

1) IF YOU INTEND TO ONLY BE AT ONE EVENT THIS YEAR, THIS SHOULD BE IT!

Kingston May 31 and June 1 Ontario Government Plaque Dedication to the Regiment Exercizing the Right and Privilege of Freedom of the City
Official Launch of the Biography of Sir John Johnson

This new Ontario Plaque is specifically dedicated to the Royal Yorkers and will be erected in Confederation Park, immediately across from the steps of the Historical City Hall.

For those of you who missed the awarding of the ancient British privilege of Freedom of the City first given to our unit in 1983 in commemoration of the role played by the Second Batt'n in the founding of Kingston 200 years before, you have your chance to relive this spectacle. The Regiment will march through the lower streets of the city with Colours Flying, Bayonets Fixed, Fifes Shrilling and Drums Beating. We will halt at several key points and discharge three ceremonial volleys and give three cheers. These will be at the intersection of King & Johnson Streets where a plaque is dedicated to John Stuart, the Chaplain of the 2 Bn and the Founder of the Anglican Church in Ontario; at Fort Frontenac, the military post rebuilt by the Regiment in 1783 and the location of a plaque to Major John Ross, the Officer Commanding the 2 Bn and the garrison commander at Kingston in 1783 & 84 at the time of settlement and at a plaque to Molly Brant, step mother of Sir John Johnson, sister of Joseph and a most important figure in the alliance of the Iroquois with Britain during the Revolution.

The book launch will be at the Historic City Hall and we will enliven the proceedings. Also, Tourist Week is to be officially opened this same day and we will give the City a hand.

A large crowd is expected to attend these various functions as they will be widely advertised on radio, TV and in the press. Many dignitaries will be officiating.

The unit's good friend, Jack Rogers UE, descendant of Major James of the King's Rangers is the Chairman of the Committee coordinating the support for the affair. Tex Joyner, Col's Coy is a key member thereof.

In consequence, there are meals and grog supplied to the ravenous, thirsty troops. We will have a Regimental Dinner in Kingston on Saturday evening.

ATTENDANCE: Given the importance of these events, I would like the absolute maximum of troops from all subunits to be there. We should be able to put 90 plus men on the ground if the unit commanders make a big effort.

Spiritually and Ceremonially, this is the big one of the year.

Tent Encampment This will be erected in the same park as in 1984 and the way will be signposted. The cantonment will be sited in the correct 18C manner and we will conduct suitable activities on the Sunday, closing the camp about 3PM. Those who cannot stay for both days are encouraged to come for the Saturday only!!

Plan now to be there. A timetable and rendezvous will be sent out later.

2) Sir Peter Johnson, 7th Baronet of New York

I am pleased to advise that Sir Peter has indeed accepted the role of Honorary Colonel Commandant of the Regiment in the room of his father, Sir John.

Unfortunately, he will not be able to attend Kingston; but, he is hoping to be in the Colonies in 1988 and perhaps we can mesh his visit with the mega event in Ottawa.

Note well, in fine military tradition, Sir Peter will be toasted immediately following the Monarch and Sir John, the 2nd Baronet and original Colonel Commandant.

Once again the Regiment is led by a Johnson. Watch out rebels

3) QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE Monday, May 18 10:30AM

This is 'the' function on the holiday. There is no Fort York Festival!!

The Regiment will form up in the area of Trinity Square, next to Holy Trinity Church. Enter for the parking lot off Bay St. south of Dundas and north of Albert St.

The unit will march with other historic units in a block at the head of the parade. Dress for this affair is No. 2 Formal, ie. without any supplementary gee-gaws and with leather blackened, buff scrubbed and brass polished. Fifteen rounds of blank will be needed.

A good turnout for the first event of the season from those in the metro Toronto area will be much appreciated and of course recognized by our Monarch as this is expected to be the largest parade in the Commonwealth outside of London England.

Any additional questions about organization, please call Serjeant Reg James, Grenadiers at 691-7504.

4) PORT HURON, "FEAST OF THE STE CLAIRE", MICHIGAN SAT./SUN. May 23, 24

This is a small, multi-era event with lots of sutlers and fiferettes. Not a bad affair for recruits who want to get some time in on their drill in preparation for some more demanding events. Our unit's turnout has in the past been very small although the event itself is quite large; however, not particularly military. If you're interested in pursuing this please phone Lecherous Dave Moore at 881-0526.

