

1. NEXT EVENT: FORT NIAGARA, YOUNGSTOWN, NY AUG 18, 19
1 Bn event with rebel opposition. A typically good social outing in a superb and very congenial historic site.
2. FORT STANWIX/ORISKANY - 2ND BATTALION ONLY!!! AUG 18, 19
Sjt Girdwood has issued a separate mailing for this.
3. 325TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORT CHAMBLEY AUG 25, 26 1990

There has been some concern expressed regarding possible local resentment over the Meech fiasco. We have been advised of security arrangements similar to 1988 at which time there were no problems in our camp, nor with our vehicles.

A strong recommendation from Kate LeBlanc [who has recent news of this route] is to avoid the bridges in Montreal due to the Mohawks' demonstrations. Instead, cross into the States at Prescott/Ogdensburg and take NY 68 to NY 11. Follow NY 11 east to Rouses Point; turn north onto NY 9B [my maps are a little fuzzy regarding exact details of this 11 & 9B junction; but, they do link up] You're approx 2 miles south of the Quebec border. NY 9B turns into Quebec 223 when you cross the border. It runs north parallel to the Richelieu River past Isle aux Noix and through St. Jean. From the US border, it's about 45 km to Fort Chambly. Don't get fussed about going through the States; it's a common method of avoiding the traffic in Montreal.

This is a Museum event with hoped for representation from several of our units. I have returned the following numbers: Chambly Militia - 15 troops; 1758 NY Prov Regt - 5 troops; 1st Bn, KRR - 20 troops; Cdn Fencibles - 5 troops. For all units: 13 Campfollowers. Claus has returned 9 Brunswick LI.

André Gousse to organize Chambly Militia to provide this number; likewise Eric Lorenzen the 1758; Reg James & Dave Moore, the 1st Bn; Bob Anglin, Bruce Finch the CFenc.

This is a show and tell event with four distinct eras: 1665; 1760; 1775 & 1812. Each era will camp separately with the protagonists opposite each other. There are 8 non-museum units invited with 208 participants expected, assuming everyone - including ourselves - delivers. The Compagnie franche de la Marine will put on a showpiece demo at 1400 hrs Sat. With assistance of Fortress Louisbourg, there's a fireworks display on Sat night. And the RCMP Musical Ride on Sun at 1330. These formal presentations should be worth seeing.

We put on our demos when we wish, coordinating with the Parks Canada Supervisors on site. There is no random firing by individuals or units allowed. Camps will be open to the public during the day, so big efforts should be made to be period. Also, no filling of cartridges, or powder in cans in the camps!!

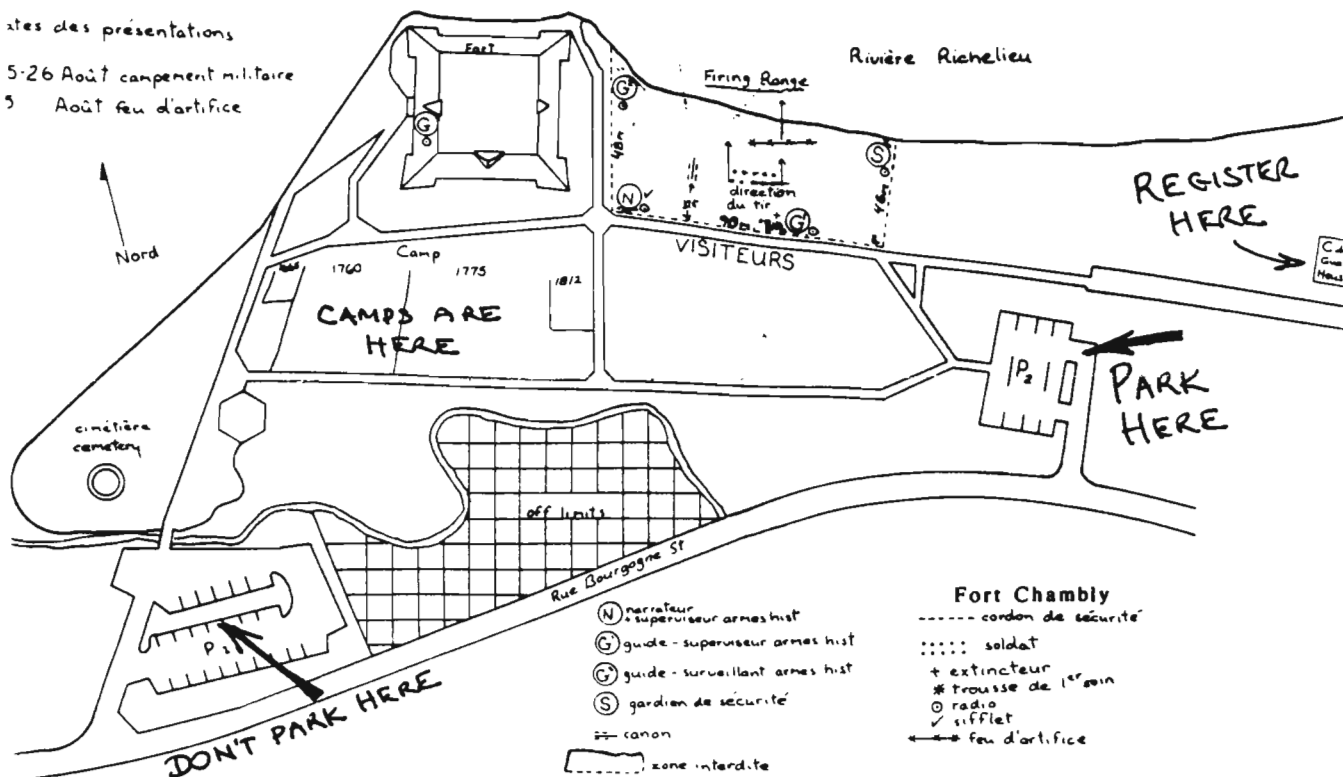
Parking for participants is off Bourgogne St. near the Visitor's Centre. Please do not park in the Fort's Visitors' parking where we have so often done in the past. See insert map. Everyone must register and unit leaders are asked to turn in a complete listing of expected participants when they arrive.

