

NEXT EVENT: 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF LONDON, ONTARIO MAY 22&23

Here's an entirely new venue which will not likely repeat - Greenway Park in London, around the corner from Guy Lombardo's Wonderland. We are in a nice piece of parkland bordering the Thames River with parking, security, straw, PA system, a running water washroom & portajohns. This event is for the public and will be somewhat laid-back with a ceremony for Simcoe's arrival in the early afternoon followed by an old-style tactical demo. Saturday night will have an 18C dance for the reenactors only with an expert musical group playing. There's a tactical demo on the Sunday.

Each unit receives a \$10.00 Honorarium and a powder issue per registered participant. So, don't forget to register! All meals are supplied. Thanks go to Keith Croucher and Mike Henry of No.1 Col's and to Gdr Steve Sandford for their extensive efforts in organizing and promoting this event.

The Royal Yorker detachment will be commanded by A/Captain John MacLeod. Himself will administrate & narrate. The tactical demos will be enhanced with the use of boats and trade canoes on the Thames River for flank attacks.

GETTING THERE: From points east: arriving on the 401, exit at Wellington Rd (Exit 186) and go north on Wellington to Southdale - that's a short distance. Go west on Southdale past Ridout, past Wharncliffe to Wonderland. Turn right and go north past Springbank to Greenway Park.

From points west: exit at Hwy 4 and follow it north to Wonderland Rd. Turn left on Wonderland to Greenway Park.

Greenway Park site is on the east side of Wonderland Road south of the Thames River. Watch for signs. If you cross over the river, you've gone too far. Go to Registration for instructions on camping and parking and to receive your meal passes.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE - TORONTO, MONDAY MAY 24

SjtMjr David Moore will again be leading a detachment of the Royal Yorkers up University Ave. on the holiday Monday. Prepare yourself for his telephone call and get ready to make your commitment. This is your chance to fire on the American Embassy - an annual Yorker celebration.

It will be particularly appropriate for members who are unable to attend London to make a serious effort to attend this parade!

KING'S BIRTHDAY EVENT - OLD FORT NIAGARA, YOUNGSTOWN NY JUNE 5&6

SjtMjr Moore will be leading the usual mixed Yorker contingent to this original Garrison site of the regiment. Fort Niagara has a dispensation from the State Govt regarding opposing lines tacticals - so, at least for this year, the typical tacticals are OK. If you haven't been there before, this is one of the finest and most evocative sites in North America.

THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANCASTER, ONT JUNE 12&13

Another new anniversary venue. Sjt Dave Putnam has been the organizer for this one which is essentially a Northern Brigade affair with the additions of the Brunswick Light Infantry & the Queen's Rangers. Both Battalions of Yorkers will be represented and two companies of Butler's Rangers so that we have the best possible options in choosing sides for the Wargame on Sunday morning.

2Lt & Ensigns: The Colours will be carried at this event.

Ancaster was named by LtGov Simcoe and was settled by members of the KRR NY, Butler's Rangers, NJ Volunteers and Brant's Volunteers, so it has a very strong Loyalist heritage.

Support is excellent with straw, firewood, PA system, portajohns, parking and all meals are supplied. You must bring cutlery, plates & cups.

Saturday's schedule is full of ceremonies such as a public flag raising, a parade, recruiting & proclamation posting in our most obnoxious style, sentry postings, tactical drill practices with narrated exhibits of male & female clothing. Our camp will be open to visitors from 1230 hrs onwards. A tactical demo in the afternoon and a public lantern walk through the debauchery of the camp at night. (Keep your pants on Jon!) Dave promises 18C dancing that evening as well. For the many of you who enjoy sharing our hobby with an interested public, this will be an excellent opportunity.

On Saturday evening, a Guard of Honour formed of two select men from each Corps will travel into Hamilton as an escort for the United Empire Loyalists Annual Convention.

Sunday morning will be the wargame at an excellent piece of ground in the Dundas Valley Conservation area which is about a 5 minute drive from the cantonment. The camp will again be open on Sunday afternoon with camp life and military activities underway until camp is struck at 1500.