5) UNIONVILLE PARADE/ HISTORICAL FESTIVAL Sat. June 6

Here's another one that isn't on the calender. Get out pencil and add it. Your Section Leaders will phone details of timing and rendezvous point later. The unit is getting a good stipend for this effort so a turnout from Toronto and area for a nice short march and show and tell mit grog would be good.

6) UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS NATIONAL CONVENTION, Holiday Inn, Peterborough

Friday & Saturday, June 5&6

We have a small contingent of troops and followers attending this convention to talk to the Loyalists and illustrate how their ancestors were clothed and accoutred. We will have a photo exhibit as well.

In view of the tremendous assistance some of the Branches have been with our trip to England and the Freedom of the City event, I would like us to be helpful at their meeting. Please phone Grenadier Ken Paterson who is organizing our response - 233-2090. Members from Trenton, Belleville and Kingston as well as Ottawa would be most welcome.

7) CANADA DAY CELEBRATION, Oshawa, Ontario Wednesday, July 1

Cpl. Jim Devlin, Col's Coy has got this event underway and the unit has a very good stipend coming for a good effort made. This is an excellent site on the shore of Lake Ontario with good ground for a small camp and lots of room for tactical demonstrations. There are a small number of historic buildings.

We are eager to have a good local turnout of 20-30 troops and drummers to earn our salt. A map and timetable will follow.

8) 150th Anniversary, Founding of Picton Ontario July 11 & 12

This event is exclusively for the Second Battalion and the Brunswick Lt Inf.

Details to follow. Broadly, we expect to arrive on the Saturday and pitch a tent encampment on the grounds of the Prince Edward County Museum and the historic site, McAuley House. We will be involved in a whaleboat landing in Picton harbour and a march back to the camp at which we will put on demonstrations for both days. We are expecting good support from the locals.



WINTER PARTY '87

9) Trip to England Update

Some very good news! Through the extensive efforts of Grenadier Ken Paterson, several grants of funds have been received, in the main from UEL Branches, the Toronto Branch in particular and two Corporations. When all grants have been received we will publish a listing.

The primary use of the monies received will be to underwrite the costs of travel for all students, that is, persons who are still in school, who have just graduated this term, or who are just about to enter a full time programme.

Members fitting this description will be expected to forward immediately \$100.00 to the King's Royal Yorkers. Other than the costs of their entertainment and souvenirs, there will be no other expenditure required.

It is hoped that there will be a residue of some cash which can be used to reduce the costs somewhat for the rest of the travellers as well. More on this later.

Preparations requiring action from you

- a) Passport! Take care of this now. Don't wait and panic at the last moment.
- b) Blue Cross hospitalization coverage. It would be wise to take out this inexpensive coverage for your time overseas. Do some research now. Forms are available at your Bank. It's easy to do. You won't regret it. (this is a good idea for trips to the USA as well. Very cheap and can be bought for just a weekend)
- c) We are currently at 37 troops and still gradually growing. Spread the word. There is still a little time left but....

FINAL PAYMENT

Your final payment is required to be in my hands by June 15. All those, except the students noted above, must send me the balance owed of a total of \$529.00. Please do not have to be prodded.

