

1) KINGSTON PARTY

Thanks to the vision of LCpl Gerry MacMartin, No.2 Sec, Col's Coy and the work of Cpl Jeff Paine and Pte Don Reed, No.3 Sec and Pte Tex Joyner No.2 Sec, the first Museum Party was a huge success.

Held in the Prince George Hotel, the former home of the son of Han Jost Herkimer, commandant of Bateaux on the Fort Stanwix expedition of 1777 and of the Bateaux Coy at Coteau du Lac in 1781. Han Jost was the brother of the rebel militia General, Nicholas Herkimer who was mortally wounded in our Oriskany ambush. A very appropriate venue for this first effort.

LtCom Bill Tower RN (a direct descendant of the KRR NY's original commander Sir John Johnson, Kt & Bt) was a most welcome guest. His enthusiasm for the Museum's efforts and in particular that of the Yorkers was very obvious. Bill was delighted to accept the post of Honorary LtCol, 1 Bn and marched proudly at the head of that unit when we paraded to the skirl of Colin Skinner's pipes before the Provincial plaque commemorating the original regiment and delivered three rousing cheers. (in the dead of night and stopping traffic on Ontario St, naturally)

A wide variety of uniforms were on display. The Hatmen, Grenadiers & Lights of the 1st Bn.; Hatmen & Drummer of the 2nd; Sjt of the 1758 NY Prov. Regt; Hatmen & Drummer of the Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry; an RN Tar from the Royal George and an 1885 Militiaman from the North West Rebellion. The Colours of the Yorkers and Fencibles were our formal decorations in the windows of the room.

A great variety of fashion was displayed by the ladies with many new pieces of cloathing in evidence, the most unique being Cyd Paul Girdwood's which was most exotically shaped to cover her latest sin.

It was good to see Glenn & Judy Forrester, No.4 Sec who have been absent from Yorker events outside of Ottawa for many moons and, to the surprise and joy of many oldtimers, the face of Charles Baker, a veteran who has decided to return to the fold. Welcome back!

Making his first event was Pte Jon Wannamaker No.3 Sec, Col's appearing in full kit. Also Johan Klyndyk, Grenadier, in borrowed hunting shirt. Welcome aboard men.

On Sunday morning Tex Joyner led a number of diehards over to the archeological stores to view the findings from the Lines House cellar. Most of you will be aware that the house itself was tragically burnt to the ground by an arsonist and, thus, one of the oldest houses in Ontario is lost forever.

2) QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE, UNIVERSITY AVE., TORONTO, MAY 23

This event is for 2Bn & BLI only, these units giving the 1Bn a rest from this demanding, small event. Obviously, as both units aren't very large, we will need a good turnout to make a creditable appearance. Sjt Dave Moore will be contacting everyone in the 2Bn as a reminder and to give assembly instructions. It is recognized that personnel will not be travelling 2 1/2 hours just for this parade; however, if you can combine some other worthwhile activity in the Toronto area to justify making the trip, you will be appreciated.

Members will be interested to know that our Museum's First, or Great War unit will make its first appearance in this event with a

strength of about 8 men including a period motorcycle. Bob Anglin and Dan Moreau are travelling from Ottawa to be part of this.

3) COTEAU-DU-LAC, QUEBEC MAY 28&29 AN ORIGINAL GARRISON SITE

Here is a great kick off event for 1Bn troops at an original garrison site of the regiment. Last year was our first appearance at this location and the interest shown by the spectators and the hospitality of the site's staff and the townfolk was typically Canadian, simply superb.

We were such a hit last year, the site has asked us back and is hoping that we will be able to augment our turnout. This is an ideal training event for our new men as there is much opportunity to gain experience in front of the public without the pressure of competitive tactical movement. New troops shouldn't be shy about borrowing kit.

The original earthworks are in evidence as well as a reconstructed, period blockhouse of unique architecture. Also, they are in the process of rebuilding Canada's first lock which allowed supply bateaux to bypass the rapids. The original lock was constructed by guess-who, the KRR!

