

**1. GRENADIER COY PROMOTION**

Inadvertently absent from the listing of promotions within the Grenadier Company was:

Dan Copeland to Corporal, vice Visser promoted

Dan's promotion predates that of Steve Gilbey and he will serve as senior Cpl within the Coy. Dan has three years with the Yorkers and during that time, he has been very instrumental in bringing the strength and efficiency of the Coy to its current state. Dan's extensive experience as an NCO in the Reserve Infantry will stand him in good stead in this role. Congratulations to Dan and personal apologies to both Dan & Steve for the error in the previous newsletter's announcement.

The Grenadier Coy's Section structure is now as follows:

Capt Reg James OC	
Piper Earl Goodmurphy	Gdr Ken Paterson
No.1 Section	No.2 Section
Sjt Mike Hurley	Sjt Ted Visser
Cpl Dan Copeland	Cpl Steve Gilbey
LCpl Bruce Grundy	Gdr Dave Powell
Gdr Ron Berlin	Gdr Ian Marrs
Gdr Stuart Mann	Gdr Scott MacDonald
Gdr Dave Clare	Gdr Tom Jovanovic
Gdr Johann Klyndyk	Gdr Bruce Finch
Gdr Robin Upton	Gdr Alex Lawrence

**2. NEXT EVENT: WINTER TACTICAL, PAINE FARM, KINGSTON, ONT JAN. 18.19/92**

Here's the way to chase those mid-Campaign blues away. The 1758 NY Prov Regt is hosting a wargame in the bush of the challenging Paine Farm. Invited are: from the Seven Years War - the Chambly Militia and the 60th Royal Americans (it is hoped that these guys will come up from the US - Monday is an American holiday); from the Rev War - Butler's Rangers; Roger's King's Rangers and all 1st Bn, Royal Yorkers. (we would like a Section of Grenadiers; of Lights; of Hatmen) All Cdn Fencibles who don't belong to any of the above are most welcome.

Arrival at 11:00 AM at the Paine Workshop/Barn and we will choose up sides and manoeuvre about in the snowy bush. Please wear your 18&19C kit; but, good warm footwear, scarves, touques or bonnets and hand coverings are advised. Capotes if you have them. Bring a change of socks and a full cartouche.

A mid-day meal is served at the Workshop. You should bring your own liquids. There will likely be two games in the daylight and one just as dark falls. Then, we will repair for a celebratory repast at a local hostelry in our Regimentals.

Sunday will see a tour of some local historical sites such as Fort Frederick, Fort Henry and the PWOR Museum.

You are welcome to crash overnight in the Paine Workshop which is heated. You will need air mattress and sleeping bag. OR, double up in a local motel with the lower winter rates.

To get to the Paine Farm, take 401 to the Hwy 38 exit just west of Kingston. Go south and take your first right. Travel about 3km and watch for a sign on the left at the Paine driveway. Go right up the hill, past the house to the car park at the barn. Drive as far into the parking area as possible to compress the parking as much as possible. Jeff's phone # 613- 389-8746.

**3. WINTERLUDE - NORTHERN BRIGADE/MUSEUM PARTY, OTTAWA, FEB 18~~2~~, 1992**

All 18/19C units are invited for the opening weekend of Winterlude - Ottawa's winter carnival. Members to arrive on Fri night or early Sat morning. You wear what 18or19C uniform you wish and on the Saturday detachments of troops will be dispatched to various events to assist the start-up. In the PM, all will congregate for a strange mock-battle, ie. entertainment by firing mufkets. After 4 PM, we leave to get washed up for Mess Dinner in local Military facility. Price for sit-down dinner about \$20/head + cash bar.

Sunday AM brunch and for those who wish, skating on the Rideau Canal. In PM tour of Vimy House - the warehouse of Cdn War Museum - something to remember, let me tell you!!

Winterlude includes many, many events for the family. Phone 613-591-1331 and leave name and address for info-pack and details on Hotel deal.

It will be possible for a few members to get put-up by local members, but get your requests in early to same number above.

