

- 1) CANCELLED DRILL: Note March 15 Toronto Drill is cancelled.
- 2) SECOND ANNUAL SPRING PARTY, April 8 VICTORIA HALL, COBOURG

See the attached, detailed notice lovingly prepared by Sjt Lorenzen. NOTE WELL!!! We need a clear-cut commitment from you as to your attendance. Please see the instructions.

All unit commanders with members who do not receive this notice will please be sure to pass on this information.

While Yorker Section Leaders will do a whip-around telephone survey of attendance, you must all try to behave as mature adults and look after yourselves by making a commitment by March 27 as requested and making your personal accomodation arrangements.

- 3) WINTER PARTY 1989

Held on the beautiful grounds of Appleby College under the auspices of Senior Sjt Dave Moore, 125 members and guests enjoyed a superb meal and the entertainment of their peers.

The YORKER OF THE YEAR Award took place with the immediate past recipient, Janice Lang receiving the customary plaque and the new recipient, Peter Johnson receiving the Trophy, both to warm & long applause.

Several skits and solo entertainments followed in competition for the Provincial Association of Loyal Thespians 'Royal Yorkers' trophy to be awarded "for dramatic excellence". Much humour and drama unfolded with a staggering number of libelous innuendoes besmirching the honour and abilities of Himfelf, the White Knight of the North. A Committee of unimpeachable judges at length decided to make award to the 'Bagged' Baggage whom, I might note, did not indulge in wicked lies and exaggerations about Ye Colonel!

Of note was the announcement of a new trophy to be awarded annually at the midpoint of the Campaign Season. Senior Cadet Sean O'Leary of Appleby College, in full scarlets due to their Corps' affiliation with the Royal Regiment of Canada (the old 10th Royal Grenadiers), marched the beautiful trophy into the hall for presentation by David Moore to the unit and the Colonel.

The plaque affixed to a most solid walnut base is inscribed- "THE MAJOR JAMES GRAY MEMORIAL CUP In the Memory of the Tactical Commander of the 1st Bn., KRR NY Presented to the soldier who achieves an accurate portrayal; exemplifies Regt'l spirit, dedicated service and military bearing. Donated in the Tenth year of his service by Sjt. David G. Moore UE"

Seated on the walnut base is a handsome Silver Cup. The Regimental comedian, Fife Major Watt immediately christened the trophy, "the Gray Cup." Let us all hope that the Regiment fares better than the CFL.

4) THE GODWIN REPRODUCTION BROWN BESS BAYONET

Just a note to advise all of you that the Godwin bayonet is only manufactured for the Italian Bess. It will fit the Japanese repro Bess; but, it is very loose.

5) A BOOK FROM THE COLONEL'S COLLECTION

Some time ago, I loaned to one of my trusted friends and fellow Regimental members my Howard L. Blackmore, 'British Military Firearms 1650-1850'. Unfortunately, I failed to record the name of the recipient and now that I need the book for a project.....! Please search your memories and book shelves to turn this up. I would very much appreciate a telephone call.

6) REPRODUCTION MANUAL & OTHER GOODIES FOR SALE

From the King's Arms Press and Bindery a number of interesting releases of very high quality reproductions.

'Manual Exercise of 1764'- This a reprint of the New York 1775 edition and is the manual utilized by the Yorkers. The manual is 'hand bound' in linen thread. A must for all you Officers and NCO's and those lusting for such heady power.
Price \$12.00 USF

'Articles of War'- the official rules and articles for the better Government of His Majesty's Horse and Foot Guards et al. The original was printed in London in 1778 and contains a special section for troops in North America. Has a handy index.

Price	Stitched	\$10.00 USF
	Marbled Wraps	12.00 "
	Leather	25.00 "

This supplier has many other interesting items for sale. Each purchase should include \$2.00 for postage and handling. Remember, you must include payment with your order and it must be in US funds.

7) CEREMONY HONOURING THOSE WHO FELL IN THE BATTLE OF YORK

Fort York is holding this ceremony at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 23. After the service, light refreshments and a Curator's tour of the fort are offered. If you and the kids haven't been there recently, this might make a good outing. (this is not a Regimental event. Dress- civvies)

8) NIAGARA HISTORICAL ARMS LIMITED PO BOX 1601 NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE LOS 1J0
[416] 468-5550 OR 641-5080

Of importance to several of our recreated units, the company has now begun manufacture and amongst other items are offering the following for sale.

Long Land Pattern Brown Bess circa 1725	
46" bbl; walnut stock; hickory rammer	\$795.00
Short Land Pattern Brown Bess circa 1775	
42" bbl; walnut stock; steel rammer	\$785.00
India Pattern Brown Bess circa 1803; 39"	
browned bbl; walnut stock; steel rammer	\$785.00

If any of you are interested in a purchase, we have been offered a discount of 5% in lots of 5 muskets. Let me know please.

