

THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RECREATED KRR NY

Black Creek Pioneer Village, June 14, 15 & 16

This will be THE MOST REALISTIC tacticals that our unit has ever participated in! Consistent with common sense and public safety, our tacticals will have virtually the full use of the village -- that's up and down the road network, through the yards, the bush and the fields, around the buildings and across the creek. All of our training will come into play, Battalion & Flank tactics, the gun, the mortar. Here's some details.

THE ENCAMPMENT The Village will be open on Friday and access to the Common where we will set up will be available to vehicles after 5:00PM. Early arrivals can manpack their tents in to set up and bring the balance in later.

Cpl. David Moore will be on site from 3:00PM onwards with a plan for the cantonment. L/Cpl Reeves and Grenadier Gammon will assist from 6:00.

Would everyone with a tent, whether you intend to stay over or not, please bring it to this event and erect it on the Yorker streets.

Sjt.Mjr. Reuter and Sjt. Joyner to bring NCO tents to head the main Yorker street.

Lt.Col. Watt, Capt. Severin, the Drums and Cpl. Devlin to bring Marquees. The Fly should also be erected.

The object of this exercise is to have the largest cantonment ever produced by the Regiment.

All those with cooking utensils, tripods, kettles, grates, irons, pls. bring and Campfollower Tomlinson will perform miracles.

Each Section to bring one shovel & one axe, ideally period.... Also, anyone with pails, lanterns, lantern stands, please bring.

Camp Colours from each Company should be there.

For Saturday arrivals, you must have your vehicle out of the Village by 9:45 latest. Later arrivals will have to manpack all kit from the parking lot.

SATURDAY NIGHT CELEBRATION The Birthday Party for the Regiment will be in the Village after the site closes at 6:00PM. The Ladies of the unit will prepare a Buffet meal and everyone will make a cash donation towards this event without having to be hounded and badgered. Mrs. Colonel will collect the loot. Amount currently unknown. You will need some money to feed yourself for breakfast and lunch both days so bring an extra few \$\$ to underwrite the Buffet.

Courtesy of the Masonic Lodge of Johnstown NY who were so impressed by the 2nd Batt'n appearance, we have an issue of Limewater (Gin & some Tonic with some Lime); however, this will not slake the thirst of the multitude, so everyone should be sure to bring the LIQUID of their choice to ward off chills and other suppressed behaviour. All primary wet stuff, mixes, ice, etc are individual responsibility.

MEALS Other than all noted above re the Party, the Village has a variety of eateries for lunch if you don't have a cooler. We are working on breakfasts; but, I would suggest that you bring something to munch on in the wee hours of the morning.

FIXINGS Water, washrooms, straw are all available. Showers?? Bring bug juice.

UNIFORM & ACCOUTREMENTS You will need lots of cartridges!! I'm not kidding. Bring 72 rounds minimum. Load ahead, don't be messing around in the camp making rounds. Be prepared.

Dress for this event is NO. 2 Campaign. The Scenario is that we have captured a rebel town. You will get dirty...you might get wet. Bring extra socks.

Officers should be in gaitered trousers for the tactical. Expect a rough time. This is realistic in the extreme.

**SAFETY** Our biggest concern will be public safety during these free flowing tacticals. All of us will need to be wide awake firing muskets and cannon surrounded by the public. Each member may find himself operating independently during the action and the brain will have to be in full gear. Remember, the public will be in the streets and around the buildings.

Flame and burning powder spew from your musket for up to 25 feet - almost 8 metres. A discharge in the face of a bystander could easily cause blindness. The burns from black powder are horrendous.

So, I don't want to unduly frighten any of you; but, you must be very responsible.

Would all fathers of musket-carrying sons please be sure to pass on this notice and reinforce where necessary.

**SAFETY OFFICERS** All Campfollowers will be asked to work in this role. This duty will involve stationing yourselves throughout the route of the battle in order to warn the public of what is happening and the actions they should take as the battle moves around them.