**4. A NEW COMPANY IN THE 1ST BATTALION, KRR NY**

Further to many discussions and rumours... there is now a fourth Company within the Battalion. The new Coy is formed from No.3 & 4 Sections of the Col's Coy. The exact structure will be announced. The name of the new unit is Major James Gray's Coy. At events where insufficient troops are fielded to allow separate Coys, the Col's and Maj's will combine.

Consistent with this newly created company is the following promotion:

Allan Joyner is promoted to Captain, commanding the Major's Coy.

Al's first Yorker event was on June 4, 1977. He served as Pte, LCpl and Cpl in the old Right Section under Claus Reuter and thereafter as Sjt of the Left Section. Al was promoted to Lieut on April 15, 1987 and has seen extensive service in command of the Col's Coy and all units of the KRR NY, and often all of the Crown Forces on many occasions. Al's favorite role, where he particularly shines, is in the tactical command of troops during wargames, so we can be sure that the Major's will see some heavy service.

TRANSFERS: Two members have transferred from their previous Secs/Coys to join the new Coy. These are: David Gutteridge from No.1 Sectn Col's and Paul Muirhead from the LtCoy.

**5. 1992 DRILL AND EARLY EVENT SCHEDULE**

Drills are held at Fort York Armoury, Fleet St., Toronto - just east of the Prince's Gates of the CNE, starting at 8:00PM. Members bring firelocks w/wooden snappers; belts, bayonets & scabbards and hats. Do not wear blue jeans as this prevents your attendance at a Mess afterwards.

Would recruits please phone to advise that they're coming so that extra muskets can be brought.

These are all Wednesday nights: Jan 29; Feb 12; Mar 4; Apr 1; Apr 22; May 6; May 20.

8,9 Early events: Winter Tactical - Sat&Sun, Jan 18,19; Museum Party Ottawa - Sat&Sun, Feb 18~~2~~; KRR NY Winter Party - Sat, Mar 7; Queen's York Rangers Change of Command Parade, Aurora - Sun, May 3.

**6. SOURCE OF GOOD 18C SHOES**

I have received advice that Buffalo Enterprises of 308 W. King Street, PO Box 183, EAST

BERLIN, PENNA 17316 is offering a good reproduction. straight last, Common Shoe. These are machine manufactured and, therefore, not an exact replica of the period shoe; however, all the buckled shoes in the KRR NY, except John Moore's, are made this way and the overall effect is excellent. The shoes are supplied in two formats; rough-side, or suede, out and smooth-side out. The rough-side out is correct for the period for all Other Ranks, but does require constant maintenance as the roughness must be smoothed out with wax in a similar fashion to many of our bayonet scabbards.

If you order the rough-side out, remember that it will be a regimental requirement that you keep the surface dressed, ie. smoothened with polish.

To order, write to the above giving your normal shoe size (men's only). For example - size 10E; specify smooth or suede; specify style, ie. Common; and send a money order or Credit Card number as follows:

18th Century Common Shoe, smooth or suede	\$95.00 USF
as above, fitted with ties (laces) in place	\$100.00 USF
as above, including a Pair of Buckles w/a fitting diagram	\$125.00 USF
include shipping of	\$5.00 USF

It is perfectly OK to wear this shoe with ties (laces) rather than buckles, but if you're going to the expense to get a proper style of shoe, you would likely enjoy having the buckles.

Specify whether you want oval or rectangular buckles in white or yellow brass. Give your second choice as what you order may be out of stock. Many of the Royal Yorkers have rectangular yellow brass buckles, but this style is not mandatory.

## 7. 90 MINUTE VIDEO TAPE OF ST. JEAN SUR RICHILIEU

For everyone who was there and wants to see their face on the silver screen, here's a tape full of action. There is detailed coverage of the Crown Cantonment with many, many views of the Yorkers. The Canadian units get a good share of the coverage. Full length detail of both day's tacticals starting each time with the action on our flank. (They look better on tape than they were in actuality) Good footage of the many little things like units practising drill, camp guards, Brit units messing, the parading of the Colours, fifing & drumming.

