

1) Toronto DRILL SCHEDULE

The Queens York Rangers have once again sponsored the Yorkers at Fort York Armouries for a season of Drills.

Note, all Drill dates are firm except those for February which may have to be changed or altered later. All the others can be entered into your calendars, keeping Feb's date tentative.

Again, these are all Wednesday nights, inside the Armoury on the Parade with musket, sling, waistbelt, bayonet, scabbard and bicorn. Be sure to have a wooden snapper in place of flints in order to protect your frizzen.

January 13 & 27; February 17; March 9 & 23; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18.

One of our previous faults has been the littering of cloths, rubbers, musket covers etc.. on the edge of the Parade. While we have no choice about where we put things, we must avoid blocking any doorways and we can make an effort to keep our gear neat!!

2) WINTER PARTY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 ENOCH TURNER SCHOOLHOUSE 6:30 PM

See map below for location and parking lots. You can park on the various streets if you wish to. Watch local regulations.

All members are to appear in full kit w/o arms. The wearing of KRR approved medals is encouraged.

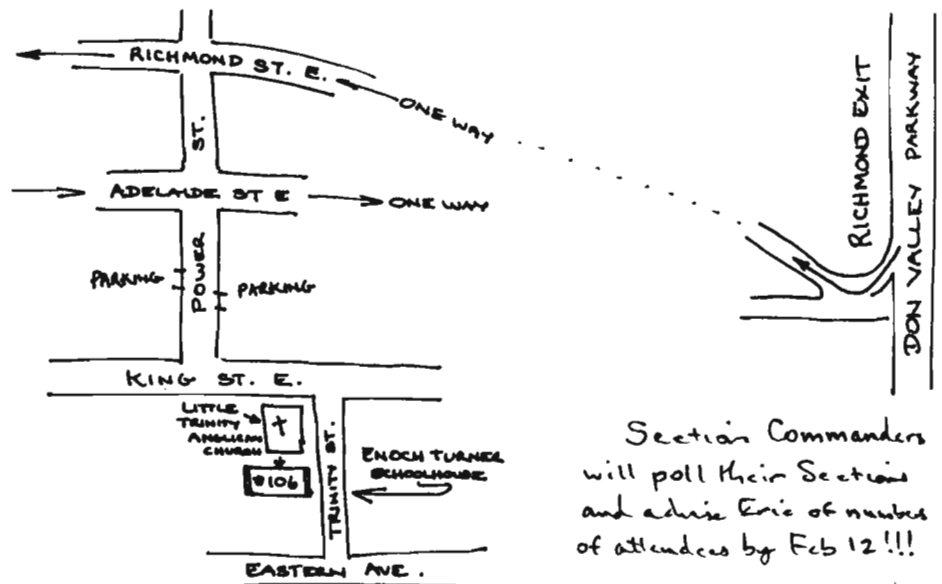
The cost for members is \$12.00 either cash or cheque. Pls do not expect to charge this function to your account. Persons under 12 at \$8.00.

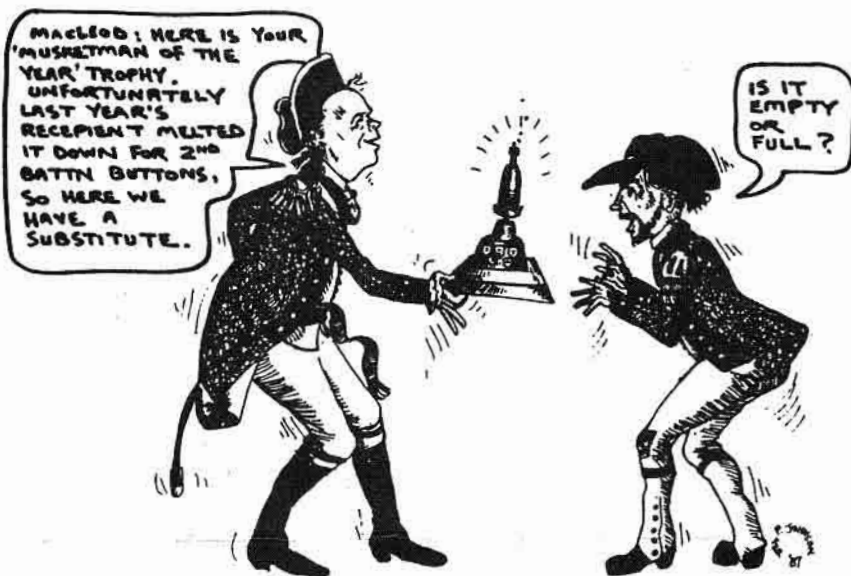
The meal will be buffet with a sit-down arrangement at tables. Many members wish to return to the more formal Regimental Dinner format.