Plenty of 18th C camping available and local motels for those without tentage. Saturday night is favoured with a SUPER banquet within stumbling distance of the camp. A first rate start to the campaign and an ideal family location.

While for obvious reasons we encourage all our bilingual members to attend, don't anyone not come because their French is poor or non-existent. Believe me, language is absolutely no barrier or embarrassment.

The site is available for camping on Friday evening and the event starts at 9:00 AM Saturday. Travel is simple. 401 Highway to ye Quebec border. A short distance along QHwy 20 and you find an exit for Coteau-du-Lac. There are several other "Coteaus"; but, you want "-du-Lac". Head due south through the town and turn right at the T intersection. The site is about 1 mile west. Parking in front of the Visitors Centre for the first night; but, you'll have to move next morning.

You will require cash or your own food for all meals except the Saturday night. There are eateries within walking distance.

4) THE KING'S BIRTHDAY, OLD FORT NIAGARA, YOUNGSTOWN NY JUNE 4&5 AN ORIGINAL GARRISON SITE

Here is another super location in which the original regiment served. The buildings at Fort Niagara have been beautifully restored and the hospitality of the Curator is a byword in the reenactment hobby. It is the unit's intention that this event will be the 'all-up' US effort of the year, so we're expecting a big turnout and have promised this to the organizers who will be prepared for us.

As barrack space in the fort is very limited, I have advised that the vast majority of Yorkers will tent. Therefore, all Troops and followers who have tentage will bring same while those without can plan to use inside space which still requires sleeping bag & air mattress.

For first time visitors, please contact your Section leaders for a description of how to travel to the fort. OFN supplies two breakfast & two lunches; however, you may want some extras to munch. Our unit will travel to Lewiston on Saturday evening for dinner and you will need U.S.

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Funds for this and any purchases from the Sutlers or the Fort Store.

This is a garrison event, so all troops are to have their equipment in Dress order, without yahoo appendages. Muskets will be inspected and must have both flashguard & frizzen stall! -- available from Gdr/Cpl Norm Agnew. ABSOLUTELY no random discharge of weapons, day or night.

A few rules: Excessive drinking & stupid behaviour have become a problem at this site. Yorkers WILL NOT be the cause of these!!

Barrack space- NO SMOKING! No 20C products to be seen while the fort is open to the public. All garbage, including melted wax, to be cleaned up before departure.

Artillery both double wormed & sponged. Between discharges- 5 Min.

5) 2Bn & BLI EVENT CANCELLED BOONE'S FARM SEP 17&18

As the Brigade of the American Revolution could not come to an amicable agreement with the British Brigade and their associates, this megatactical has fallen apart. The BAR will probably continue with an event; however, the distance to travel will not be justified on our part.

6) UNIFORM ADJUSTMENTS, COAT LENGTH AND VENT CLOSURE

Many of you will recall comments regarding incorrect coat length and the lack of stitching at vents' bottoms. Our Followers have agreed to form an assembly line at a few of our events and correct these problems. Don't be surprised if you get fingered for this treatment. The process will take about 20 min. per coat and the resultant change should be nothing short of miraculous. By the way, such modifications to cloathing was very common in our time and many references can be found in Orderly Books regarding this practice including the necessity to keep grog away from the tailors during their work. Be warned!

7) MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Due to Gdr Ken Paterson's efforts, the British periodical, Military Modelling will publish a feature article on the Yorkers in their November issue with photos from last year's trip to England.

Himself has submitted a lengthy diatribe (what else) on this same affair to the Loyalist Gazette with Janice Lang's photos for their next issue.

Fifer Pete Johnson is now regularly in print in the Toronto Branch newsletter of the UEL Assoc, as is Sjt Dave Moore. Peter is the Editor of this publication which has now taken on a certain flavour. Pete also illustrated a story for The County Magazine, ie. Prince Edward County, which includes a number of rather familiar faces.

Along this same line, Pte Rich & Fllwr Deb Parks No.3 Sec, Cols, have been getting some excellent press in their area, having been featured in a number of local appearances for King George. Well done!

8) SPEAKING OF CARTOONS....SEE OVER

