

1. Colonel's Company Reorganization

Revisionism is alive and well in the Yorkers as we once again alter the structure of this company. Back by popular demand is the 'fixed' Section, in this case drawn on a two Platoon, four Section scale. Assignments are as follows:

Right Platoon

No.1 Section

SjtMjr Claus Reuter NCOIC	
Cpl John Moore	Pte Andy Curr
LCpl Tom Reuter	Dan Ellis
Pte Ed Devlin	Bill Shaw
Brad Devlin	Gary Robertson
Brock Dittrick	Dave Putnam
Dave Ward	

No.2 Section

Sjt Dave Moore NCOIC	
LCpl Gerry MacMartin	Pte Richard Chretien
Pte Mike Martin	Mike Dennis
Tex Joyner	Dave Gutteridge
Dave Kirby	James Johnson
Erich Shaw	Mark Prescott
Warren Simpson	

Left Platoon

No.3 Section

Cpl Jeff Paine NCOIC	
Pte Ron Maybee	Pte Phil Hooper
Todd Girdwood	Ian Hooper
Don Reed	Richard Parks
Jamie Bourget	Jon Wannamaker
Mike LeBlanc	Larry Ostola

No.4 Section

Sjt Bob Anglin NCOIC	
Cpl Vic Zubatiuk	Pte André Gousse
Pte Keith Lindsey	Jean Flamondon
Dan Craig	Dave Anglin
Burt Hewitson	Len Skinner
Andrew Weston	Ron Doering
Bruce Strader	

No one is about to suggest that this organization is perfect. There are obvious flaws; the lack of numbers' balance being one. A second being the wide geographical split for another. This latter will make telephoning a chore.

This reorganization is predicated on two issues.

- a) The Section commanders will voluntarily balance the Company around the Colours.
- b) A network of regular telephoning will be conducted within each Section so that no one is missed, car pools can be created and supplies provided for.

2. Promotions

Just prior to the trip to England, the following promotions took place in the Grenadiers:

Reg James to Lieutenant (870301)
 Mike Hurley to Serjeant in the room of James, promoted
 Norm Agnew to second Corporal in the room of Hurley, promoted

3. Resignation

Effective 370307, Bruce Cane has resigned from the role of Drum Major and from the Regiment itself. After several years of yeoman service, both while sober and otherwise, Bruce has decided to pursue more sedentary pleasures.

We will certainly miss Bruce's inane sense of humour.

No replacement has been chosen at this juncture.

4. Performances

While all Regimental personnel performed so well during our visit to England, I would like to select four individuals for special mention.

Our two new Lieutenants did an outstanding job leading Guard Details and offensive and defensive operations. Reg's tremendous effort which moved the unit across the pond needs recognition, as well as his attempt to safeguard my daughters by staying up all night on a number of occasions. What a prince!

Many thanks for jobs well done to Al Joyner and Reg James.

And to our two Ensigns, Dan Moreau and Duff Steele (acting in the role as Ensign for this trip with the rank of Second Lieutenant, as Grenadiers did not have the Ensign rank) who not only bore the Colours with the appropriate pride; but, also had occasion to lead the troops without warning and had the honour to die with their Colonel and his daughters under French muskets.

5. A House from Carleton Island

Those of you who have put a little time into reading about the Regiment will recognize the significance of Carleton Island and will immediately identify with the importance of preserving any building which relates to the history of that post.

In 1783, when the 2Bn KRR and other units crossed from Oswego to rebuild the old French fortifications destroyed in 1758, several houses were moved from the Carleton Island military and naval installation and re-erected as part of the garrison of Catarauqui (now Kingston). One of these ancient buildings was removed from Kingston and placed in Upper Canada Village.

A second of them has just been saved from destruction by the Frontenac Historic Foundation, the previous owners of the house and a local developer. The house will be moved to Anglin's Bay, Kingston (yes, named after Squeaky's relatives) and preserved there. Of course, much work will be required to return the interior of the building to its 18C state.