This is a BYOB function, including all mixes for drinks. Plastic glasses are provided; but, if you wish some elegance or 18C flavour to your imbibing, bring your own receptacles.

The Prov. Assn. of Loyal Thespians Award will be awarded to the best skit as judged by an impartial selection of Officers and NCO's. Any groups of members are very welcome to deliver a 5-10 minute family entertainment which is informative, amusing or both. This Award was given to the unit by Grenadiers Gammon & Reeves who are rumoured to be returning to duty in Campaign 88 and we may even see them at the Schoolhouse for this engagement.

Unfortunately, through abysmal planning by himself, this date overlaps the Cdn Fencible's annual Battle of Ogdensburg event, so many of our 1st Bn. members who are also in the 1812 unit will serve King George in combat rather than at school. Apologies to all for this confusion.





WINTER PARTY '87

For new members, this event includes the awarding of the Yorker of the Year Trophy, won last year by the individual aptly portrayed by Pete Johnson directly above; the award of the Medal of the Year for those members who attended the soon-to-be-named mega event and the distribution to each member of the justly infamous, vicious, libelous P.W.Johnson Annual Diatribe & Calender.

3) KINGSTON PARTY, APRIL ?? 1988

We will be proceeding with this affair and as a new wrinkle, which will avoid boredom for those of you with short attention spans, this Party will be considered a Museum Members' event and all persons involved in 18&19C recreations are invited to attend in the uniforms of their choice. I say 'uniforms' because Eric has 4 and may have to wear pieces of all of them to keep himself happy. More details on this event later.

4) PROMOTION

Ron Maybee is promoted to Lance Corporal of No.3 Section, Colonel's Coy

-today Poland, tomorrow .....

5) TRIP TO GERMANY, 1 Bn. & Brunswick Light Infantry

During the two weeks of May 5 to 19, Claus Reuter is organizing a tour in Germany of several modern and historical military museums and installations.

Participants will pay their own fare there and back; but, quarters and inexpensive meals are provided. This has been arranged with the Bundeswehr through an Honorary Officer of the Brunswick's. Other 18C reenactors from the USA are also expected.

Couples are welcome. Phone Claus for more details at 416-261-9964.

6) A REMINDER TO ALL NEW CAMPFOLLOWERS

It is Regimental Policy that all new Followers are to send for the mandatory Starter Kit (which tells all about correct clothing & materials, and much more as well). Send a \$10.00 cheque made out to Cyd Paul Girdwood at 345 Park St. N., Peterborough, Ont. K9H 4P6

This will avoid embarrassment for you and the ladies who are respon-

sible for the accuracy of KRR NY Followers' dress.

To all of you guys who want wives or girlfriends to become involved, it's your responsibility to follow through with this requirement.

#### 7. YOUR DEBTS

I put a small note in red pen in the margin of the last newsletter of all of you who have a debt to the unit.

Unfortunately, this has not had the desired effect! While this unit is quite well off, we are very cash poor. Without cash to pay bills and buy necessary inventory, we cannot operate.

When I ask for a payment, I would like a prompt response, no matter how small or trivial the amount may appear to you. We must have cash flow!

