

1. EVENT CANCELLATION - BALL'S FALLS AUG 24/25

Get out your calendar and make note right now that this event is a goner. Due to the more than shabby treatment of our Artillery Sjt Glen Smith, we have declined to attend at this site in 1991.

2. BARNUM HOUSE, GRAFTON, ONTARIO JULY 12, 13 & 14, 1991

Most of you will recall that Balls Falls has traditionally been one of two events attended by the 2Bn every year. In view of the above noted cancellation, Sjt Girdwood, of Crawford's Coy, 2Bn Royal Yorkers has requested that the 2Bn appear at Grafton in place of Balls Falls.

In consequence, at Barnum House we will muster both 1st & 2nd Battalion Sections. This event, hosted by our member Cyndie Paul-Girdwood, Curator at Barnum House, is strongly supported with straw, firewood, good parking, some meals & washrooms. The event's style will be similar to our highly successful appearance at Napanee last year with the addition of tactical manoeuvres of 1Bn vs. 2Bn in the 60 acres of bush behind the House.

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| Sat 0800 Light Breakie, Barnum House | Sun 0800 Free Breakie at ye Cdn Legion |
| 0930 Street & Tent Inspection | 0930 Street & Tent Inspection |
| 0945 Unit Drills | 0945 Unit Drills |
| 1015 The Chastisement of Grafton | 1015 Practice for Firing Drill Competition |
| 1100 Platoon Duties | 1200 Lunch (bring your own) |
| 1200 Lunch (bring your own) | 1330 Firing Drill Competition |
| 1330 Tactical Competition/Demo | 1400 Ladies' Tea |
| 1400 Fashion Show | 1430 Tactical Competition |
| 1530 Tactical Competition/Demo | 1530 Strike Camp and awa' |
| 1630 Platoon Duties | |
| 1800 Free BBQ Dinner | |

The hearth in Barnum House is available for anyone wishing to try their hand at some 18C cooking/baking. Pls phone Cyndie to arrange - 705-778-7207. There will be Scottish Country Dancing on Saturday. Don't forget to bring your favorite bug juice and sun block.

3. KENTE PORTAGE FESTIVAL, CARRYING PLACE JULY 20,21, 1991

This small event on the Portage Road will repeat again. Hopefully a few Yorkers coordinated by A/Cpl Pete Johnson will appear to garrison the newly reconstructed Blockhouse at the west end of the Portage, ie. Fort Kente. Camping again at the Robert Young property, or those who are brave may want to try the new blockhouse.

One day trippers are more than welcome.

4. FORT WELLINGTON, PRESCOTT, ONTARIO JULY 19, 20 & 21, 1991

As noted in the last newsletter, Sjt Chuck Baker is leading a detachment of Royal Yorkers at this BAR event. Members of any 1 Bn Coy, any Section, are welcome to join with Chuck. This event does not appear on the Yorker calendar as the Executive decided to give Prescott a good rest, our Museum having appeared there for the last 14 years in a row; however, our member, Larry Ostola, who officiates at the site has done a great job of reorganizing the event.

5. BATTLE ON GEORGIAN BAY, PENETANGUISHINE, ONT JULY 26, 27 & 28, 1991

This is a 1Bn mega event, with our Artillery, Colours, Fifes & Drums, etc... This year is a pilot run in preparation for a BAR Grand Encampment in 1992. In attendance will be Royal Navy - Provincial Marine units & Mike Hurley's Nor'westers as enemy; 64th Regt, Royal Yorkers & Butler's Rangers as Crown forces. If required, we will give a Section to the other side for stiffening.

5. PENETANG CONT'D

The site is brand new to the KRR. Being very long and narrow, we are dealing with quite tightly scripted scenarios.

Schedule looks roughly like this:

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| Saturday | 0930 | Tent, Street & Safety Inspections. |
| | 1030 | Ladies & Gentlemen enjoy croquet. Artillery Crew imbibes in Tavern. Surprise Rebel Landing, Capture of Crown Redoubt. Shame! |
| | 1400 | Rebel Shore Party Harrasses Loyal Citizens at Dockyard. |
| | 1500 | Crown Attempt to regain Redoubt Fail. |
| | 1600 | Fife & Drum Demonstration. (41st Regt, 1812) |
| | 1830 | Cantonment Open for Public Viewing. Camp Scenarios Essential. |
| | Dusk | Arty Bombardment of Rebel Lines. Fighting Patrol Reces Redoubt. |
| Sunday | 0930 | Tent & Street Inspections. |
| | 1000 | Services at Original Garrison Church. (Voluntary) Platoon Duties for all Dissenters, Agnostics & Heathens. |
| | 1100 | Fife & Drum Demonstration (41st Regt, 1812) |
| | 1300 | 'Mother of all Battles' dislodges Rebels from Redoubt. |
| | 1500 | Strike Tents and Awa' |
| | 1600 | Period Play in Dockyard for those who wish to stay in kit. |

HOW TO GET THERE

Take Hwy 400 north out of Toronto. Just north of Barrie, 400 swings to the west. Don't miss it! Don't take Hwy 11.

Follow 400 to Hwy 93 taking it towards Midland & Penetanguishine. Keep on Hwy 93 right into the town of Penetang. (Ignore any crossroads marked the Penetanguishine Road) Highway 93, which is also Main St., running into Penetang, is a long rising hill. Just over the crest of the hill, with the water of Georgian Bay visible in front of you, is a stoplight. This intersection is Main and Robert. Turn right onto Robert.

Go a few blocks to Fox. Turn left.

The first right turn off Fox is Church. It comes up very fast and takes off on a diagonal - take it.