The Ontario Surveyors Association are seeking a room in the restored house as a museum to commemorate their early history. As the town survey of Catarauqui was the first in Ontario, such a site would be most appropriate.

And, as our regiment was so significant in the founding of Kingston, one could say that a small museum in a room of the house would hold the same charm for us. This thought is not entirely a fantasy as Tex Joyner has lodged our interest and received some encouragement.

I am soliciting a small donation towards the restoration of the house from all of our members (irrespective of whether we have a room therein or not). A \$10.00 cheque from each member payable to the "Lines House Fund" would be super. Please mail to me at RR#1, King City, LOG 1KO and I will forward.

More on this house later.

6. Seven Years War News

We noted in a previous newsletter the launch of the 1758 New York Provincial Regiment at Fort Niagara and made note that a complimentary Francophone unit was

in the formative stages. Jean Flamondon who joined the ranks of the Col's Coy, 1Bn KRR this year advises that he has completed his Quebec Militia uniform and has taken the field.

Jean appeared at Chimney Point on Lake Champlain to see the start of the Roger's Rangers reenactment expedition against the St. Francis Indians, an action which brought such fame to that Provincial unit.

He made a second appearance at Odanak, at the approx site of the raid and will have made at least a third appearance during October. So Jean is off to a good start.

Andre Gousse is developing an information packet of the same type as Eric Lorenzen did for the NY Regt and hopes to get some serious recruiting underway in '88.

7. Winter Party, Toronto

A short note to advise you that the party will be on Sat., Feb. 20 at the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse in eastern, downtown Toronto. This is one of the oldest buildings from old York and quite suitable as a new venue. More specific details later. Please reserve this date.

It has been very noticeable that members from eastern Ontario and Quebec are not attending the Toronto function. All of us from the western end of the unit can certainly understand the reasons behind this; but, understanding the whys is no replacement for missed personalities.

In the hopes of redressing the problem of distance faced by a trip to Toronto, often in lousy weather, we are contemplating a second Party, in this case to occur in Kingston in April. The thought is that people from both ends of the spectrum would support the affair.

In order to measure the interest in having a specific event relating to the Army of the East, would all of you who live from Trenton east to Sherbrooke please drop me a line or give me a call to advise 'yes' or 'no' re this idea.

8. Company Strength

The question of what size a full strength KRR company would be has eluded us for the length of our reenactment. I do not mean that we haven't had the data to analyse the actual strength of the various companies; what I do mean is that we have not been able to find the authorized strength.

There is evidence of the authorized strength of Butler's Rangers and the 84th, RHE; but, with Butler's being a special formation and the 84th being raised to a Regular unit, it is unwise to compare the Yorkers to either.

Average company strength on the Fort Stanwix/Oriskany Campaign was amazingly small. As the regiment was just in its formative stage, I have separated the three oldest companies and examined their structures. These are the Colonel's, the Lights, and Patrick Daly's. Less the Officers, Serjeants and Drummer (note- 1), their rankers strength was 44, 45 & 37 respectively. The other four companies were as small as 22, 27, 28 & 33, all ranks.

After the rigours of the '77 Campaign, the Col's, Lights & Daly's had dropped to 31, 44 & 36, all ranks. John McDonnell's Coy is by then mustered at 35 and Major Gray's comes up to 33.

One important conclusion that we can draw is that we are fielding a full strength Combat Coy with our Col's Coy when we get one of our top 'all-up' turnouts and the Light Coy at 20 troops is quite respectable, although we have been viewing them solely as a Platoon in recent times.

A recent historic find which I came across during my research explains why the KRR Companies in the 1730 & 83 rolls are so much larger.

"G(eneral) O(rders) Quebec 4 September 1730

Officers of Provincials to be ranked with Regulars as junior in their grade if their Battalions consist of 10 Companies of 56 Rank & File including 3 contingent men"

Thus, in order to share equal rank with Regular Officers, the 1Bn, KRR NY recruited up to this strength by the end of 1730.

