

## 1) RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, LEAVINGS &amp; PROMOTIONS

## Claus Reuter

Most of you are aware that I have suggested to Claus, after observing over the last three years his extreme dissatisfaction with the Yorkers, that he leave the unit to further develop the Brunswick Light Infantry. I gather that he has decided to follow this suggestion.

All of us will deplore that Claus' 11 year relationship with the unit has ended in such a sad manner. We will well remember his inspired leadership of the old Right Section where our officers, Al Joyner, Jim Devlin, Dave & John Moore and Duff Steele received their grounding in 18th Infantry fundamentals. Claus developed an international reputation as the 'Bullfrog' voiced Serjeant Major of the Yorkers and was responsible for many of our early victorious appearances. I am sure that all of us will wish him well in his pursuit of excellence with the Brunswickers.

The role of Serjeant Major will not be refilled.

## Sonja Reuter

With the departure of Claus, the unit also loses the 10 year veteran, Sonja. Sonja was Yorker of the Year in 1983 and was very instrumental in the organization of the old Right Section, often phoning the troops to encourage attendance. She also will be missed.

## Tom Reuter

Tom began appearances as a musketeer in the Col's Coy in 1979. Many of us will remember him in the role of Lance Corporal of the old Right Section. He has not been active with the unit over the last two years and has apparently decided to leave the unit.

## Bob 'Squeaky' Anglin

Most of you will have already heard that after 11 years of service in the unit, 6 years as Serjeant, Bob Anglin has decided to return to the ranks of No.4 Sec. Bob brought the efficiency of the old Centre Section to a peak so that it was, and is, especially noted for the cleanliness of its arms and accoutrements. This attention to appearance continues throughout the Regiment and will remain as Bob's legacy. Thanks from all for a job well done!

## Charles Baker

Chuck Baker, formerly Private/Corporal/Serjeant/Lieutenant of the 84th Royal Highland Emigrants and 6 years a Pte in the Col's Coy Yorkers, having returned to our regiment this spring has been promoted to Serjeant of No.4 Section vice Anglin returned to the ranks.

## John Moore

John as Corporal has ably led a Section over the last two years and in recognition of this effort, his enthusiasm & warmth and with the approbation of his peers, John is promoted to Serjeant vice Claus Reuter.

## Dave Putnam

Dave on many occasions has illustrated an uncommon soldierly bearing, which is perhaps understandable as he was once SjtMjr of the Fort Henry Guard. Dave is promoted to Corporal vice John Moore promoted.

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Dave Moore

As Dave occupies the role of senior Serjeant, Col's Coy, 1 Bn., he has advised his intention to step down as Serjeant of Crawford's Coy, 2 Bn. and he will return to its ranks. This move follows the original intention of allowing us the opportunity to spread responsibility over a greater number of members. A decision regarding his replacement will be announced in the next Newsletter.

## 2) COLONEL'S COMPANY, RIGHT PLATOON: A MINOR REORGANIZATION

In recognition of the loss of SjtMjr Reuter and the seniority of Sjt Dave Moore within the Col's Coy, we will exchange the position of No.1 & No.2 Sections so that the senior NCO can be on the right flank of the Company. In other words, those troops currently in No.1 Section will now be in No.2 and visa versa.

## 3) BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born, a true daughter of the Regiment, to Cyd Paul Girdwood and Todd, name of Anthea Jean. Many will recall that the Girdwood romance was fostered entirely within the ranks of the unit. Cyd joined as a Lt Inf Follower in 1980 and Todd joined the Col's in 1983.

Another regimental romance of a slightly different wheelbase has been favoured with a second daughter. For Lois and Mike Hurley and sister to Emily, Elizabeth Jesse. Many will recall that Mike raided the First Michigan Fife & Drum Corps when at Greenfield Village, Dearborn and thus romance blossomed.

## 4) CONFESSIONS OF A QUARTERMASTER

Would the trooper who had a ramrod delivered to him in England last year by our supplier, Mike Grenier of Britannic Arms please remit \$17.85 to the Regiment in payment. I have searched my records and just cannot identify the recipient; but, I do know that we've paid Grenier.

## 5) CANTEEN FOUND AT CHAMBLY

Jean Plamandon reports the finding of a beat-up, flattened, kidney style canteen in our camp. Give me a call if its yours.

## 6) SAFETY INFRACTION -- A CLOSE CALL

James Bourget, one of our experienced musketeers came very close to causing a serious accident at Chambly. How did this happen?? Very simple. He discharged his firelock randomly. That is, he chose to fire the weapon after his Section had discharged. He had experienced a misfire; he recocked, brought the weapon up to his shoulder and let fly.

What's wrong with this?? Very simple. The Sections were firing in echelon; the abutting Section had marched past after his Section had fired and he discharged his musket into the ears of the leading Section.

Remember, if your musket doesn't go off, wait for the next volley. Do not discharge randomly; by this I mean on your own. You never know when an Officer or NCO will step across the front of your Section in the total confidence that everyone understands their job and will execute it properly.