Keep on Church St. for about 6 Km. It seems a long way. The road ends at a Mental Health Hospital which is on your right. There is a sign telling you to turn left for the Historic Naval and Military Establishments. Do so.

As you continue along, you will be directed to the left to enter the driveway leading to the site's parking lot. Just before the next left turn into the official parking lot, you will see a sign directing reenactors to turn-off to the right onto a dirt track which takes you down towards the water. Take this.

Follow this dirt road to a gate in a wire fence. Enter in here and drive along the shore to the site of our Tent Encampment. Parking for our vehicles is back outside of the wire fence in the field near the water. After unloading, all vehicles should be immediately moved to parking.

BE CAREFUL NOT TO ENTER THE MENTAL HOSPITAL GROUNDS. THEY ARE STRICTLY OFF LIMITS FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND.

SPECIAL NOTES: Everyone is to arrive with their cartridges loaded. Once again, senior members were seen at Black Creek loading cartridges in the streets. As the public has no concept of the dangers of black powder, in-camp loading must not happen!! Serjeants are to be most diligent in preventing this.

6. KANATA HERITAGE DAY, PENNY'S POINT JUL 28, 1991

For those of you in the Army of East who cannot face a little drive to Penetang and want to get in on a BBQ, you might give Chuck Baker a call about this one. (613-836-6579)

7. REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Surgeon's Nurse

In view of the frequency of heat sickness experienced in the unit over the past several years, Kate LeBlanc, who is a professional nurse, has agreed to act as our Surgeon's Nurse in the camp and *on the field*. If you are having sun sickness, in any of its various varieties, you will please pay attention to Kate's ministrations on your behalf. There's no point in any of you becoming more ill than necessary when we have our own nurse available to take care of you. Platoon Leaders will recognize Kate's authority in these matters.

I fully recognize that all of you historical experts will immediately say that Nursing did not start in the army until Florence Nightingale and the Crimea; however, the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research has original material which states otherwise. See, reprinted article from JAHR, Vol.60 in the Loyalist Gazette, Vol.XXVI, No.2 (Feb 1989) p.19. This, and part two in issue No.3 contains lots of good material regarding women in the army. Distaff - more on this to come.

Regimental Gunsmith

In keeping with his experiences gained in gunsmithing, Colin Post of the Light Infantry Platoon is appointed Gunsmith to the Regiment. Colin will be able to effect minor repairs to muskets in the field. More major repairs will require leaving your firelock with him.

Colin will also be responsible for all firelock related findings such as musket tools (whisks & picks; triangular & angled screwdrivers; frizzen/hammer stalls) musket slings; musket covers, as and when these items are available.

8. HONORARY OFFICER MARRIED

A number of you will recall Bill Tower, a descendant of Sir John Johnson, who visited us in 1989 during our party in Kingston, Ont. At that time, Bill kindly accepted the role of our Honorary Lieutenant Colonel. After his extensive visit to Canada and the United States, he wrote a study of the Johnson family combined with details of his trip. Many of you have read this account.

Bill recently married, thus launching himself into a new campaign. We sent the happy couple a flower arrangement on behalf of the regiment and received back a warm letter. Colonel & Mrs. Tower plan to visit Canada in the next few years for more family research.

9. THE ERUDITE PRIVATE JOHN MURRAY, LIGHT INFANTRY COY

Oddly enough, Thumper Murray has appeared in print in the Newsletter of our friendly Lobsters, the 64th Regt (aka "I'm Black & blue from getting my shorts in a Knot", or, in brief - no pun intended - the Black Knots). It would appear that Murray can read and write. This came as a great shock to Lt MacLeod, his Platoon commander, who has often noted that the boobie can't even walk and chew hayseed at the same time. One suspects that Murray corresponded with the 64th in an attempt to ingratiate himself with Capt Grenier who is well known for his excellent wine cellar. Here follows an excerpt from this scholarly work-

"Here are a few little items I ran across that I thought you'd find amusing. Some of it is purely rebel propaganda but I'm sure you'll make some use of it.

No Foreign Slaves shall give us Laws. No Brittish [sic] Tyrant Reign
Tis Independence made us Free and Freedom We'll Maintain
We'll Charge the Foe from post to post attack [sic] their works and Lines
And by some well Laid Stratagem We'll make them all Burgoins [sic]
Each hearty Lad shall take his Lass all Beaming like a Star
And in her softer arms Forget the Dangers of war
And when the war is Over We'll set them Down at Ease

9. JOHN MURRAY CONT'D

We'll plow and sow We'll reap and mow [sic] and Live just as we please.¹

You may already be familiar with this next one, a popular song of the rebellion called War and Washington.

The lustre of your former deeds,
 whole ages of renown.
 Lost in a moment, or transferr'd
 to us and WASHINGTON!...
 'Tis heav'n-born FREEDOM fires us
 all, and strengthens each brave son,
 From him who humbly guides the
 plough, to godlike WASHINGTON.²"

Thumper's article goes on for another two pages with equally interesting pieces including a Loyalist Birthday song written by a NJV Captain. He signs off his letter as follows:

John K. Murray, Private Anderson's Company, King's Royal Regt. of New York. Himself suspects that nary a man outside of the Light Infantry could have quoted the name of the commander of that unit, and also suspects that not another five in the platoon could have either. Amazing!! John Murray, where have you been all our lives??

¹taken from the Orderly Books of the Fourth and Second New York Regiments.

²as quoted in, Charles Royster, A Revolutionary People at War: The Continental Army and American Character, 1775 - 1783 (New York: Norton, 1979) p.259.

This particular song almost made me lose my lunch. All I can say to this is *too much sugar rots your teeth!*

Gavin