

## 1. THE FILM "DIVIDED LOYALTIES"

To answer a few outstanding questions: there will be a payment of standard, non-Actra, Extra rates for everyone who participates (approx \$45 per day) and on-site lunches will be provided. Those Extras who are from approx 70 miles away will be given shared overnight rooms and a per diem for an evening meal. I propose that ALL payments remain with the recipient. As yet, I have no information about spectators. Supply of Black Powder currently unknown.

ALL filming which involves our people will take place in Kleinburg north of Toronto. Needless to say, the prominent roles will be given to actors. Our roles are subordinate, although by no means unimportant.

A further notice will follow with map, powder, lodging, etc.. details.

### OUR DEPARTMENT

I would like to stress that we will appear on the set as an organization. This will include our self-imposed discipline that we have developed over the years and which has stood us in such good stead.

There will be no room for arguing with the film's Production Staff. If you have any kind of a beef, register it through the usual Regimental channels. Quiet, pleasant suggestions are one thing, 'harrassing' entirely another.

I would like to again stress the hair code. Those with any facial hair that is not cropped very close will have to be in the background. They have a large supply of wigs, so hair length is not a problem; however, your own long hair is still preferable. Also, would all of you NOT SHAVE the morning of a shoot as we need bristle! So, if you're going to make a full weekend of filming, don't plan a fancy dinner engagement on the Saturday night where you will need to be shaven.

All of our appearances in Regimentals will be 'Campaign'. Your kit should reflect this fact. Thus a few, ACCURATE additions to kit are OK and the spit & polish routine is unnecessary and inaccurate-- the Guard to the Colours being an exception.

### OUR MAJOR 'ALL-UP' APPEARANCE

The BATTLE OF ORISKANY (Aug 6, 1777), universally regarded by historians as the bloodiest battle of the Revolution, which was an Iroquois, Yorker and Ranger affair, is our key appearance in the film.(pp. 17-19, Regt'l History) It will take 3 days to shoot and is slated for June 24, 25 & 26, ie. a Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

I recognize that this is the weekend after Black Creek. In my opinion, if you can only make one of these occasions, please attend ORISKANY. It may not be as much fun as Black Creek and it will definitely be more work; but, it does have the chance of being far more enduring.

I am encouraging all of the filming requiring a volume of personnel to be on the weekend, although they will still need extras for the Monday for any of you who can find the time.

While we are getting some response from the American Militia units, it is apparant that militia extras will be a requirement and I propose that as many of us who can take that role do so. This WILL NOT mean that those who play the militia role will be unable to act as Royal Yorkers. It does mean that those who have 1758 kit such as ball bags, powder horns, tricorns, checked shirts, breeches, etc.. should bring them along, as should those with hunting shirts and 18C civvy clothes.

As much of the ORISKANY battle requires Light Infantry tactics, those who will get front line exposure will need to be well versed. This may mean a splitting of subunits; but, we will not mix Col's with Grn'ds with Lights.

The Colours & Artillery do not appear in this Battle. Muskets and bayonets are the prime need. Ensigns & Artillerymen in the line please. All other Officers & NCO's should be armed with firelock if possible.

### OUR SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ROLE

This is the march scene when the Royal Yorkers enter Fort Oswego prior to the advance against Fort Stanwix and Oriskany.(pp.14-21,Regt'l History) We

want to have the Colours, Fifes & Drums, 3pdr and a maximum turnout in this column. (this may be the one role for Followers. More later) Filming takes place on Sat. July 29. I am fully aware of just how far one has to drive from Ottawa, Kingston or Aylmer for a one day march scene. If you're unable to mesh it with a business or family visit, a shopping/collecting spree, or something of the sort, I recognize that you won't be there. I also understand that this is smack-dab in the middle of summer vacation prime time. Such is life; they are not about to shoot any other time! This would be a good time to stage an informal unit party. Any offers?

#### TWO NON-YORKER EXTRA ROLES

The 1775 Battle at Montreal (p.5, Regt'l History) will be filmed on July 8,9. Extras are required for Loyal Militia, including plaided Scots Highlanders and rebels, ie. Green Mountain Boys. Could be fun playing rebels as they are scripted to die like flies under Mohawk and Loyal Militia firelocks and axes.

Another scene is the Cherry Valley Massacre of 1778 where Seneca, Butler's Rangers & Brant's Volunteers are in action. Most of this scene deals with the Indians. Butler's from NY will take the Ranger roles; however, roles as the whites in Brant's Volunteers are a possibility. Filming Jul 23,24.

#### 2. JOHNSON HALL, JOHNSTOWN NY JUNE 10 & 11

Remember this potential calender addition as well as a possible filming site? Now that the filming will not occur there, any interest in the event? All Section NCO's please poll & advise me by note or phone.

#### 3. BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE JUNE 17 & 18

In the face of the same battle scenario of the last few years, I am looking for some novel ideas for other activities. The 'deserter', 'recruiting', 'gauntlet' & 'proclamations' games have been done often enough. We need new ideas of 18C military & civil type to whet our appetite. For instance, axe throwing, the marriage of the miscreants Stewart & Petra, the dunking of the shrew Nancy and other fun & frolic. Please help out with some scenes.

#### 4. 1ST BATTALION, QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE, MONDAY MAY 22 TORONTO

Park cars at City Hall underground garage. Form up at 11:00AM at James & Albert Sts behind Old City Hall. 15 rounds blank. Colours to be paraded. Good local turnout please. Great War Section is also involved.

#### 5. 2ND BATTALION, RIDLEY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA (PHILADELPHIA AREA) MAY 20,21

Major Brit Brigade & Cont Line event. Excellent start to the Campaign and 2nd Bn's big one for '89. 360 cartridges required, Ha Ha, only joking- 36.

#### 6. ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER CORRECTIONS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Sjt Chuck Baker, No4 Section-- phone number on the calender is incorrect, should be 613-836-6579

Sjt Dave Moore, No1 Section has also moved: 167 Violet Dr., Hamilton L8E 1C3 416-578-0215

LCpl Gerry MacMartin - the Ol'Sailor: New address is #302 - 1940 St.Jacques O., Montreal H3J 2S1 phone # to come.

Erich Shaw is back in Chatham at Box 1335 N7N 5L9 519-676-8669

#### 7. CUSTOM MADE SHOES

No delivery news yet on our first order. Should be soon. I have two completed forms for the next order. Needing to collect 8 more. Any takers?? Phone to get order forms. Ladies, don't forget I have fabric samples.