GETTING THERE: From the east, take QEW, past Burlington (or from the west take QEW over the Burlington Skyway) to Hwy 403 to Hamilton. Go past Hamilton, up the escarpment to the Mohawk Rd. exit for Ancaster. Go west on Mohawk to Wilson St. and turn left at the lights. Watch for Sulphur Springs Rd and turn right and then turn right on Queen St. Watch for the offices of Bell Canada and the Wentworth School Board. We are encamped on a large open area behind these buildings.

PROMOTIONS IN THE LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY

1Lt MacLeod announces that George Howse is promoted to Serjeant effective April 10, 1993 vice AJ Henry, returned to the ranks.

George is a 12 year veteran of the LtCoy Yorkers having joined in May of 1981. He was promoted to Cpl of the Lights on October 30, 1989. He has extensive experience in leading LtCoy Sections and also in handling composite detachments of the regiment. Yes, George has obtained a new slouch hat and he's also celebrating this event by buying a new Regtl coat!

At the first Toronto drill where Sjt Howse appeared wearing his sash and new slouch, a circular petition (ie. one in which no name appears at the head of the list which would then make clear which person was the instigator) was submitted to the LtCol containing such names as Phillips, Jack Knife, Laing, Turcott, Simon Garfinkle, Putnam, Hooper, Smedley Rusinick, etc., to wit - "We the undersigned do beseech an[d] petition in due respect that - The new hat of George Howse be consigned to our most esteemed cousin Tyke of the Black Creek Parade. And further that his old original hat[,] much loved by all[,] be the required headgear of said Mr. George Howse. God Save the King" And, the good Lord knows, the King needs saving when George wears that hat! Now, who could possibly have started this petition? The name of the defaulter, Everingham, (who was seen drinking beer in an upper room of the Armoury, but who was strangely absent from the drill floor where he could have spent some useful time indeed) was conspicuously absent from this missive.

Also announced is the promotion of Peter (Fry) Mitchell to Corporal vice Howse promoted.

Fry is an eight year veteran of the LtCoy having joined in Sep 1985. His many athletic endeavours on behalf of his King are legion. There was a day when no insanity was beyond Fry's capability; but, approaching old age has settled him down so that only every other insanity is now possible. Keep it up Fry, so to speak.

AT LAST, A PROFESSIONAL CANADIAN MILITARY MAGAZINE

The first volume of Canadian Military History magazine was issued last Autumn. Published by Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont, there will be two issues per annum at a subscription cost of \$12 or, two years for \$22.

The first issue was in one volume containing Numbers 1 & 2 and, consequently, was extra large. Very well known authoritative authors such as Terry Copp, Desmond Morton, and Robert Vogel contributed pieces relating to the Great and Second Wars. Jack Granatstein provides a book review and retrospective on Monty and Dave Stafford a review of the Official histories of British Intelligence. Both reviews offer the Canadian viewpoint on the topics.

Morton's study of the career of the Sergeant of the 21Bn CEF is superb. Terry Copp has two entries - one relates to Operation Spring - the drive south of Caen where the Cdn 5th InfBde suffered staggering casualties in a highly controversial set of attacks. The 'official' commentary written by the OC 2nd Cdn Corps on the attacks is also printed.

I found it hard to pick a favorite amongst all the excellent articles; but, certainly a most welcome surprise was to find Donald E. Graves back in print with a wonderful account of the career of LtCol William Drummond, 104th New Brunswick Fencible Infantry Regt which ended so courageously in the bloody attack on Fort Erie in August 1814. This guy can research and write, let me tell you and what a soldier was this Scotsman, Drummond!

There's a wonderful two-part article on, and photo essay of, the Vimy Ridge Memorial with a detailed account of the design and the building of one of Canada's greatest monuments written by John Pierce. Keeping to the Great War, there's an excellent article on Mining Operations in support of the Vimy Ridge attack by Michael Boire.

Vogel's article on why military history is an honorable study (you might have noticed that it certainly isn't 'politically correct') hits the nail on the head and should ring very loud bells for all of you. Lot's of very quotable phrases and thoughts.

The Editor - Terry Copp - confesses to struggling with the magazine's French language policy. This issue contains a wonderful French transcript of Sept 1, 1944 regarding the Canadians liberating Dieppe and includes, again in French, the first conversations with the Canadian liberators of 2 Div. The magazine hopes to print a French edition in 1993; but, their revenue will have to allow it.