If you have lost the note about how much you owe, please give me a call in the evening at 416-833-6435 to find out and get a cheque off right away.

#### 8. ITEMS FOR SALE

To clear up a point which was confusing in the last nwltr, you must write to the individuals named as having the item for sale and send them the necessary cheque to pay for what you have ordered. Unless I am listed as having the item you want, don't send money to me and don't try to charge to your account when buying from these other chaps.

Some new items:

- a) A softbound book entitled, German Mercenaries in Canada by J.P.Wilhelmy.  
 -this book has a number of coloured plates, b&w pictures and maps.  
 -there are complete details on the German units which served in Canada and a genealogical listing of those who settled in Quebec in 1784  
 -there is far more commentary on social conditions than found in most other works, which are of great interest to the Followers.  
 -the purchase of this book assists the Regiment through a financial arrangement with the author.  
 -Order through Claus Reuter, 2615 Eglinton Ave.E., Scarborough MK 2S2  
 Price \$10.00 plus \$2.50 Postage/packing.

- b) Several softbound books to be ordered through me, himself. These have been bought through the publisher at a considerable bulk discount.

Relating to the Secret Service Operations in Canada against New York & Vermont, two books by Mary Fryer.

Loyalist Spy, the story of Hans Walden Meyer (John Waltermeyer), a Captain in Jessup's Loyal Rangers and a most successful operative who came within a cat's whisker of capturing Philip Schuyler, the rebel Major General in the North. \$8.00

Buckskin Pimpernel, the story of Justus Sherwood who led a most varied career ranging from being a member of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys, to being a combat officer at Bennington in 1777 with the Queen's Loyal Rangers, to commanding the Secret Service and leading negotiations with Vermont to return to British allegiance, to surveying many of the settlement sites for the Loyalists. \$6.00

Relating to our sister regiment, the 84th Royal Highland Emigrants and their colourful Commanding Officer, Allan Maclean, a biography of that General which includes stories of the 1745 Rising in Scotland, service against the French Regime in North America and the siege of Fort Niagara and details of many contemporaries of Sir John, John Butler etc.. \$8.00 -also by Mary Fryer

The biography of Sir John Johnson, the Royal Yorkers Commanding Officer. A fascinating and somewhat grim story of a man who sacrificed all of his immense wealth to serve the King. \$8.00

For all of these books ordered from me, send \$1.00 each for postage. Whether from me or Claus, you can order these books to be picked up at the Drills with no additional charges.

#### 7. STRIPPING YOUR LOCK or A SUBLIMATED DEATHWISH

We seem to be getting a lot of broken lock parts, many of which relate to strange maintenance procedures rather than simple wear.

Those of you more familiar with Military practices will recognize that small arms have two definite maintenance levels - i. that level of stripping which the soldier himself performs to service his weapon, and ii. that level of stripping which is reserved for armourers only as the average soldier either doesn't have the tools or the specialized knowledge of how to proceed.

The Lock of your musket falls into this latter category. Very, very few of us possess the tools or the understanding of the correct sequence of the working parts to successfully strip the lockwork without running an excessive risk of damaging its proper functioning.

To make things more binding - other than satisfying idle curiosity, there is no need to strip the Lock in order to maintain it for efficient & safe operation.

Taking the Lock off the musket and thoroughly washing/scrubbing it in hot, soapy water, using a toothbrush or stiff bristled paint brush to get into the nooks and crannies, and then spraying or painting it entirely with WD-40 or similar light, lubricating oil will do the trick and runs no risks.

Of course, rinse copiously after cleaning and before oiling.

The main areas of concern from a safety hazard point of view are the two notches in the tumbler which engage the sear. These are the half-cock notch and the full-cock notch. If the notches become clogged with dirt, the musket is in danger of either 'going off half cocked' or having too light a trigger pull to be considered safe when full-cocked. This latter is extremely dangerous when you are at the 'Recover' awaiting the command to Fire.