MUSEUM OF APPLIED MILITARY HISTORY
 SECOND ANNUAL SPRING PARTY
 APRIL 8 1989
 VICTORIA HALL, COBOURG, ONTARIO



Located approximately an hour and a half drive east of Toronto in the beautifully restored Victoria Hall, one of Canada's outstanding nineteenth century Palladian buildings. Enjoy a fully catered sit-down meal in a heritage setting complete with the military atmosphere of the Museum's 18th and 19th century member units.

Cocktails: 6:00 pm
 Dinner: 7:00 pm
 Dress: 18th or 19th Century Uniforms
 Cost: \$13.00 per person plus cash bar

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu with wine gravy
 choice of vegetables
 oven browned potatoes
 choice of dessert

Section leaders will please RSVP with definite numbers by March 27 1989 to Eric Lorenzen, Box 248, Colborne, Ontario K0K 1S0 (416) 355-3813. I must have an accurate count by this date to commit to the caterer. Anyone who shows up without responding in advance will not eat. (Conversely, anyone who commits ahead of time and doesn't show up will burden the Museum with the cost of his/her meal.) If you have not been contacted by your section leader by the above date, please phone Eric directly.



CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT AND OTHER NOTES

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC

To be sure, we're all in this hobby for our personal enjoyment and relaxation; however, there is a strong missionary element to our activities and I think all of us enjoy sharing our knowledge and experiences with the public. This sharing does bear some responsibilities.

While the Museum has a substantial third party liability insurance policy, we must recognize that we are not protected for a number of occurrences. Most important, you and we are not covered if you give your musket to a non-member to fire a round or snap a flint and something goes wrong. Or, if your bayonet is attached and they hurt someone, you are out of luck. Once you've surrendered control of that firearm, the insurance is void.

Our coverage is for an involuntary accident to someone other than a participant. We have additional coverages; but, the third party accident is the most significant. NOTE WELL, third party, not your fellow members or other participants AND not yourself!!

Our other responsibilities can be enjoyable. That is, this missionary factor of trying to educate the public and dispel the many erroneous myths and offset the plain lack of knowledge that the average Canadian exhibits. BUT, it is a responsibility. If you don't know the answers to genuinely interested questions, have the courage and common sense to direct the questioner to someone who does. Don't forget, you are not an instant expert simply because you're wearing the kit. Of course, the public doesn't know that. Any of us in uniform is a likely target for some questions; but, you know whether you're capable or not.

And another thing, if you find yourself too shy to answer questions, please be polite and introduce someone who enjoys the contact.

A: CLEANING OF THE MUSKET

All small arms which use black powder as a propellant are subject to extensive rusting caused by a salt residue which is a byproduct of the explosion. In our case, this problem is aggravated by the lack of a protective treatment on the steel surfaces of the musket such as browning, blueing or parkerizing, as found on more modern firearms. Such surface treatments are incorrect for our period. (unless you're in the Light Infantry where browned barrels are a requirement) Therefore, it is necessary to take particular care in the cleaning and storage of our arms in order to avoid corrosion which can lead to pitting.

AFTER FIRING- ALL STEEL PARTS

As soon as possible after firing, the musket should be thoroughly doused with water both inside and out, hot preferably; but, cold is adequate. A lot of the guys don't do this at the event and instead completely spray inside and out with WD-40, or a similar compound and then perform the cleaning at home. The choice is certainly yours; but remember, immediate action is best.

A shotgun cleaning kit is ideal for scouring inside the barrel, using the bronze brush to dislodge caked residue; however, you'll find that one kit probably doesn't have enough sections to make the rod long enough to reach the chamber of the musket and you might have to buy two kits to get enough length. Of course, as many other recruits have faced this same problem, if you ask around you may find someone who has the extra sections you need.

It is best to remove the lock first. Put the lockplate screws in their holes in the lock so that you won't lose them. If your brass sideplate falls out of the stock, it would be wise to mount it to your lock for safekeeping.

SORRY MR. GAVIN. WE WON'T STOCK IT.
THERE'S NO MARKET FOR A 'HOW TO'
VIDEO ON SHOOTING FLINTLOCK MUSKETS



HI-TECH YORKERS
PART 1

FINCH! HOW DARE
YOU CARRY THIS
UNORTHODOX
MUSKET!

BUT IT'S THE
LATEST — LASER
EQUIPPED,
COMPUTERIZED...



HI-TECH YORKERS
PART 2