## 7) SOME WELCOME FUNDING

I am very sensible to the fact that advising some of you of the unit's good fortune in the earning of some monies may offer a great temptation to not meeting your obligations. I sincerely hope that this will not be the case and all of you who have outstanding debts will continue to make timely payments.

Janice Lang very kindly donated \$100.00 of her personal earnings from the production of publicity material for the War Museum for the Ottawa event of this year. Many thanks Janice!

Pete Johnson, Jon Wannamaker, Frank Packer and Debra, Roy & Rich Parks made an appearance for a Loyalist family reunion in Napanee and earned the unit a welcome and unexpected \$50.00.

John Moore organized an appearance at Fort York at which many members marched for King George. Some of these guys took this one on after a weekend at Fort Niagara. Some 4000 spectators were in attendance for a Genetics Conference convened by the National Research Council. This effort brought in \$800.00. Well done.

The troops have again marched at Thornhill and earned the traditional \$900.00 stipend. Many thanks to all who made this event. I have no trouble recognizing that this event is boring and repetitive; but, I sure would hate to lose the income. And thanks to Phil & Joan Hooper who opened their home for an impromptu party. Dave Moore's parents, who normally host the Thornhill fete were absent on a holiday, so we wouldn't have been there even if Dave had not gone to Pennsylvania.

Reg James organized a Guard of four troopers to appear at the Royal Canadian Military Institute for a corporate function. This was very warmly received and earned \$400.00

This influx of cash has allowed us to pay a number of debts and allows the purchase of some inventory essentials.

## 8) TWO OLD SAILORS

All of us were alarmed to hear of Gerry MacMartin's exciting reaction to our brisk march through Ottawa and Hull. Gerry is quite well and awaiting new developments. He won't be with us until the New Year.

Ray Tackaberry has just been discharged from hospital after spending the taxpayers' money while ogling nurses and undergoing a battery of tests. He is in good spirits. 416-222-0658

All of us Pongos (that's Infantry youse guys) have always suspected that wearing bell bottom trousers does something strange to a man.

## 9) MILITARY LECTURE SERIES: HISTORIC FORT YORK OCT 13 - NOV 10, 1988

The Forts and Campaigns of the War of 1812 in Upper Canada. Series of 5 lectures. Series cost is \$20.00 or on a per lecture basis - \$5.00 each. Pre registration is required. Phone 392-6907 for more data.

## 10) ACCURATE MILITARY FOOTWEAR, OUR UNITS' GREATEST NEED

Other than a few pairs of 20C eyeglasses which are so obviously wrong, our next greatest inaccuracy is footwear. We have always taken the point of view that ankle length boots or black Oxfords do the trick in that our gaitered trousers hide these inaccuracies. As we have not set hard rules on this topic

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there has been an ever increasing deterioration in footwear quality so that it is no longer uncommon to find troops with rubber soles and heels, and even worse, with VietNam combat boots complete with nylon uppers and all rubber bottoms. These latter look like a certain stinking brown substance!!

It really is time for a concerted effort to upgrade. I recognize that many of you have yet to pay off your kit or have just managed to do so and the last thing that you're looking for is an opportunity to spend even more dollars. Perhaps the old soldiers whose pocketbooks have rested for awhile can be the first to make the move. Whatever is the case, we really need to start on this improvement.

The Newsletter of the 64th Regt has provided a listing prepared by the Northwest Dept. BAR and I will write to the recommended sources to obtain a price list both for shoes and buckles. Watch this newsletter for further data.

## 11) WOMANISH FOOTWEAR

Most of the ladies are aware that the wearing of clogs or sabots (Dutch style wooden shoes) is considered accurate and acceptable, especially in the Camp. Those who use them find their utility to be excellent, especially in wet weather. These should be without painted finish & without decorative designs. Just the plain ol' wood which can be waxed or oiled if desired. The unit has two pairs as a gift for those who might be interested. One pair provided by Johan Klyndyk, the other ?? Give me a call if you are interested. After 8:00 PM - 833-6435.

There are also a couple of pairs of not very accurate, but good starter, black shoes with pseudo buckles, size 7 or so.

## 12) ERIC LORENZEN'S NEW ADDRESS

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## 13) THE BOONE'S FARM TACTICAL

While this was a 2Bn affair, I thought that most of you would like a report on its success in view of it being our first major appearance with the Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR) since 1985.

Our reception by the BAR was excellent. They had worked for two years to make this event happen and as most of you know had it blow up in their faces due to disagreements with the other reenactment organizations, the British Brigade amongst them. While it is very easy to be sympathetic with everyone's viewpoint on the various issues, it nonetheless is ridiculous that a compromise cannot be reached that allows all of us to get together in the same fashion as the American Civil War groups.