On Saturday evening there is a banquet for all participants at

3. CHAMBLY CONT'D

1700 hrs and a fireworks display at 2200 hrs. Get yourselves ready for a typical Chambly event of great hospitality.

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5. 1ST BN, KRR NY: LENNOX & ADDINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM & ARCHIVES + MACPHERSON HOUSE, NAPANEE, ONT SEP 8,9 1990

This is our first large event in Napanee, held on the beautiful grounds of the Museum. Our efforts will be well supported with breakfast there on both mornings; lunches at Macpherson House both days and a dinner at the Museum on Saturday evening. Bring your cutlery and plates. Straw, firewood, daytime inside & nighttime outside toilets, water, firepit, security, parking, etc.. are all organized. We are at easy walking distance from restaurants and bars. Pls, no unsightly grogging in camp; you know what I mean.

Camping starts on Friday night. Exit off the 401 for Napanee. Just over the RR tracks, watch for Thomas St.E. Turn left, look for #97. Turn down driveway into museum parking. Where we are camping will be obvious.

The Museum has excellent displays and a genealogical library. It houses the Loyalist soldiers' display that our Museum helped to organize with Bob Snetsinger of the UEL Assoc. It includes uniforms of 1 & 2 Bns, KRR; 1 Bn, 84th & Loyal and King's Rangers.

5. NAPANEE CONT'D

Of interest to you social historians will be a box collection of 200 pieces ranging from 1750 to 1816 and a snuff box collection of horn, tortoise, bone, glass, various metals, pearl, ivory, etc..from before and after 1800. Also, a collection of Shaker boxes.

This is a Royal Yorker only event. We will encamp at the Museum and mount guards there and at Macpherson House during the day; post proclamations about the town; perhaps recruit at the Macs Milk and demonstrate our drill prowess with new & old manoeuvres under the iron fist of LtCol Watt. I have returned 20 troops and 10 followers, although more would be welcome. These people have worked hard to provide us excellent support. Let's show our appreciation by delivering for them.

6. THORNHILL PARADE & MOORE FAMILY PARTY, SAT SEP 15

Fortunately, after pulling out of this parade last year to attend Salem, NH we have been invited to return. As most of you know, this event pays us \$800 which we can certainly use. We need to parade 25+ to justify this payment.

Gavin A. & Peter Alexander hope to field a large corps of Drums & Fifes for this one. Everyone needs to be operational by 1130 hrs with about 15 rds blank. The Colours will be fielded. To get there, drive to Thornhill. Turn off Yonge St. at the stoplights just north of York Farmers' Market. Go east one block and turn right. Park either in the Church or School lot on the east side. Arriving later than 1110 gets you into traffic and parking problems, so plan ahead!!

After the event, all are invited to Dave Moore's parent's home for a corn roast and buffet desserts. The latter will please be organized by our ladies. Bring your own grog, pop, vino, etc... SjtMjr Moore will be pleased to regale one and all about how he won a medal for most precocious teenager in his Brownie Pack. Description of how to get to the Moore's house on the day.

