

## MORE NEWS ON THE FILM, 'DIVIDED LOYALTIES'

Work proceeds apace at Toronto International Studios in Kleinburg with the interior of Johnson Hall being erected inside one of the studios, a massive fort representing Niagara, Stanwix and Oswego being built out back as well as a six longhouse Oneida Village. The fort's appearance is cleverly altered when its identity changes. Two 6 pdrs on field carriages and two 3's on garrison mounts are well underway in plywood & vinyl and at 20' Glen Smith will be envious.

All troops will need 40 rolled cartridges per Shooting Day. Our NCO's will record your consumption each day and you will be remunerated at \$0.40 per round. Please don't think of cheating; my reputation's worth more than that. This charge is about double cost, so you get payment for your manufacturing.

Get some more powder from LCpl Ron Maybee at Black Creek if you're short. Don't roll with newspapers; it's too obvious on the close-ups.

We're looking for 4 Security persons on each shooting day to guard our kit when we're wearing other clothing or carrying props as the film unit has no method of securing gear. I'm suggesting 4 bodies so that there's relief, allowing 2 to view the film making while the other 2 guard. Volunteers please advise me. Campfollowers welcome for this. NB: you will be guarding the kit of other reenactors as well. I don't suggest kids at this as the days are long.

We need 8 Campfollowers to appear in the film for July 29- the March into Oswego. These are not to be prim & proper; but, should look like women who have endured a trip of 300 miles up the St. Lawrence and across the Lake. That is, your kit needs to show dirt and wear. Some children welcome on this one, in the same state of disrepair.

After the filming of the Fort Oswego March, July 29 — there will be a pot luck supper and beer bust at Schloss McGeachie, a.k.a. Festung King, which is a short distance from Kleinburg. Himfelf will supply some grog; but, if your thirst is great, I suggest you bring supplemental liquid.

## 1) BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE, NORTH YORK JUNE 17&amp;18

Here's the repeat of a favoured event. We expect the turnout of rebel troops to be small again and we will have to bolster their ranks as last year.

For the first day, the likely candidates to play the rebel role will be No.2 Section Colonel's who can take the field for Liberty AND Death.

On the second day, the Grenadier Section will be joined by some of the Nor'Westers and they will fight for Congress against their lawful King and the Established Government. The bastards!!

I am soliciting ideas for the Saturday morning scenarios which are NOT a repeat of our deserter-recruiting-proclamation themes of past years. Things like the Devlin family peeling spuds are welcome suggestions, although perhaps not too period for as we all know, them old tyme Devlins boiled them skins and dirt.

If you've got some novel ideas of military and semi-military passtimes that could be good fun to recreate, pls give me a call.

## 2) CANADA DAY, OSHAWA SYDENHAM MUSEUM, OSHAWA JULY 1

Beginning at 2:00 PM, a money making event requiring 25 dedicated troops and followers appearing until 5:30 PM. CaptLt Denis Bourget will be Officer Commanding & Lt Steele narrating, a small camp to be erected and about 25 rds

blank. Grenadiers & Colonel's will please give this important event their assistance. More details of location, parking to follow.

### 3) WYOMING MASSACRE, WILKES-BARRE PENNSYLVANIA JULY 8&9

Due to the filming of the Battle of Montreal on this date and the need to get 25 of our guys in the field, I thought it best to cancel our official participation at this event. I understand that a few of you may decide to attend and I have some VERY complex directions on how to get to the site.

### 4) WHITE WOOLLEN TWILL TAPE FOR SERJEANTS' COATS, DRUMS' COATS AND WINGS FOR LIGHTS & GRENADIERS

Over the last few years I have sold rolls of this tape to a variety of people to either decorate new Serjeant's or Drummers' coats or to make wings for their uniforms. The unit is now at the point of running out of this particularly scarce material and I suspect that there are a few butt rolls lying around in sewing boxes.

Would every one of you who has utilized this tape in the past few years have a search for these ends and send them off to me for a healthy credit -- ie. \$0.81 per yard!!

### 2) THE COMMITTEE TO CREATE NEW WAR STORIES

After Himfelf bored the attendees with the same old drunken war stories at the Museum Party in Cobourg, a Committee of enterprizing and insulting younger persons gathered together to fix this perennial problem.

The result-- Being totally bereft of any new paramilitary ideas for entertaining ourselves at this event, we have turned to the Navy to provide a competition. Once we have recovered from the afternoon's tactical, the 1st Bn Royal Yorkers will conduct the following

#### THE BATTLE OF LAKE WELLINGTON'S FIELD FORT WELLINGTON, PRESCOTT SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1989

#### Regulations for Building Ye Ships of War

1. Ships must be made of cardboard and a method of controlling the vessel would be to mount straps fore and aft, running over the shoulders of the crew members. Other methods might work and will be acceptable .
2. Teams must supply their own ships; their own water bombs made from balloons or Baggies and their own water PISTOLS. Note Well: This is an 18th C game, so there will be no semi-automatic, automatic, electronic, etc. weaponry.
3. There must be a minimum of two people per crew. There is no maximum. 64 gun Ships of the Line are welcome as are Sloops and Frigates.
4. Every member of a crew must wear a Bicorn or a Slouch Hat.
5. Each ship must be emblazoned with a Name and mount a British Jack (ie. Flag, you ninnies) Names such as, HMS Triumph; HMS Xerxes; HMPS NigNog; HMCS Fortier. Of course, USS names would be considered in bad taste.
6. Each team can devise their own way of carrying their water balloons.
7. Colours denoting which team you are on will be supplied as will extra Colours to be mounted on any prizes that you might board and capture. Please provide a 4 inch, horizontal cut on your ship's bow so that these