Many units are represented such as the Royal Artillery, 1st Foot Guards, 10th Regt, 64th Regt, 41st LtInf, 42nd & 71st Highlanders, Von Donop's Regt, Brunswick LtInf, King's Rangers, and Delancey's Corps. Lots of footage of the KRR NY. Also, lots of footage of the American & French units with detail of their Colours. Unfortunately, Von Barner's silent drill didn't get in.

Yorkers who are seen quite prominently are Denis Bourget, Al Joyner, Dave & Mike Putnam, Chuck Baker, John Gourlie, Al & Dave Laing, Frank Packer, Malcolm Phillips and Gdr Bell. Little less so are Rich Parks, McGeachie and Mike & Jonathan LeBlanc. Cameo appearances by ye Atkins family, Mike Martin, Jon Wannamaker, Michele Rehkopf, Nancy Watt, Neil Thomsen, Eliz McAnulty, Jean Plamondon, Dick Beaudin, Glenn Hunt, Jas Robertson, Sarah Watt and Dave Gutteridge. However, whether you personally get big time coverage in this tape or not, or whether you were even there or not, if you've ever wished that you had a video of a large event with good quality reproduction and reasonable camera work, this one does the trick. Quite good to take into the schools with you if you use it carefully. Also featured after the end of the Rev War material is the spectacular flight of the Hot Air Balloons, including the rectangle, pink elephant and polar bear.

The tape sells for \$22.50 including postage & handling. Mail your order and cheque to Horst Dresler, Box 294, Bedford Que J0J 1A0. Horst is Captain of Capt Ruyter's Coy of Roger's King's Rangers - the unit which were our hosts for the event.

**8. EXCERPT FROM SIR PETER JOHNSON'S LETTERS REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER REENACTMENT OF THE MAJ JOHN ROSS RAID INTO THE MOHAWK VALLEY OF 1781**

Two very warm letters received from our Honorary Colonel Commandant, one to himself, the other to Glenn Hunt:

"...it seems unreal that it was only the very end of last month that we spent that wonderful extended weekend in the Mohawk Valley and fought the battles of old. It will be something to remember all my life. Of course, the Americans gave us a great welcome, but without the Yorkers and the other British regiments, it would not have been anything approaching what it was.

"... the impressive sight of the crown forces, gave the inhabitants of the Mohawk valley food for thought."

Next time I come across, I shall make a point of coming to Canada first, or as the only stop; for I would like to follow the Johnson heritage north." "... I will visit the Regiment at its own home base..."

**9. AN OBSERVATION FROM A GUEST AT THE RECEPTION FOR SIR PETER JOHNSON HELD AT THE VAN ALSTINE HOUSE IN CANAJOHARIE, SEP 28, 1991**

From Volkert Veeder, a namesake and direct descendant of the 2-I-C of the 3rd Tryon County Militia at the Battle of Oriskany.

"At 73 (and a half) I am still not too old to get a thrill out of some things - the reception in Canajoharie was one of those rare experiences. Every minute was one of exhilaration. Your men and their performance were most impressive. I think they reached everyone present. Please convey the appreciation of an old Navy type (LCdr, US N[aval] A[cadamy] '42) to them."

Personally, I found it fascinating to introduce Volkert to Sir Peter - thus met descendants of two of the principal players of the battle in the ravine, the bloodiest of the revolution.

**10. ITEMS FOR SALE**

We have a new run of the oval shaped, King's Royal Yorkers decal in blue, green and silver priced at \$2.00 each + postage from either Reg James or Himself. Also, if you need one, the Grand Union Flag with a crest of George III in gold, also at \$2.00.

I'm holding off ordering any more tents to see if we can accumulate a larger order. We have two requested so far. Any other takers at about \$180.00, poles and pegs extra? Subalterns and Serjeants, be advised that this same company offers a super wall tent suitable for your use which arrives at \$230.

**12. YOUR PERSONAL DEBT TO THE REGIMENT**

You owe the following total: \$ 68.90 credit

Your debt is too old, and needs prompt attention ..... Send a series of post-dated cheques to retire this debt promptly.

Your debt is under control, but some funds would help .....

All cheques to be made out to the King's Royal Yorkers.