Future articles will include: "British Espionage in Canada During the Winter of 1759 - 1760" by Peter Macleod; "L'intervention militaire a Oka" by Beauregard and the RCAF contribution to the strategic bomber offensive by William Carter.

OK, OK - I know you guys and gals get sick of me pushing things on you. Sometimes I think that you think that I make big bucks out of all of my promotions. I am enthusiastic about this magazine. It needs and deserves your support. It isn't plastered with advertisements; it doesn't have any yet, just lots of photos and maps of Canadians and their history. And, they are not those same old retread photos of Second War infantry, buckos.

Here's how you subscribe: Send a cheque payable to Wilfred Laurier University to Canadian Military History Magazine, Wilfred Laurier Univ, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3C5 quoting the title. You'll get the back issue of Vol 1, Nos. 1 & 2 by asking.

A FLOGGING IN 1801 AT CHATHAM BARRACKS, ENGLAND

Here's another fruit of Wannamaker's research. From T.H. McGuffie, ed., **Rank and File, The Common Soldier at Peace and War 1642-1914** (London: Hutchinson of London) pp.97&97. Written by Alexander Alexander, a soldier.

"Almost every morning there were some absent without leave, and the flogging was of course threatened in a more terrific manner.

This threat of flogging was no idle matter in our eyes; there being scarce a day in which we did not see one or more of the soldiers get from three to seven hundred lashes. We never could see any crime these poor fellows had committed to merit such cruelty. We heard their crimes read to us indeed, as we were all forced to be present, such as unsoldierlike conduct, (this was a common crime, laid to our charge at drill every day a hundred times,) or insolence to bombardier 'A' or lance-corporal 'B' on duty. For petty misdemeanors, such as these, I saw the men every day punished with a severity I had never beheld exercised on the slaves in Carriacou [West Indies]. At this time, and indeed for years after, I have actually trembled at the threat of a lance-bombardier; and not myself only, but the stoutest and oldest soldier did the same; for so severe was the discipline, that if he had only malice enough to make the charge, a flogging was certain to follow. The first man I saw punished my heart was like to burst. It was with difficulty I could restrain my tears, as the thought broke upon me of what I had brought myself to. Indeed, my spirits sunk from that day, and all hopes of bettering my condition in life fled forever. I had hitherto only seen the pomp of war - the gloss and glitter of the army; now I was introduced into the arcana of its origination, and under the direct influence of its stern economy. I felt how much I had been deceived.

Another circumstance I must not omit before I leave Chatham; it made a great impression on me and all the troops. A poor fellow of the 9th regiment, said to be a farmer's son in Suffolk, had the misfortune to be found asleep on his post. General Sir J. Moore had the command of the Chatham division at the time; he was a severe disciplinarian. The soldier was tried by a court-martial, and sentenced to be flogged; all the troops were paraded to witness the punishment. It was a very stormy morning; the frost, which had continued for some days, gave way during the night, and the

wind and sleet drove most piteously: it was a severe punishment to stand clothed looking on, how much more so to be stripped to the waist, and tied up to the halberts. The soldier was a fine-looking lad, and bore an excellent character in his regiment; his officers were much interested in his behalf, and made great intercession for him to the General. But all their pleading was in vain, the General remained inflexible and made a very long speech after the punishment, in which he reflected in very severe terms on the conduct of the officers and non-commissioned officers present, observing, that if they did their duty as strictly as they had any regard for their men, they ought never to report them to him, for he would pardon no man when found guilty. The poor fellow got two hundred and twenty-nine lashes, but they were uncommonly sever. I saw the drum-major strike a drummer to the ground for not using his strength sufficiently. General Sir John Moore was present all the time. At length, the surgeon interfered, the poor fellow's back was black as the darkest mahogany, and dreadfully swelled. The cats being too thick, they did not cut, which made the punishment more severe. He was instantly taken down and carried to the hospital, where he died in eight days afterwards, his back having mortified. It was the cold I think that killed him; for I have often seen seven hundred lashes inflicted, but I never saw a man's back so horrible to look upon."