9. Items For Sale

Available at HQ here in King are:

- a) copies of the Regimental History written by LieutCol Ernest A. Cruikshank with additions added by myself and published in a hardbound version in 1984. This includes several maps, photos of artifacts and a Master Muster Roll of all men who served in the original unit. Price- \$10.00 plus \$1.50 for postage & packing
- b) The famous 1984 Royal Visit to Prescott poster with several members of the Cols Coy in full colour. Price- free from me on request.
- c) The infamous 'Arrival' poster which is a full colour painting by Garth Armstrong, one of the regimental members who decorated several of our drums and the two colours. This poster is of 4 drummers of the KRR and one follower. Price- free
- d) From Yorker Artifacts/Collectables 1987-88 by ordering from Norm Agnew at
66 Balson Blvd., Stouffville, Ont L4A 7X3

King's Royal Yorker Cap Badge \$14.00
 " Lapel Pin (plated) \$9.00
 " " (Sterling) \$12.00
 " Tie Tack (plated) \$10.00
 " " (Sterling) \$13.00
 " Ring (Sterling) \$30.00
 " " (10 kt Gold) \$225.00
 " Shoulder Titles (plated) \$18.00/pr.
 " Cols Coy Crossed Axes pin \$7.00
 " Decal KRR NY)
 UK/Hanover decal) \$1.25
 Grand Union decal)

Brunswick Lt Inf Badge \$14.00

" " " Collar Dogs \$16.00/pr.

Royal Provincial (RP) large buttons \$1.00 ea

small " \$0.90 ea

2nd Clothing Period KRR large buttons \$1.25 ea

small " \$1.00 ea

1758 NY Provincial buttons \$1.00 ea

Cdn Fencible Infantry large buttons \$1.00 ea

small " \$0.90 ea

Plain trouser buttons, large \$1.00 ea

small \$0.90 ea

Shirt buttons \$0.75 ea

Gaiter buttons, small \$0.90 ea

Brass Musket Flash Guards \$4.00

Brass Neckstock Clasps \$9.00 set

Bayonet scabbard tip \$4.00

" " hook \$5.00

GR Cartridge pouch cypher \$12.00

Brown Bess escutcheon plate \$8.00

Brunswick Cartridge Pouch cypher \$12.00

Leather Ball Bags \$45.00

Indian Trade Silver Pins (German silver or Sterling) prices, design on request

Waistbelt buckle \$6.00

Musket sling buckle \$5.00

Military Shoe Buckles \$24.00/pr.

Small Fancy Shoe Buckles \$22.00/pr.

Oak Tent pegs (14 per tent) \$1.00 ea

Pine Tent Poles (one piece or folding)
price on request

Brass tomahawk head - Special order, English or French pattern

Finished tomahawk upon request

Wooden Camp Lanterns \$30.00

Screws for inside locks

Frizzen spring screws \$0.35 ea

- e) King's Royal Yorker's Regimental Necktie. This has a green field with narrow diagonal blue stripes. The Crown/GR pouch Plate is reproduced in white and randomly printed, appearing about 10 times. A very tasteful, dressy tie.

Contact Ian or Phil Hooper 416-884-6900 4 Elva Court, Richmond Hill L4C 5Z3

- f) Late entry: Superb repro bayonets for Italian Brown Besses. From HQ in King. Pls advise if you wish one. \$53.00 ea

Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry War of 1812

Bob Anglin and Paul Fortier, the men who are piloting this project, advise that all is very well and numbers grow comfortably. Paul was expecting about 30 interested attendees at the unit's annual meeting at Stockade Barracks, Prescott. (for those who don't know, this historic site which served as a barrack and hospital during the War of 1812 and before that was the home of Edward Jessup the CO of the Loyal Rangers is Paul's private home)

Efforts are underway to form a complimentary unit of Provincial Horse. Anyone interested in having details of uniform, kit, events, etc.. should contact Paul or Bob.