So, the resultant attendance was quite light at about 100 troops, instead of the 800 level originally planned. The BAR had made every effort possible to ensure sensible and functional Umpiring with orange sashes for Referees, black for Casualty Monitors & special whistles and air horns for various signals. The Rules were perhaps too complex and of course there were the inevitable poor judgements made by the Umpires; however, full credit is due to the imagination and execution of the organization.

From our point of view, I think the White Plains' Umpiring was easier to live with, as it was almost completely absent.

Saturday's effort was a War Game which had both sides operating over hundreds of acres without any clear idea of where the other was. Consequently, the action was halting and sparse. Realism was at a peak however, with mud,

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rain, spells of boredom and then extreme activity. On balance, pretty good stuff.

Sunday's scheme was more highly orchestrated so that both sides knew exactly where to find each other and the main problem was for the Crown units to avoid getting swamped. We failed. The Rebels were extremely well led on each day and deserved to win. Surprisingly, the Yorkers were difficult to manage on Saturday, being rebellious Provincials, but were well utilized on the second day. Dave Moore and Eric Lorenzen thought Sunday to be the best battle in recent memory. Was the 8 1/2 hour drive each way worth it?? ...YES! Let's hope the BAR repeats the effort and we can get the 1 Bn into the action.

One of the great highlights of the weekend was the participation of the 3rd NY Continental Line, a unit which we used to see regularly. These guys are of course called Yorkers. Their appearance is superb with Grey coats faced Green and untrimmed black bicorns. They are top grade reenactors. While not as special to us Yorkers, there was also a Pennsylvania Continental Line unit of equal quality.

## 14) NEXT EVENT: BATTLE OF THAMESVILLE, CHATHAM, ONT. OCT 8&amp;9

I have no details of exact location and timing; however, Erich Shaw is involved and any of you who may wish to get involved or be observers should call him at his new telephone number in Toronto - 636-8997.

## 15) NEXT KRY EVENT: JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL AND FORT NIAGARA OCT 15&amp;16

On Saturday, Oct 15 the annual favourite Fall event again occurs in the village of Jordan starting about 9:00 AM. Drive the QEW to the Vineland exit (same as Balls Falls). At the stoplight in Vineland, turn left and proceed to the Tavern in Jordan. Park somewhere around the Tavern (they object to us using their parking lot; but, not to our patronage) and walk to the site. Lots of good apples, sausages, cider, autumn leaves and hee haw. Phone Glen Smith for better travel instructions if required ... 416-468-2619.

After Jordan is over, approx 3:00 PM, those who wish to may proceed to Fort Niagara for the Fall Encampment. There is no problem arriving on Sunday morning if you wish. Be there about 10:00 AM. This event features opposing forces tacticals and is better than the June, King's Birthday event.

These two appearances close the very successful Campaign 88.

## 16) CAMPAIGN 89: SOME PREVIEWS

Don't get too excited about these sneak previews. As time progresses, these exotic events have a habit of disappearing. These are a few locations that the Executive will review in November.

Fort Lennox, Isle aux Noix, Quebec June 3,4/89

A very imaginative event involving 18C watercraft, sleeping in the Fort's barracks, excellent Quebec style support/entertainment.....

Mohawk & Schoharie Valleys

Our excellent Rebel brethren of the 3rd & 4th Tryon County Militia are eager to have us back to the valleys to burn and pillage. This will give our newer members, who have never seen what the old regiment fought over, an opportunity to visit original battle sites and historic buildings. Dates to be announced.

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Johnson Hall, Johnstown NY late May, early June  
 The BAR has been invited to put on an event at Sir John's family home sometime in May or June. Unfortunately, it appears that the town wants a Market Days effort without military activities, which will not appeal to our membership. I hope that this decision will be reversed, otherwise we will await a more opportune time to revisit this site.

Fort Wellington, Prescott Jul 15,16/89  
 The BAR has a contract from Parks Canada to do this show during the normal Loyalist Days. I worry about this one as there is virtually nothing that can be done which hasn't been done before. They will of course expect us to be there in spades..... We will see.

Battle of Hubbardton, Vermont late June/early July  
 A major film involving the above battle. Transportation, accommodations, meals provided plus \$100 US per man. Problems- 1) Likely to be over an extended time period, that is, not a Friday in, Sunday out affair. 2) There were no green coated Loyalists at this battle. We might be required to play the rebel role of Warner's Green Mountain Boys. Ha, Ha!!!

Salem, New Hampshire Sep. 16,17/89  
 This is a direct overlap with Thornhill again! Can we afford to miss that paid event altogether?? The event is a joint British Brigade/Continental Line effort. At least a 10 hr drive. No meals provided. This is not a War Game! What's the appeal -- 500+ troops.

Wilmington, Vermont Aug. 19,20/89  
 A joint British Brigade/Continental Line event for Light Infantry; Rangers; Riflemen; Light Dragoons; Milita ONLY. This is a War Game like White Plains. Do our Lights want to go on an 9-10 hour drive not far from Bennington? Could we talk them into allowing elements of the Grenadiers and Colonels??



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