SOME INTERESTING REGULATIONS FROM THE BURGoyNE CAMPAIGN

Taken from *A Journal Kept in Canada and Upon Burgoyne's Campaign...*, Lieutenant James M. Hadden, Royal Artillery, pp.74&75.

"Standing Regulations, June 18, 1777:

The attention of every officer in action is to be employed in his Men; to make use of a *Fusil* except in very extraordinary occasions of immediate personal defence, wou'd betray an ignorance of his importance, and of his duty.

... nor are the Battalions of the Line ever to be loaded upon the March 'till very near the time when they may be expected to engage.

Not only discipline and honor but also the safety of the Troops require the strictest prohibition from straggling and plundering, and the Savages and Provost will have orders to punish offenders in these respects instantly, and with the utmost rigour.

... according to the present established rule of open Files, and two deep...."

NB: As if we need more, this latter quotation is proof-positive of the open order, two rank system employed in America as we have been practising over the least two campaigns.

MORE DUBIOUS RESEARCH

Now it's Frank Packer digging through the cobwebs to find the little cocooned body parts. From J.R. Weston, *The English Militia in the Eighteenth Century* (London: Routledge, 1965) p.350.

"Perhaps a more serious cause of embarrassment all round was that as each commanding officer decided what articles were to be bought it was difficult to satisfy the men that they were getting their money's worth. In 1779 some of the East Devons twice mobbed their colonel in camp because they had not received their 'half mountings'. They were rebuked but apparently not punished."

This delightful quote was accompanied by Mr. Packer offering a threat! As St. Leger often said in his General Orders, "this is deserving of the cord". You might guess what he meant.

By the way lads, a half-mounting is pieces of clothing, not tiny tarts.

REPORT OF THE LAKE FARM TACTICAL & YE LIVE BALL SHOOT

It rained all the night before and all of Saturday morning; but, the few intrepid souls who ventured to Kingston drank draft and waited out the downpour before sallying forth into the bush for red against the green. To everyone's great surprise and pleasure, the ground was well drained and the trees completely dry. Two scenarios were run and a very good time had by all witnessed by the fact that we didn't clear the bush until 1900 hours!

Wannamaker returned home for hot tongue and cold shoulder, taking Dave & Mike Putnam for protection. Most others enjoyed an excellent buffet at a local hostelry and then the four oinkers cleaned their muskets in their motel room. Yuk!!

The weekend saw the very welcome return of the veteran musketeer, James Bourget, who looked remarkably healthy running around with somebody else's liver, spleen, bowel & kidney. Rumours are that he retains his own infamous dinkie & cohones and, it was apparent, his own unique brain.

Very Big Al Laing proved to be a remarkable marksman. A few people were heard to say that sitting on your duff for 4000 hours a year without anything to keep you awake helps to make you a stable firing platform. Nonetheless, whatever the cause, 5 ball out of 5 shot, in a nice vertical group running up the side of a Fig 11 target at 75 yards is something to ponder.

Phil Hooper set a new standard within the Museum for reenacting insanity by joining two units within the same day - ie. the 2Bn Yorkers and the Perths and all for about \$120.00.

GOOD NEWS - CENTRAL & EASTERN SEAMSTRESSES FOR REGIMENTAL CLOTHING

Tammy O'Quinn has published her price list for those in the Toronto area. Exclusive of materials & buttons, these are:

Unlined, Light Coy, 2Bn & Drums coats - \$150.00

Fully lined w/functional cuffs and facings, Grenadier, Col's & Maj's coats - \$200.00

Waistcoats, 1st & 2nd Bns: \$65

LtCoy Leggings: \$15

Breeches: \$70

Gaitered Trousers: \$80

Officer's Shirts: \$40

Men's Shirts: \$30

Deb Parks has announced she is returning to sewing. Along with most uniforms items, Deb produces Blanket Coats/Capotes. Prices upon request.

THE BATH, NY BRITISH BRIGADE EVENT

Our regiment's attendance, considering it was the all-up US event of 1993 and was early in the season without other major interferences, was very disappointing. We did field one good section from each Company, the Colours and the Mortizer, so were amongst the larger units on the field; but, nowhere near what we should have been. Butler's Rangers had a good showing. Our King's Rangers Coy didn't attend.