- colours can be securely mounted.
8. All Royal Yorkers of any age and sex are encouraged to participate. Teams may be fielded by any group of enthusiasts or by Sections.
  9. For those not inclined to take to the 'waters', FIXED shore batteries of heavy guns may be mounted to catch any unwary mateloes who run aground on a shoal or who tack onto a lee shore.

#### Ye Sail Past

Before the Naval Action commences there will be an official Sail Past at which time the most ship shape vessel will be judged by Rear Admiral Gerrard MacMartin VD w/Scar and Captain Raymond Tackaberry UE, both eminently qualified for this task, both having served under Rodney on the West Indies Station in 1781.

#### Ye Selection of Fleets (Teams you ninnies)

Fleets will be picked through a unique and totally neutral method which is none of your business.

#### Ye Object of Said Naval Summer Manoeuvres

To sink or capture the enemy's Flagship.

#### Rules for the Conduct of Ye Naval Summer Manoeuvres

1. Ships must tack at all times. Tacks can be anything from six to ten steps.
  2. Unless you are foundering or boarding a prize, your ship must be in motion at all times.
  3. If your hat is knocked off or you are hit by a water balloon that does not burst, you are wounded and cannot throw balloons; but, you can use your water pistol for harassment. (like Royal Marines in the tops)
  4. Once you are dead, you must return to the home harbour. That is, you get out of the ship and swim ashore, not messing around on the way. If your ship can manage to come back and pick you up, you are alive again.
  5. If there is only one person alive in a ship, it is considered foundering and must stay still until it is boarded by another ship. Any ship can be captured and boarded by the enemy, in which case survivors from the crew are considered pressed men and will do service under the enemy's flag. At least one boarder from the victorious ship must crew the prize. Ships may be scuttled by the victor if insufficient ammunition, excessive damage or some other factor warrants. (ship is turned on its side) Extra crew to join other ships of their Fleet.
  6. If everyone in your ship dies, she must be abandoned and left afloat for either Fleet to reoccupy or board for supplies.
  7. If your Fleet's Flagship comes into harms way, the Flag may transfer to any other ship of the Fleet.
  8. The Fleet which captures or sinks the other's Flagship has won the Battle.
- 3) NEWS FROM THE UEL ANNUAL CONVENTION, LENNOXVILLE, QUEBEC

The Regimental Artist was present at the Convention at Bishop's University from May 18 to 21. Peter was there not only as a Convention

Delegate, but also as the token Yorker. At the Costume contest, this token Yorker won in the military category, a dubious victory as there was only one other soldier.

On the Saturday there was a modest period encampment featuring the King's Rangers and Jessup's King's Loyal Americans. Two Yorkers hid in the ranks, Jean Plamondon and Robin Morris.

The highlight of the Convention was a visit by His Royal Highness Prince Philip who spoke to Peter something like this. "What kind of a get-up is that you're wearing?" Peter fails to report whether his get-up was 1st or 2nd Bn and whether it was Drums or Musketman. He has uniforms of both for both. He offers his hand for a fee as it has gripped the Prince.

Johnson did his duty, returning to Toronto for the Queen's Birthday parade on Monday May 22.

#### 4) NEWS FROM THE BRITISH BRIGADE EVENT AT RIDLEY CREEK, PENNSYLVANIA May 20,21

While the Brit Brigade had fallen on hard times and only fielded about 160 troops mainly from the 10th, 43rd and 64th Regiments, the new Continental Line organization came through with over 400 regulars and a beautifully laid out cantonment at this major tactical event.

The 2nd Bn Royal Yorkers fielded a solid 10 man Section under the leadership of Sjt Todd Girdwood and Cpl Ron Maybee and was used on both days in flanking attacks which burned up lots of ammunition and created much sweat. In fact, our roles were so active and we were so closely engaged each day, we saw virtually nothing of the main actions. Much 'combat' Light Infantry tactics were in use and the Section acquitted itself very well.

An infestation of Wood Ticks kept the Followers and Troops entertained both in the camp, restaurant and cars. Was it worth the 10 hour drive? McGeachie thinks so, even with the Poison Ivy.

#### 5) SURPRISING NEWS ABOUT OUR SHOES

While all of us have been anticipating the shipment of our first bulk shoe order from Illinois, expecting to hear at any moment that it's hit the border, you will understand my surprise when I discovered during my follow-up phone call that the supplier is backordered for 12 months. This of course means that we won't see anything in Campaign 89. Do any of you who have ordered wish to withdraw and go elsewhere?

The supplier will allow us to add to the order up til year's end and maintain the discount. Therefore, anyone wanting to get in, let me know and I'll mail you the forms.

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