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Issues of Safety

- a) In the last newsletter I asked for opinions/experiences relating to the Three VOLLIES of Celebration and the firing of same from the Open Order.
- Several members have responded to advise that Andy's observation that the Front Rank frequently gets a blast in the ear was their experience also.
 - SjtMjr Reuter puts the icing on the cake by reminding me that this Ceremony was not fired from Open Order in our time period. My fault-- a slip of my ageing mind.
 - Obviously, we will return to the correct spacing, Close Order.
- b) Elevating of Muzzles
- This issue relates to the Ceremony discussed above as well as those occasions where the Officer or NCO commanding wants the troops to raise their muzzles for safety reasons. Frequently this is necessary because we are firing towards the public or with them in particularly close proximity to our flanks and we wish to give them a feeling of confidence.
- At those times it is common to order the muzzles to be elevated to 45 degrees. Considering the fact that everyone studied elementary geometry, it is amazing to view the angles which result when the muskets are presented. 45 degrees is half of 90 and 90 is vertical. Think about it.
- c) Cartridge Loads
- For some reason we seem to have a number of members who think it's macho to overload their cartridges. 125 grains is the absolute maximum which we want in the Line and 100 will do the job just fine.
- Heavily loaded cartridges are dangerous due to noise production (which doesn't hurt your ears; it's the guy beside/in front of you that suffers), are unnecessary for effect, produce an elongated flame and are unnecessarily expensive.
 - And, at the more sensitive events where cartridges are inspected prior to participation, overloaded rounds can cause your expulsion from the field which puts the whole unit under a cloud of suspicion, which we don't need or want.
 - Consequently, the KRR will institute snap inspections prior to taking the field and all overloaded cartridges will be removed from boxes. Hopefully, a guy's Section will be able to replace enough rounds to keep him in play. To be safe load 100 grains.
- d) Loading Doubles
- For some similar reason we have a number of guys who load doubles purposely. This is the 'big bang', 'gives a good thump', Rambo mentality taking over again. If you really are looking for a bang and thump, join Service Rifle for the Live Shoot programme!! Doubles produce discomfort for the guys who are working with you. We don't want them.

12. Our New Tents

For all of you who ordered tents recently and have not yet received them, they are now in my possession at Festung King.

Unfortunately, I was too trusting and committed to an order for 15 only to find that while they are the same height, width and length as our normal types, they have a strangely shorter ridge pole. Heaven knows why!!

They are mildew treated which gives them a light brown colour.

13. Fielding of Commissioned Officers

As a general policy statement, I am expecting C'd Officers to appear on the field in Officer's kit when there are enough troops to justify their existence. Otherwise they will appear in the ranks and do duty as a Volunteer.

Obviously, there will be some times when communications get fouled up like at Jordan where James appeared as Lieutenant never expecting that Joyner would drive in from Ottawa. Such is life and no problem anyway in view of the nature of that event.

With regard to the Ensigns. They will appear in that rank at all events where the Colours are paraded, or where special duties are specifically assigned to them as C'd Officers, otherwise they will be in the ranks as Volunteers.

Officers may imagine that they do not burnish their image when they avoid attending events simply because they cannot appear in grade.

14. Seniority of Rank

To keep the cats from fighting with the dogs, I am issuing a Regimental Policy regarding rank precedence.

Unlike the real army of the 18C, Commissioned Officers and NCO's will hold seniority by the date of their promotion, and not by the Company they serve in.

Down Fang, down!

15. Regimental Artist at Work

Ten year Regimental veteran, Pete Johnson, who does duty in several roles went berserk this summer and produced a vast array of cartoons. A number related to the England trip and were sequential. As I didn't produce enough newsletters or leave enough room in those I did produce, all of them didn't get used. They're too good to miss, so....



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