7. REGIMENTAL DECORUM

I must confess to being disturbed at Black Creek regarding the continually disappearing Halberd head. While Sjt John Moore is a good guy and can take lots of ribbing, there was a point of decorum missing in all these high jinks.

Taking the head off a Halberd is akin to removing the Spear Tip from a Colour's Staff. While this latter felony would give our Ensigns the heartburn and many troops might have a good laugh at their expense, it would be something simply not to be done or condoned as it represents a grave insult to the Regiment, not just the junior Officers.

Similarly, removing the Halberd head is an insult to our Non Commissioned Officers. This action is beyond innocent good fun. In the original regiment, very few men would have been so foolhardy to play with such fire. To have been caught doing so would have led to extremely severe punishments. Of course, our NCO's cannot repay such an insult in proper 18C fashion so there is no risk in the prank.

I felt that the act was worsened by being repeated and repeated; but even worse, it was done in front of other units. Perhaps I'm becoming overly sensitive in my old age; however.....

8. BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION INVITATIONAL 1990 TACTICAL FIELD EXERCISES, SEP 22,23 SCROON MANOR, SCHROON LAKE, NY

The first two BAR wargames were very successful, their worst problem [other than unfortunate weather] was a lack of substantial numbers. Organization was otherwise excellent and a good, challenging time had by all participants. To correct the numbers problem, the BAR have opened up the invitee list to include BritBrigade, ContLine, French, etc.. so that they now expect 250 Crown & 150 Allied. Don Beale, BritBrig is OC Crown.

This is a 1 Bn event and we will go by car pools no matter what our turnout, ie. 1 Section, 1 Platoon or 2 Companies. Obviously, I would like to see lots of troops; but, I don't want to spoil the big Schoharie/Mohawk Valley Raid in October - so, what we get easily will be happiness for me. The drive is about 6 hours from Toronto, less of course from Ottawa/Kingston. Schroon Lake is just west of Crown Point and Ticonderoga. Exact location details yet to come. Plan ahead!!

9. SOME FOOD FOR REENACTING THOUGHT

An insert from Eric Lorenzen's 1758 NY Prov Regt Newsletter- This article was written by Scott Stephenson of the 60th Royal American Regt. His point is very well made. Many sites are asking just what they need reenactors for if the quality of what is being demonstrated is so poor.

As you read this article, ask yourself how the Royal Yorkers as an entity, and yourself individually, measure up.

STANDING ORDERS

A Newsletter For Researchers of the
British Army in North America, 1739-1765

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Serious reconstruction of the material aspects of pre-Revolutionary British military life has long suffered from the same identity crisis that plagues all activities falling under the aegis of "historical reenactment." Serious and often hostile divisions separate enthusiasts: hobbyists vs. semi-professionals, "polyester cowboys" vs. "button-counters." At a conference on Living History held at Wittenburg University in March, 1990, it was clear that a crisis of confidence has arisen among museum professionals over the usefulness of reenactors as an interpretive tool. In the case of Seven

Years' War events, historical "reenactments" all too often consist of recreated units whose clothing and equipment are of post-1760's design and whose contemporary predecessors never served at the particular historic site hosting the event. At many events, this conglomeration, divided into squad-sized "companies" led by commissioned officers completely out of proportion to the number of arms-bearing privates, then attempts to educate the public by raising a flag, perhaps drilling for a short while, and then "reenacting" a battle complete with theatrical scenes of death and dying. For the rest of the weekend, the vast majority of the obviously well-fed troops wander about aimlessly in various states of dress, completely oblivious to military deference, demeanor, and discipline. When camp life is emphasized, it is generally taken no farther than a few ornamental guards.

The response of many to this observation is that historical reenactment is a hobby and that working people should be allowed to relax on the weekend. A growing body of professional educators are wondering if it would not be better for all if hobbyists went to the beach instead. Many are concerned that the "recreational reenactment" attitude has had an adverse effect on public understanding of American history. The time has clearly come for hobbyists and professionals alike to pause and critically examine what we are setting out to do, why we are setting out to do it, and how our actions will enhance or hurt the mission of the historic sites that host our activities. Too many times reenactors ignore the professionals whose business is to recover, illuminate, reconstruct, and educate. Whatever one's preparation, most visitors treat costumed persons as authorities on "the olden times"; if historical reenactment is to continue to play a part in transmitting historical, archaeological, architectural, and material culture research into a public forum, it must become more precise, more serious, and more introspective. Standing Orders is dedicated to recovering, illuminating, and reconstructing the material aspects of mid-eighteenth century British military life in North America and to transmitting this information in an educational manner to the public.