Particular care should be taken with older people who will need early warning and children who may be frightened or impulsive.

All farm and draught animals will be removed from the Village so these will not be a problem.

This duty will give you a front row seat for the action which you don't often enjoy. Remember, you will also be in the middle of what's going on so you will have to be careful to avoid complications.

### **BATTALION ORGANIZATION**

Consistent with current KRY policy, two senior Musketmen have been selected for the role of Ensigns for this event and they will carry the Colours throughout this appearance. These men are: Syl Haase, King's Colour and Dan Moreau, Regimental Colour.

**SECTION LEADERS** Each Section, whose numbers warrant, will be divided into two, roughly equal Squads, one led by the Corporal, the other by the L/Cpl or a Chosen Man. Each Squad will be evenly distributed with senior, experienced men and newer types. Each File in the Section will have a senior and junior man. The senior will be designated by the Section Leader. Squads should not be less than four men.

Squads will be detached from the Battalion advances as necessary. Remember, the key element in seniority will not be drill perfection; it will be experience.

Section members who are still in the recruit stage will be assigned to special duties with the Main Column and are not to be included in the Squad system.

Section Leaders will please provide a written plan for Squad structure to himself by 10:30 Saturday. Section Leaders will please phone with a Muster of attendees from each Section/Company by Wed. June 12.

**BATTALION VANGUARD** Commanded by LtCol Watt.  
Composed of the combined Flank Coys commanded by Capt. Severin

ie. Grenadiers, Lights, Leake's  
and a detachment of the Col's Coy commanded by Lt. Bourget with the Right and Left Sections.

**BATTALION COLUMN** Commanded by CaptLt Anderson  
Composed of the Colours with Colour Guard of old guard, recruits & young men.  
the Drums (less Leake's)  
the 3 Pdr Fieldpiece  
the Cohorn Mortar  
the Centre Section, Col's Coy

Drums will beat the Column forward and where necessary protect the Colours from the exuberance of an aroused enemy. The Regimental Honour must not fall prey!

TACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS As there are two distinct battle sequences, the Sections/Companies will have their assignments altered from one day to the other so that the maximum variety in tactical deployment can be experienced by all. The assignment for Day One is that noted above on p.2.

SCHEDULE

- Friday June 14 Encampment area open at 12:00Noon; but, vehicles not allowed into the site until 5:00.
- Saturday June 15 Everyone who owns a tent will please bring it and erect in the cantonment by 9:30 and have your vehicle out by 9:45
- 9:00 Officers and NCO's Meeting
- 10:00 Action Stations: The scenario now begins to the effect that a Crown Column of Highlanders and Provincials have captured a rebel town and set up camp. Occupation details will be performed as follows and then after lunch a rebel relief column forces the Crown troops out of the village after a smart action. On the second day the Crown comes back and takes the village burning it to the ground in just retribution. (the latter being fantasy)
- Occupation Details: Flank Companies: Responsible for piqueting all road intersections, the Town Hall and the Gunsmith's Shop. Right Section: Responsible for Posting the King's Proclamation in all prominent Public places throughout the Village. Individuals despoiling the King's word will be apprehended and placed under guard. Return to camp by 10:40 and stand down. Left Section: Responsible for conducting a Recruiting Party at the Half Way House Tavern supported by a few 'recruits' and 'wives'. Lt. Bourget commanding. Sjt. Joyner as Recruiting Sjt. Centre Section: Under command of CptLt Anderson, responsible for cantonment and local roadway security. Fieldpiece & Mortar: With assigned recruits, to drill on the Parade in front of the Town Hall. Stand down after practice. Drums: To supply a well practiced Drummer & Fifer to the Recruiting Party to beat them there and back, and to beat Recruiting Call. The balance to practice for the demonstration.
- 11:00 Details Continue: Right Section relieves the Flank Coy at all posts noted above. Flank Coy returns to camp and stands down. Left Section returns to camp and relieves Centre Section of all posts noted above. Centre Section investigates report of a deserter hiding at Roblin's Mill. One Squad to surround Mill, other to enter and politely & imaginatively search for same. Return to camp and stand down. Fieldpiece and Mortar: Exercise dragging and manpacking and deploying into field for action. Return to camp and stand down. Drums: Extensive Drum and Fife demo on Parade in front of Town Hall. When complete, stand down.
- 11:30 Recruit Drilling: CptLt Anderson to conduct Recruit Musket Drilling on Parade with NCO's of returned Sections. All recruits will report promptly to the Colonel's Marquee at 11:25. All Sjts & Cpls will report to the Col's Marquee on their return from details. Drill will continue to Noon.
- 11:45 Right & Left Section NCO's withdraw all Piquets. Stand down.
- NOON to 12:45 Lunch. Troops which have been stood down may lunch earlier than Noon.
- 12:45 Assembly Drums: Without fail, will promptly beat the Troop. Coys/Sections: all troops, without fail, all troops will be ready to go! As will Campfollowers for their Safety Officer role!!

