

1. LIVE BALL SHOOT: GUELPH ROD AND GUN CLUB - MARCH 17, 1990

Nicke Henry some help
w/Drill.

Here's an experience that all members should enjoy. The only way you will ever really understand your firelock is to use it with real ball. We used to hold Live Shoots every year and in 1990, we are staging two. This is the first and the second is in May in Kingston. Remember, your firelock is your Dad's no toy - THINK SAFETY.

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Tactical
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MEMBERS PLANNING TO ATTEND WILL PLEASE PHONE ROBERT LAND TO CONFIRM.
EVENINGS 519-821-9305 DAYS 519-821-2812

Starting Time: 1330 hrs Closes: 1700 hrs

System of Loading: All loading will be by 'Running Ball'. This means that all members will bring Blank Cartridges ONLY and purchase lead Ball at \$0.50 each from Robert Land. This fee pays for Range Use, the Lead and the Trophy.

Loading and firing is ON COMMAND ONLY!

Robert Land and another Guelph Club member will act as Range Safety Officers and ALL MEMBERS WILL OBEY THEIR COMMANDS without argument.

COURSE OF FIRE

PRACTICE ONE: 50 m line. Members formed into Line and firing in two ranks in Light Infantry open order against Figure 11 targets by Volley and On Command. This exercise will illustrate the effect of massed firing on opposing infantry. (open order is adds a safety feature from touch-hole side blast)

PRACTICE TWO: Attendees divided into squads and firing against water filled plastic jugs at 50 m. Most jugs hit in time period wins the contest and the trophy.

PRACTICE THREE: Moving to 100 m line, individual firing at paper targets. Members who wish to bring other flint, cap or cartridge longarms for this practice may do so.

ADDITIONAL KIT: All Members with Worms and Ball Pullers will please bring these. Dress warmly in 20C. Bring gloves, hat, etc.. Bring Cartridge Pouch for blanks, spare flints, triang. tool, whisk & pick, etc..

One other piece of advice - bring ear plugs or defenders.

DIRECTIONS TO THE GUELPH ROD AND GUN CLUB:

From Toronto, Hwy #401 to Guelph Line, north to Milton Town Line, left thru Eden Mills, left on County Road #29, 1 km on left, red mailbox marked "Guelph Rod & Gun Club".

From Hamilton, north on Hwy #6, past Hwy #401 to outskirts of Guelph, right on Arkell Road, follow several miles, left at "T" junction for 1 km on right side is the Club.

From all other points, follow Hwy #7 to County Road #29, go south 3.4 km. Guelph Club is on east side at red mailbox.

Located 3.4 km south of Hwy #7, two miles east of Guelph on Wellington County Rd. #29 near the town of Eden Mills.

2. FREEDOM OF CITY OF AURORA, QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS (1ST AMERICANS)

Wed. Mar 28, 8:30 PM AURORA ARMOURIES

As you know, this is a full dress Parade during which we will support the QYR who have so kindly supported the KRR over the years. We will

2. AURORA PARADE cont'd

execute typical field manoeuvres of Alternate Firings, Advancing in Echelon Firing by Sections, Advancing Firing in Extended Order and a Bayonet Charge. No cartridges required. Turnout should be neat.

We must field our Colours - Ens Haase & 2Lt Steele please note.

We need Drums and Fifes support - F/Mjr Watt please note.

LtCol Corkery asks that we give him all the troops possible as he wishes to impress his visitors regarding the requirement for more training space. This Armoury (sited on the unit's old stables) is absolutely tiny and while it certainly has its charm as an example of early Canadiana, there's no question that the new building, which has been promised for some time, is a real need.

To get there: north on Hwy 400, exit at the King Road. Head east; drive through King City (watch speed) and turn left/north at the Bathurst St. lights. Drive to third stoplight north which is Wellington. Turn right/east and drive into Aurora, passing through Yonge St which is the third light and turn right/south at third street which is Larmont. Go one block. The little white building on the southwest corner is the Armoury. Park to west or south of Armoury. Put on all your kit and enter building. Keep off the parade and out of the way. Please be on time!! Your support will be appreciated.

3. CALENDAR ERRORS AND ADDITIONS

Inadvertently left off the listing for No.2 Section, Col's Coy was:

Fred VanSickle 519-853-1360

To be added to No.1 Section, Col's Coy:

Peter Twist 416-624-4220

To be added to No.4 Section, Col's Coy:

Kevin Joynt 613-825-6346

4. PURCHASE OF VIDEO TAPES AND POSTERS FROM DIVIDED LOYALTIES

A set of three items (the 1/2 hour special, "The Making of Divided Loyalties"; the movie, "Divided Loyalties" and the mega Poster advertising the film) is available from History Productions for the price of: \$54.00

For a tape of the Movie only: \$24.00 with deluxe carrier: \$36.00

For a Poster only: \$18.00. "Making" price not available.

Pls send your order to me at Fog Rd., RR #1, King City, Ont LOG 1K0. Make cheques payable to King's Royal Yorkers. Need your orders by end of March.

5. ARCH REBEL, THOMAS SAMMONS OF JOHNSTOWN TELLS SOME STORIES OF SIR JOHN'S RAID OF MAY 1780 ex Montgomery County History & Archive Department, Fonda, NY courtesy of James Morrison, 3 Tryon County Militia - another arch rebel. I have altered some of the spelling and punctuation for ease of reading.