The British Brigade came through with 400 Crown troops in the field. Unfortunately, the Continental Line didn't deliver and only 180 American troops were there, so the actions were unbalanced. While we were expecting a weekend of tactical wargames, the two major battles were scripted. The ground had some excellent terrain and the role given to the Northern Brigade was perfect for us. The Brigade worked together superbly. The ContLine proved to be badly lacking in aggression and a few of us commented that the BAR units are more competitive.

The setting for the encampment was super lying in the shadow of a mountain with dirt roads and bush as a backdrop. It would have been perfect except for the major State highway running parallel to the river across from the site. There was an excellent Sutler's street with all of the major suppliers in attendance.

A very worthwhile event worthy of much better support from this unit.

OLD FORT NIAGARA - GUN RAFFLE

To support activities at the Fort, there will be a gun raffle held on July 4 at 2:00PM. Tickets can be bought at the King's Birthday event and at the Seven Years War event on the weekend of the draw. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The firelock is a York County, Pennsylvania reproduction rifle in 50 cal with a 39" barrel. It will have a famous Siler lock, Davis double set-triggers and brass hardware. The stock is top grade curly maple. At a guess, this rifle would sell for well over \$600.00.

Newsletter 93-5 KING'S ROYAL YORKERS

As many members seem quite mystified as to how and why some of their peers get promoted to various ranks, I have included below the various factors involved. Obviously, as there is little use in promoting someone from 200 miles away to take rank in a Section, geography does play a major role in the selection of candidates. In this manner, a very less senior individual can rise in rank over many others more qualified but distant from the locality of the requirement. The following criteria are as appropriate to the Refugees & Followers as for the Troops.

CRITERIA FOR PROMOTION

GENERAL:

The existing Officer and NCO cadre of a company selects members for promotion as they are the best judges of who will best meet the criteria. Before announcement of a promotion, the candidate's name is given to the Colonel for comment. There has been no instance where a recommendation from the companies has been refused by Regt'l HQ.

1. Members must recognize at the outset of joining that there is no guarantee that they will be asked to accept a promotion to a position of rank.
2. If a member is selected for a promotion to one grade, there is no guarantee that he will be promoted to a higher level.
3. When an opening occurs, all candidates are reviewed against the criteria. There have been a few instances where a candidate has been promoted to a higher rank from outside the Section or the Company with the opening.
4. Often, lower rank NCO's & Officers are passed over in favour of a candidate who fills the criteria for the higher rank more closely.

THE CRITERIA:

For all promotions, a candidate must:

1. Be a willing and competent worker.
2. Be a proficient, well turned out soldier.
3. Be an excellent example of Regimental spirit.
4. Have the respect of his peers (note: not necessarily the love) and, especially, those whom he will be put over.
5. Be without delusions of grandeur or a lust for power.

For promotion to Serjeant, a candidate must:

1. Be willing to maintain a high activity level.
2. Be willing to take on considerably more work and responsibility.
3. Be willing, and financially capable, of constantly executing telephone campaigns to encourage the Section and make reports to HQ.
4. Have the skill to encourage and deliver a high level of military performance in his Section.
5. Have the understanding that the Regiment is spiritually 'first' and his Section is 'second'.
6. Be recognized as possessing, and using, common sense.
7. Be recognized as being politically astute.
8. Be willing and capable of commanding other units within the Regiment and, when required, elements of other regiments.
9. Have the patience of Job.

For promotion to Company Commander, a candidate must:

1. Possess all of the above characteristics and...
2. Be prepared and capable to command the whole Regiment.
3. Have the confidence and knowledge to take charge of all Crown Forces at events without pre-warning.
4. Be competent and willing to design events and manage & execute them.
5. Be the soul of good judgement and a peacemaker.
6. Have a quantity of patience approaching that of the Good Lord.

Absolutely Critical -

Any individual who accepts the role of Corporal or above must understand, and wholly accept, his continuing responsibility to maintain a) high attendance levels; b) an even temper; c) a keen & positive outlook, and d) a flexible approach to adversity.

When the weight of this responsibility becomes overwhelming and the continual need to be a good shepherd seems impossible to maintain, the individual should be prepared to suggest his own removal. He should not wait, or need, to be told that he is failing to live up to the requirements of his position.