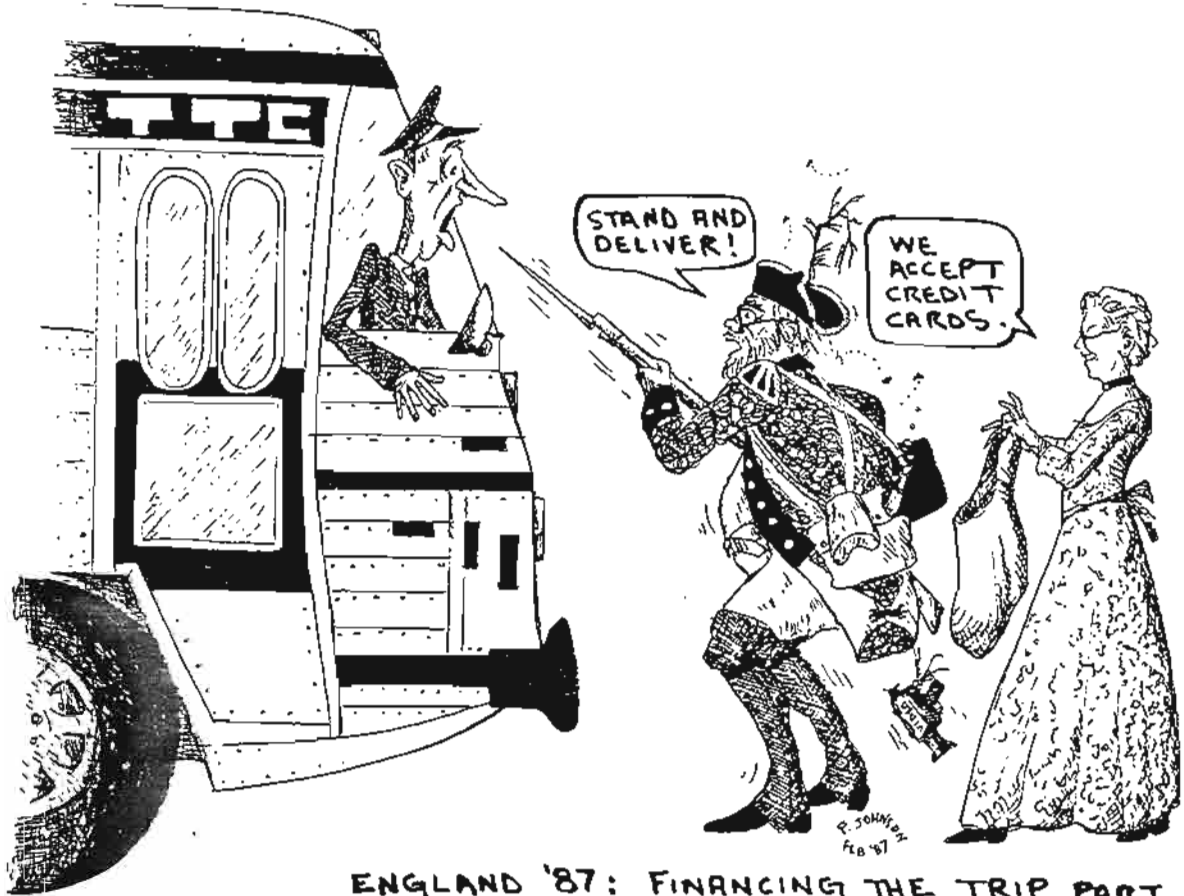
TOURS

There are a few of you who have not contacted me about which tours you are

- d) We are also advised that all troops carrying muskets should have a Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) obtainable from your local Police Department. If you have one, be sure it's up to date. If not, the Certificate takes several weeks to process. Do it now!!

wishing to take on our days off. As I said in the special notice, if you don't pick these ahead of time, do not expect to get aboard when we're there.

10) Grenadier and Mrs. Paterson At Work



ENGLAND '87: FINANCING THE TRIP, PART I

11) Promotions in the First Battalion, effective April 15

Allan Joyner to Lieutenant of the Colonel's Company

David Moore to Serjeant, Col's Coy, vice Joyner promoted

Brad Berg to Corporal of the Gun

John Moore to Corporal, Col's Coy

Jeff Paine to Corporal, Col's Coy, vice Moore, D. promoted

Joyner to appear in the ranks as a Volunteer when the event does not warrant his appearance as a Commissioned Officer.

Berg to appear as a Private in the ranks of the Light Company, with his knot removed when the Gun is not fielded.

John Moore to serve Junior to Devlin when the latter is able to appear on the field, unless Devlin is with the Gun Crew, at which time Moore's seniority will follow Zubatiuk's.

12) LOST ARTICLES

Nicole Wood unfortunately mislaid her black shawl at the Winter Party. Word from the Staff at Fort York is that this garment was picked up by a Yorker on the night. Would whoever recovered this article please give either Al Joyner or myself a phone call. This shawl is a valued family heirloom and will be greatly missed if not found.

On a less important scale, someone left behind their Yorker haversack. It was without a painted number and entirely empty. Any claimants?

