

1. FIRST BATTALION PROMOTION

Major Gray is pleased to announce that Reg James is promoted to Captain and Second-In-Command of the First Battalion viz William Severin retired. Captain James will also continue as the Officer Commanding the Grenadier Platoon.

This promotion recognizes Reg's many years of service to the unit, his considerable experience in leading the Battalion and his proximity to the highest density of events.

I am sure that all will wish Reg well in this important role and that everyone will offer Reg the support necessary for him to execute his duties.

2. 1ST BN: FANSHAWE VILLAGE, LONDON ONTARIO SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 1991

The SjtMjr would like to lead a mixed Section of troops at this super period village. This is a one day effort with a small tent encampment to be erected. The village is a smaller version of Black Creek, ie. an excellent venue for a show & share appearance. Give him a call to organize car pools, etc.. 416-578-0215.

3. 1st BN: ANNUAL THORNHILL PARADE AND SJTMJR'S PARTY, SAT SEP 21, 1991

NOTE WELL: As noted earlier in the year, the date for this parade is wrong on the calendar. Sep 21 is correct. Also, the timing for the start of the parade is altered to 11:00 AM. You must be in the Church parking lot NO LATER THAN 10:30 in order to get through the parade barriers. Don't be late!

Senior Drummer Alexander will please organize a turnout of the NOTL Drummers to assist the unit! Adventurous members from No.3 & 4 Sections are very welcome.

This event is one of the few money makers for the unit and an attendance of 30 troops is required to earn our salt. Loyal Refugees are very welcome and do not have to march in the parade.

After our duties are over, we will retire to the parental home of the SjtMjr for a corn-boil, salads and desserts. Grenadiers, Lights & No.1 Section members to organize three salads per unit please and No.2 & Commissioned Officers to organize four deserts per group. This is BYOB and Pop please. Coolers will be appreciated.

**4. 1st & 2nd BN: 210TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF JOHNSTOWN, JOHNSTOWN, NY
SEP 27, 28 & 29, 1991**

NOTE WELL: This event is shown on the calendar as being for Crawford's Company, Second Battalion troops only as the 1st Bn was not represented in the original battle. However, two factors have combined to suggest that the recreated 1st Bn should be welcome to attend as well. Therefore, this is now a 1st Bn event!!!

First, a polling of members who are equipped for 1st Bn only indicates that a number of them wish to visit the area as they have not done so before. Second, Sir Peter Johnson, 7th Baronet of New York, our Honorary Colonel Commandant has advised the Yanks that he will visit the event. As our 2nd Bn membership is only a small fraction of the 1st, we will pursue a mixed attendance, even though we normally do not do so.

4. JOHNSTOWN CONT'D

Captain James will be organizing the 1st Bn turnout and will discuss this with all Platoon/Section Leaders. As none of the Grenadiers and only one of the Light Infantry are in the 2nd Bn, we will hopefully get a good representation from these two units. The Col's Coy is the largest Company in the whole hobby, so surely we can field two good Sections out of four. If we get a good turnout, we will try to field the Colours.

Sjt Girdwood will organize the 2nd Bn turnout. All 2nd Bn members will appear as such preferentially please.

Capt James will command the Royal Yorkers at this event as the Colonel must appear as Pte McGeachie in the 2nd Bn.

For those of you who have been to Johnson Hall on many occasions and who are perhaps not too eager to go again, there is very good news. The action on the Saturday will take place at the Herkimer House, the beautifully restored home of rebel General Nicholas Herkimer who was mortally wounded in the action at Oriskany. The Royal Yorkers have never been at this site before and the House is well worth our attention, actually rivalling the beauty of Johnson Hall.

On Sunday, the action will move to the original ground on which the battle was fought which is a few miles north of Johnson Hall. Again, the unit has never been there before! These two locations will be new for all of us.

Regarding camping - 18 & 20C will take place at Johnson Hall and none of us have become bored with that privilege. The Hall with its flanking stone blockhouses is truly magnificent and the eery feeling of camping on the ground where so many Indian Councils were held needs to be experienced. If we're lucky, we will find copious supplies of Albany Amber to top off the event.