So, a regular inspection of these two notches, without disassembling the Lock, is very much in order and if you cannot clean them out with the stiff brush or dissolve the dirt with the soapy water, then clean them with the point of a pin.

So, save yourself money and aggravation and a long wait for new parts. Don't strip your Lock!

#### 8. MILITARY MUSIC SYMPOSIUM, HISTORIC FORT YORK JAN. 30, 1988

This will be a most informative, one-day lecture series dealing with our period and the War of 1812. Lecturers include our Fifer, Paul Fortier who is Military Curator, Ontario Region for Parks Canada; Ian Bell, a noted, local performer of period music and Mark Logsdon who is the Director of the First Michigan Coloneial Fife & Drum and the Drum Major of the 64th Regt.

The fee is \$20.00 and the session starts at 8:30AM. Phone 416-392-6907 for details and tickets. All of you fathers who have sons who want to get involved in Fife or Drum would be wise to take this in with your offspring.

#### 9. HILDA SZABO RETIRES

After ten long years of super service to the Regiment, Hilda has turned in her needle. While one of her reasons for doing so was a lack of needing extra cash, the biggest problem was the hassle that she went through with so many of our members. One of her biggest beefs was lack of timely payment.

As our deal with her was immediate cash on delivery, it's hard to see how we got into problems unless some of the recruits have been inadequately informed. She also found a few of the guys delaying picking up completed goods as they were short of cash, this leaving her in the lurch after she had done all the work requested and invested her time.

I hope everyone recognizes that we cannot let this happen to the next seamstress/tailor that we source. We are not buying a stereo on credit from Sears; this is not a big business that can afford to have Accounts Receivable; these are small operations in all senses of the word and must be paid promptly just as all of us expect to be by our places of employment. We do not expect to get screwed around when we've put our hours in and we should not expect others to tolerate it either.

Anyone knowing of persons in the Toronto area who are looking to make some extra cash and will be likely to come close to Hilda's low prices - pls advise me. We are in immediate need. The ideal is that one person will take on the production of all items so that the new recruit has only one location to go to in order to get outfitted.

10. NOT EVERYONE IS AS SUCCESSFUL AT RAISING MONEY AS IS KEN PATERSON.



11. LINES HOUSE FUND

While many of you have sent a \$10-15 donation, there are still lots of you who have not. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

12. TOUGH MONKEYS - AN ORIGINAL ACCOUNT OF LIFE IN MONTREAL

From WO 28/5 p.56.

"On the night of the 20 August 1781 between the hours of 10 and 11 O' Clock at night Mr. Prentice (at the time an Ensign; but, appointed as the second Lieutenant of Grenadiers in November 1781. Prentice was in the English Militia at the Defence of Quebec in 1775) and myself was going home from Capt. Jos Anderson's Quarters, having received orders to send out a Party next morning I called upon Serjeant Gordon who was Quartered at Lapopts house, to order him for this Command knocked at the door finding no answer from within, we walked away but not many steps when Lepopt opened his door and fired a musket which Wounded me in the Side - in the mean time Mr Prentice Run to

the door which he found bolted forced it and give LePopt a stroke with his open hand and sent him to the Guard, but upon finding my hurt was not dangerous the man was set at Liberty - Jno Valentine