13) EYEGASSES

I have already hit this point and I guess repetition won't hurt. I want everyone to get on-side and make a big effort to obtain glasses frames which are at least passable as 18Century. As I have stated many times, it is so pointless to put so much effort and money towards completing 18C kit and learning drill or period details and then completely ruin the effect by appearing in public with obviously 20C eyeglasses.

14) INSURANCE

The members of the Regiment, both sexes and all ages, are once again protected by a Third Party Liability Insurance Policy for \$1,000,000.

I must stress that this in no way protects any of us from harming eachother nor will it cover any misfortune which you may have in the way of a personal injury.

What it does cover is injuries which we may cause to the audience (note, not other participants). This would also cover damage caused by fires which got out of hand or were caused by discharge flame or spark.

In some cases, it could also cover a vehicle accident when moving Regimental stores, etc..

Of particular note for all of you who are tempted to demonstrate muskets to the audience and then to allow them to fire the musket, note well, if the shooter is injured there is a good chance that our policy will not cover a problem as you will have invited the accident by allowing the firing. Recommendation - don't give your weapon to someone for firing. (Certainly the BAR Insurance is voided in this circumstance.)

15) 2nd BATTALION NEWS

Promotion: Todd Girdwood to Corporal.

Bill Severin has advised that he will not proceed to equip himself as an Officer for this period.

Al Joyner has advised that he also will not proceed to complete his kit for the 2 Bn as he is now completing for the 1 Bn.

16) 1758 New York Provincial Regiment

Eight men have committed to complete uniforms for this unit and expect to make their first appearance at Fort Niagara in July.

Eric Lorenzen is the leader of this new Museum Project and will serve in the role of Serjeant.

Uniforms: Regimental Coat- Green faced green with plain, domed buttons.
No waistcoat. Shirt - plain white as KRR, or blue checked. Roller.
Cocked hat (tricorn) with Scots Bonnet, blue, as fatigue cap.

Accoutrements: Belly box plus custom designed, ball bag and horn.
Single frog waistbelt with bayonet. (double frog KRR belt to begin with. Haversack. Wooden canteen (kidney tin version KRR to start)
Short Land Musket with KRR sling in buff. Long Land or Indian Fusil desirable.

KRR gaitered trousers and shoes or boots with Green leggings to be worn.

17) FRENCH-INDIAN WAR RANGER'S ORDERS BY ROBERT ROGERS, 1756

These rules allowed Roger's Corps of Provincial Rangers to operate most effectively against French Regular Infantry, the cunning Partisans of French Canada and their Indian allies.

They are excerpted from the Instructions for Platoon Commanders Division School of Infantry - Officers Wing, Canadian Army.

STANDING ORDERS, ROGERS RANGERS

1. Don't forget nothing.
2. Have your musket clean as a whistle, hatchet scoured, sixty rounds powder and ball, and be ready to march at a minute's warning.
3. When you're on the march, act the way you would if you was sneaking up on a deer. See the enemy first.
4. Tell the truth about what you see and what you do. There is an army depending on us for correct information. You can lie all you please when you tell other folks about the rangers, but don't never lie to a Ranger or officer.
5. Don't never take a chance you don't have to.
6. When we're on the march we march single file, far enough apart so one shot can't go through two men.
7. If we strike swamps, or soft ground, we spread out abreast, so it's hard to track us.
8. When we march, we keep moving till dark, so as to give the enemy the least possible chance at us.
9. When we camp, half the party stays awake while the other half sleeps.
10. If we take prisoners, we keep 'em separate till we have had time to examine them, so they can't cook up a story between 'em.
11. Don't ever march home the same way. Take a different route so you won't be ambushed.
12. No matter whether we travel in big parties or little ones, each party has to keep a scout 20 yards on each flank and twenty yards in the rear, so the main body can't be surprised and wiped out.
13. Every night you'll be told where to meet if surrounded by a superior force.
14. Don't sit down to eat without posting sentries.
15. Don't sleep beyond dawn. Dawn's when the French and Indians attack.
16. Don't cross a river by regular ford.
17. If somebody's trailing you, make a circle, come back onto your own tracks, and ambush the folks that aim to ambush you.
18. Don't stand up when the enemy's coming against you. Kneel down, lie down, hide behind a tree.
19. Let the enemy come till he's almost close enough to touch. Then let him have it and jump out and finish him with your hatchet.