As to who won this battle, it needs to be remembered that the Loyalist units engaged were not trying to capture Johnstown, but were giving a fight to the Levies (these are semi-Continental, ie. raised for the defence of the State and not to be used elsewhere) and the Militia who had caught up with the column after the two main targets had been destroyed. The rebel troops were attempting to prevent the continuation of the depredations and the column's withdrawal to Canada. The battle was heated and see-sawed back and forth with the ultimate result that the Loyalists were allowed to retire intact from the field and make their withdrawal. On the other hand, no further damage was accomplished to the granaries either. You can argue the rest with Jim Morrison, Rick Sherman and Noel Levee.

The Expedition was led by Major John Ross, OC 2Bn KRR NY and included-

34 Regt - 75

8 Regt - 35

84 Regt - 50

2 Bn KRR - 210 (4 Coys)

Butler's Rangers - 167

Iroquois & Allies - 109

5. GENEALOGY OF A REGIMENTAL NATURE

Are any of you are interested in info on the KRR soldier represented by your equipment number? (eg. A30; G17; L22) Glenn Hunt, No.2 Sect, Right Pltn, Col's Coy, is an amateur genealogist and family history researcher who has assembled a number of original books which can help to give you some details. Glenn carts these books with him on events and would welcome your questions. He would be more than happy to have material from you if you already have data to share.

You don't have to wait for an event. If you want to get onto this right away, give Glenn a call at 416-832-3348 (Maple, Ont) in the evenings. You will need your Regimental Number. Glenn is happy to photocopy this material for you.

5. WHO WAS THAT YORKER - GLENN HUNT CONT'D

Glenn wants to add the following to his library, Pringle's "Lunenburg and the Old Eastern District". Any donations?

6. ITEMS IN STOCK FOR SALE: BEAUTIFUL VINYL GUN CASES FOR YOUR BROWN BESS OR CHARLEVILLE

At last a new supply of vinyl gun cases. Yes, Gutteridge - something else that you MUST buy. Colours are morbid black; blood red and stinkin' buckskin. Your choice for as long as they last. \$20 each. Phone Himself to place an order. 416-833-6435.

NEW ALL COTTON SHIRTS:

A new supply of shirts from Musket, Fife & Drum as \$40.00 ea. Order by size - same phone number.

7. 1st BN: JORDAN FALL FESTIVAL OCT 19, 1991

A one day epic appearance on the lip of the beautiful Jordan valley. Show & Tell, march, shoot, eat free lunch and drink a few at the local tavern. A nice ending to the Campaign. Call your Section Leaders for a description of how to get there.

8. 1st BN: FALL ENCAMPMENT: FORT NIAGARA, YOUNGSTOWN NY OCT 19 & 20, 1991

For those of you who want to make a complete weekend out of it, plan to motor on to Fort Niagara and stay overnight in your tent or a blockhouse. You would then finish the season at an old Yorker garrison site, and you could buy your own Christmas presents at the store. (eg. 1 doz. stale duffnuts)

9. ANOTHER EYESORE REQUIRING YOUR ATTENTION

Many of you are obviously unaware of the proper relationship of Haversack to Canteen. The Haversack is supposed to lie on your hip, or, if you want, on the top of your upper buttock. The Canteen is supposed to lie dead-square on top of the Haversack.

So, first you check the position of your Haversack. If it droops down around the bottom of your buttock cheek, it's wrong. To fix this gross inaccuracy, simply fold the Haversack strap to the correct height and then stitch the fold into place. (do not cut off the excess; it makes the haversack less useful if, and when, you want to pass it on. If it's too short, you need a new Haversack from Stores)

Now that you have that right, put the Haversack on with the Canteen on top of it. If the Canteen rests too low on the Haversack, undo one of the half-hitch knots in the rope and tie the length shorter. Cut off the excess, leaving enough to 'feather' [that means to unravel] and look pretty. If the Canteen is too high, your rope is too short and you have to phone Regtl Stores in King City and ask himself for a new rope. 416-833-6435.