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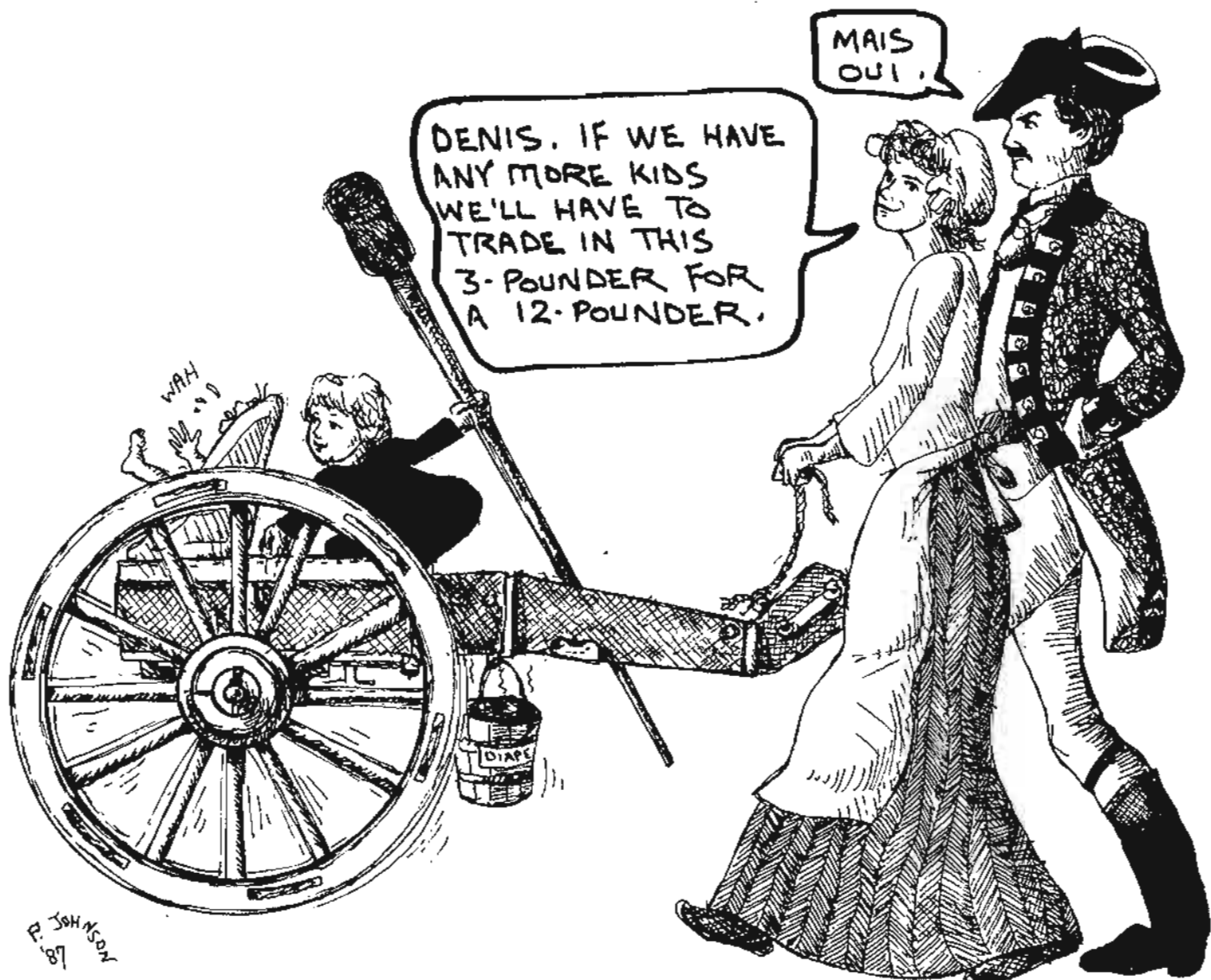
Montreal 7 Jan'y 1782"

Certainly an interesting tale! Why Valentine was writing a formal report of this affair 6 months after its occurrence is a good question. Also, why was LaPopt set loose after committing a crime similar to attempted murder.

For the first question, I believe that Prentice was under investigation for other situations where he used force to make his point. To the second question, one suspects that there is much more to this story than meets the eye, and also, there were repeated disputes between the Canadiens and their imposed guests and every effort was made to smooth things over if possible.

Next time we're in Chambly we can recreate this scene. Dan Moreau can get shot and Reg can beat down the door and deliver a 'stroke of his hand'.

### 13. SPEAKING OF LES CANADIENS



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**BABY CARRIAGE — YORKER STYLE!**