoyment. Also, official thanks for the services performed by the Grenadiers as excellent guards at this event.

Unfortunately, a number of you said you were going to attend this function and you didn't advise your change of mind. Nonetheless, your regiment has had to pay for your meal as we had a contract with this caterer. I will have to debit your account.

All NCO's should note how important it is for this dinner to return only 'for-sure' names and the 'maybes' will have to take their chances in getting a meal. That way, we don't get committed to pay for meals that aren't eaten.

A CHANGE IN THE LIGHT INFANTRY COY

A very professional letter has been received at Regtl HQ from Andrew (AJ) Henry resigning from his role as Senior Coy Serjeant and No.1 Section Leader due to the complexities of his current life and his recognition that he cannot devote enough time to the role. Everyone should give thanks to AJ's honest self appraisal.

AJ entered the ranks of the LtCoy in 1985 and was promoted to Sjt in 1989. He has asked to return to the ranks.

Of AJ's many accomplishments as a Section Leader, the one that stands out in my mind is his superb leadership of the Light section at Napanee in '92 at which time his unit handily won both the Line & Light Inf competitions.

RESIGNATION FROM THE REGIMENT

Effective March 7, Michael Hurley has resigned from the 1Bn, KRR NY. Most of us will recall Mike's devotion to the strengthening of the Grenadier Coy and the excellent results achieved some two years ago. Mike's wild Irish temperament often brought a startling note of reality to the otherwise bland life of the regiment.

Mike began his Yorker life in 1981, entering the Colonel's Coy. He transferred to the Grenadiers and was promoted to Serjeant in 1987. Mike will continue activities in the Museum including his role in the New York Provincial Regt of 1758.

A REAL EYE-OPENER

I have been reading Captain Johann Ewald's, *Diary of the American War, A Hessian Journal* (New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 1979) translated and edited by Joseph P. Tustin. This is a remarkable book and well worth everyone's attention as it provides wonderful detail regarding tactical dispositions; great insights into national (ethnic) characteristics; the wartime leadership and an appreciation of the war from the fighting level.

One of the most enlightening aspects is the activity level of the regiments in the Central and Southern Departments (like the 10th, 64th, 71st, Queen's Rangers, NJV, etc..) AND the casualties that these units regularly suffered on patrols, in skirmishes & battles and on campaign. While the wastage rate in the KRR NY was quite substantial, the number of soldiers to be killed was very small by comparison to the lower departments. For example, the KRR had a total wastage of 20.4% on the two months of the St. Leger Expedition comprising 11 killed, 12 discharged (likely for wounds), 7 deserted and 31 missing out of a total strength of 303 all ranks. Ewald's Jaeger Corps withstood similar casualties in killed and wounded in just two days at the siege of Charlestown, North Carolina in 1780.

In our 1780 Schoharie and Mohawk Valley Expedition, (Sep 20 - Oct 30) Sir John's total force of 700 Regulars and Provincials, (there were also 500 - 800 Six Nations and allied tribes) sustained 9 killed, 2 wounded and 52 missing, with most of the latter returning in the weeks following. On patrol actions, Ewald's mixed force of Jaegers and Queen's Rangers could lose that number in killed and wounded in one day's action.

While our wastage rates were small in comparison, the results of our raids and expeditions far, far outweighed our losses. This was due to the nature of our war plus the repeatedly faulty strategy of the lower departments. In modern terms, the war in the Northern Department can be compared to Lawrence in Arabia against the actions of Central & Southern departments which would compare to the Dardenelles campaign. The north had relatively moderate resources, were well led and motivated with a vast territory to cover (very much like Lawrence and his Arab allies) and our goal of disrupting Washington's supply source and tying up disproportionate forces compares well to the Arabian ventures. The lower departments were making bold strategic moves with very large forces replete with resources. Leadership at the tactical level was most frequently superb; but, strategically was often abysmal just like Gallipoli in the Dardenelles strait.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ma'.