SCHEDULE CONTINUED

- 12:55 The Battalion will Fall-In on the road in front of the cantonment, facing north with the Vanguard to the front and the Column to the rear, in this order.  
Vanguard: Flank; Left; Right. Due to the limited frontage on the Village roads, each Section will subdivide into its Squads and form into a column in that fashion. eg. Flank - squad of Lights, squad of Leakes, first squad of Grenadiers, second squad of Grendrs.  
Column: First Squad of Centre; Colours with CptLt Anderson and Guard; Drums (less Leake's); Mortar; Fieldpiece; Second, rear-guard Squad of Centre.
- 1:00 Column will stand down.  
Vanguard will practice Street Firings by Squads. Stand down.
- 1:20 A Left Section Squad under command of Lt Bourget and Sjt Joyner will post piquets as instructed along Mill Road.
- 1:30 REBEL ATTACK The scenario continues, with the Yorkers responsible for the defence of the north end of the Village and repelling the main rebel column.  
The Rangers and Highlanders will defend the cantonment and the south end of the Village.  
We will fight the rebel Regulars and Militia through the north end of the Village; but, while we're doing that their riflemen will secure the south and our camp.  
We will withdraw through the south-west corner. The Rangers and Highlanders will withdraw through the south-east.
- 3:30approx. Parade of the Soldier and Campfollower  
Selected troops and campfollowers will appear at the Town Hall for a presentation. All uninvolved members will stand down.
- 6:00 Village closes. Yorker Birthday Party commences.
- Sunday June 16
- 9:00 Officers and NCO's meeting
- 10:00 A Brief Religious Service at Fisherville Churchyard. Voluntary. Troops wishing to attend are dismissed duty.  
Piquet Duty SjtMjr Reuter will organize Piquets for all intersections and key buildings similar to Saturday.  
Off Duty troops will prepare arms and accoutrements for the afternoon battle.  
Recruit Drills Recruits not attending the Service will be under drill at the SjtMjr's instruction.
- 11:00 Piquet details rotate.  
Drums: Drum and Fife demo on Parade.  
Fieldpiece & Mortar: detailed drill demo w/o firing on Parade after Drums demo.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Drums: Beat Troop. All men form-up in designated march order and Yorkers march with Colours flying, Drums beating, Fifes shrilling and Bayonets Fixed to the Start Line.
- 1:30 CROWN ATTACK King's Royal Yorkers roll-up these suckers and retake the Village, our Camp and win the day.  
Exact details of route and Section assignments to be detailed on site with Officers and NCO's over lunch.  
This is Operation Mincemeat!
- 3:30 Local troops and campfollowers will participate in a Parade of the Soldier/Campfollower.  
Balance will strike camp; but, vehicles cannot enter until 5:00 so cooperation in manpacking will be essential.

SHOULD THERE BE A FIRE, EVERYTHING STOPS AND WE PUT IT OUT!