"..my fathers house being the next House to the Tory settlement, north and east. Had his (Sir John's) men marched a few rods from the house at Breake of day. Ordered About 40 & Lieut Southerling (Sutherland) to charge to the door; Others to the windows. Our famely were all in bed except my Oldest

4. cont'd THE SAMMONS STORY OF THE JOHNSTOWN RAID, MAY 1780

Brother Jacob & myself. He (the brother) had called me up to Grain (the) Horses to go and work that day on Jonsons (Sir John's?) farm which he had the care of. Then I was out of doors, did not see them till they passed me. Got in the house, my Brothers were then up stairs. Then there talked with the Officer who was in the house who Assured them there was no Indians present with them and what force were with them. They (Sammon's father and brothers) surrendered; in a few minutes my Father and Brothers passed me w(h)ere I stood hid.

I then asked the Soldier (who) kept me to go with me in(to) the house to get a pare of shoes & some Clothes to put on. He made no Answer, none. Never spoke a word while he kept me. I again told (him) I could not go without shoes and Other Clothes. Go with me & I turned my face to the Door to walk in expecting he would go along my Back. (ie. behind me) Then direct to the Soldier as I stept to (the) Door one of my Sister(s) walked out & he pushed the Bayonet. My Sister fell on the Gun just as it would enter my Back (&) kept a hold of it till (it) came to the Ground & called Murder. An Officer Emedately run up and asksed what was the matter. My sister told him. He spoke verry Ha(r)sh to the soldier; told him to (go) with me, Let me get my Clothes and take me to the Gaurd which was done. By this time the Barn was Burning and the house on fire.

..I saw A number of Officers, Sir John was with them, Mrs. Hare (whose husband was a Ranger Captain killed at Oriskany) and several Others. I then saw About 40 men march from the (Johnson) Hall and marched direct to Sir John. There was 3 or 4 Bags with silver plate which had been Buried in the cellar formerly Belonging to the Famely of the Johnsons - had been buried in 2 Barrels. The Bags were opened, thrown on the Ground and every man was Handed some (to) put in his knacpsack & his name put down & then Marched off."

One can see that our guys were not very sentimental types. Sammon's account contains many other anecdotes which illustrate how completely our troops dominated the town when they were there.

6. OFFICIAL ORDERS RELATING TO THE END OF THE WAR ex NAC, MG 11, CO 42, Vol. 44, f 156-166, Reel B36.

Orders to General Haldimand, Governor General of Canada from Whitehall dated 8th August 1783.

"Since I had the honor of writing to you on the 10th of May to send home all the Foreign (German) Troops serving in Canada, the King's Servants have taken into their Consideration the Military arrangements for the Peace Establishment, and, in consequence of their determination the Secretary at War will signify to you, by this Opportunity, His Majesty's Commands for the Reduction of the 1st Battalion of the 84th Regiment...

I am now to acquaint you, that it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that the Two Battalions of Provincials, which have been raised by Sir John Johnston (sic), be disbanded, and you will forthwith issue the necessary Orders for that purpose, signifying to Sir John Johnston, and the Officers and Men belonging to them, that their Services have met with His Majesty's entire approbation.

The King's Servants have not been unmindful of the Situation and Merits of His Majesty's faithful Subjects who have taken up Arms in defence of His just Rights and the support of His Crown & Dignity in North America, and you will see by the endorsed Vote of the House of Commons, that Parliament, upon their recommendation, are disposed to alleviate the Misfortunes to

which the War has exposed them, and to give Them every Relief that his Country, consistent with the present exhausted State of Its Finances can possibly afford.....

You have without doubt judged wisely in sending Sir John Johnston to Niagara, as his influence with the Indians, from the favorable Opinion which they have always entertained of him, may at this critical Junction be a means of preventing disagreeable consequences which might otherwise happen.....

... your intention to carry into execution your endeavor to prevail upon the Mohawks to settle to the Northward of that Lake (Ontario), provided the Country should be found well suited for their convenience. These People are justly entitled to Our peculiar attention, and it would be far from either generous or just in Us, after Our Cession of their Territories and Hunting Grounds to forsake them. I am therefore, authorised to acquaint you, that the King allows you to make those offers to them, or to any other Nations of the friendly Indians who may be desirous of withdrawing themselves from the United States, and occupying any Lands which you may allot to them within the Province of Quebec. It is to be hoped, that from thence they will be able to carry on their Hunting from their former Grounds, and return with their Furs and Peltry, where the British Traders can meet them, with their Wives and Children in Security, and being under Our Protection, their attachment to His Majesty may continue, and this Country may enjoy the advantages of their Trade..."

I thought the last two paragraphs were of particular interest in view of the movie.

3. CARTRIDGE POUCHES - BAD NEWS

Major Gray has received a stern letter from Sir John ordering that the "foolish allowance" previously offered to the Troops of the 1st Battalion be rescinded immediately. The following arrangement will now be in place -

As before, the original, large 36 hole pouch w/GR plate OR the Rawle pouch will be acceptable in the 1st Battalion.

1st Battalion troops who are in either the 2nd Battalion, KRR NY or the Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry may turn-in their original 36 hole pouch as a direct trade for the Rawle pouch + \$8.00, or buy the Rawle for \$108.00. (as available)

1st Battalion troops who are not in either of the other two organizations may buy the Rawle (as available) at \$108.00, or trade in their 36 hole pouch + \$58.00.

Any fittings or parts missing from the 36 hole pouch will be charged back at replacement value.

