

Royal



Yorkers

*With the latest Advices, Foreign and Domestick*

**FORT MALDEN**  
*Military Heritage*  
*Field Days*  
*Amherstburg, Ontario*  
*August 4 & 5*

**I**sn't it always the way. We don't see the treasures in our own backyard, because they're too close to home. Although we are all military history enthusiasts, it's safe to say that most of us have never been to Fort Malden, one of Ontario's most important military sites.

Fort Malden National Historic Site preserves the remnants of the second British fort built in Amherstburg, Ontario. The first, Fort Amherstburg, was established near the mouth of the Detroit River in 1796. It was a centre of British operations during the War of 1812 and was destroyed by the British when they were forced to retreat in September 1813. Today, there are no visible remains of this earlier fortification.

The current dimensions of the fort can be attributed to the American army, which occupied the ruins of Fort Amherstburg from October, 1813 until July, 1815. The Americans began re-

building the fort almost immediately, but their efforts were hampered by severe shortages of labour and supplies.

When the British re-occupied the site in the summer of 1815, they inherited a smaller, semi-completed earthen fortification that contained a few roughly built structures.

The British were slow to rebuild the fort as post-war economies forced local commanders to carry out only essential repairs. At Fort Malden this policy meant no new construction until the early 1820s. The fort's Royal Engineer supervised construction of a brick barracks, cook house, guardhouse, artillery shed and several storage buildings. Despite these improvements, very little was done to upgrade the earthworks, and the post remained a fort more in name than in actuality.

The reluctance to expend large amounts of money on Fort Malden was partly due to British uncertainty about the future of the site. Through the 1820s various designs were suggested to improve or replace Fort Malden, but with the lessening of tensions between the United States and Britain the fort was allowed to decay and the last British troops were withdrawn in 1836.

The Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837-39 meant a renaissance for Fort Malden. Troops were rushed back to the fort to repel attacks by rebels and their American sympathizers. Between 1838-40 the fort was almost completely rebuilt. Two large barracks, accommodating 400 soldiers, were hastily erected as well as an officers' barracks, guardhouse, jail and numerous other buildings. The earthworks were repaired and armed with cannons.

Despite this revitalization, military authorities pondered the true strategic importance of the fort. The end of the rebellion and improved relations with the Americans meant less need for a large military presence in the Detroit River area. Plans for permanent improvements to the fort were shelved and the last regulars left Fort Malden in 1851.

In 1921 the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recognized Fort Malden as being of national historic significance. Through the efforts of local citizens, the federal government acquired land for a small park in 1937. Since that time the park has expanded to its current size, a landmark to those major events which helped to shape the Canadian nation.

The Yorkers will be participating in Fort Malden's Military Heritage Field Days on August 4 and 5. We have been promised a beautiful riverfront view, lunches, indoor rest rooms, sutlers and a Saturday evening *Tavern By The River*. Sounds like an excellent event, and a great opportunity to see an historic site you probably haven't been to before.

**Directions:** Fort Malden is located in the town of Amherstburg, in southwest Ontario, 30 minutes south of Windsor on the Detroit River. Once in Amherstburg, follow the Parks Canada Beaver logo signs to the fort.



## COMING EVENTS

- Aug 4 & 5** Ft Malden's Military Heritage Field Days, Amherstburg
- Aug 11 & 12** Colonial Kensington, Milford, Michigan
- Aug 18-24** Summer Trek, (Invitational) Adirondacks
- Aug 23-26** Battle of Georgian Bay, Penetanguishene
- Sept 15** Thornhill Parade, Thornhill
- Sept 29** Rotary Club Fall Fair, Etobicoke
- Sept 6 & 7** Stone Fort Days, Schoharie, NY
- Oct 27 & 28** Battle of White Plains, Ward Pound Ridge, NY



*...and the week after that is Penetanguishene, and three weeks after that you should plan to be at ...*

## PROMOTIONS IN THE FIRST BATTALION

### LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY

We have unfortunately had an amazing number of resignations from NCO positions at a time when this company is expanding and in good health. It is essential that an active NCO cadre be in position for each company. With that requirement, the following promotions are announced by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Howse.

- Cpl Chris Doedens to Serjeant vice Paul Rodgers resigned.
- Pte Sean Jeffrey to Corporal vice Kyle Upton resigned.
- Pte Alex Dale to Corporal vice Doedens promoted.

Chris came to the Yorkers early last year from the Light Coy of the Queen's Rangers 1<sup>st</sup> Americans where he had served as a Cpl for a considerable time. He was promoted to Cpl last November and has continued to perform in an outstanding manner, often in the role of Serjeant. Congratulations, Chris.

Sean Jeffrey joined the Lt Coy on 15Jul95. Sean has juggled an NCO's career in the Reserves with his avoca-

tion in the Yorkers, but now he's promoted to Cpl of the Lights, where he knows he'll see some real soldiering. He plans to give up every other commitment in his life to be sure that he's at every event. (I have that promise in writing... in blood)

Alex Dale has spent a lifetime as an 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century soldier and isn't even 20 yet. While he's a great infanter, Alex is also much accomplished with a fife and tin whistle. He joined the Lt Coy on 20Jun98 and has brought his wry sense of humour to many disagreeable situations. Like a certain Bavarian Corporal, Alex has plans.

### DUNCAN'S COMPANY

Resignations have also hit this company and the same principle applies. Capt Joyner announces the following promotion.

- Pte Cliff Nyenhuis to Corporal vice Keith Croucher and Ron Atkins resigned.

Cliff entered the Col's Coy on 21Jun93 and has become an accom-

plished line and flank soldier. He has been a member of the 2Bn for several years and was Yorker of the Year in 1998. He now grasps the opportunity to baby-sit ne'er-do-wells like Jon Wannamaker and James Gee.

LtCol Gavin Watt



*The loop of white cord represents the skein of slow-match issued to corporals during the 17th century.*

# ~COLONIAL KENSINGTON~

*Milford, Michigan ~ August 11 & 12*

Here's an event that will satisfy all our usual complaints about events.

"I'm bored" ~ The Yorkers have never been to this site before.

"It's too far" ~ It should be less than a 4-hour drive from Toronto.

"I've been to too many events already this year" ~ This has been one of the lightest summers we've had in years.

"I don't like tacticals" ~ The organizers call this a *summer camp for reenactors*.

"I don't wanna go" ~ Quit your whining and start packing your stuff!

Colonial Kensington is an annual historic encampment and reenactment that represents the years 1700 to 1796. The event is located within Kensington Metro Park, a few miles north of Ann Arbor, Michigan. This beautiful park setting offers an unspoiled lake and river frontage for our encampment

with mature forests, hills, streams and fields, and foot paths throughout. Last year's event attracted over 250 reenactors, craft and trades persons, as well as sutlers. Tactical scenarios will take place in the early afternoon for our own enjoyment. As well, separate military tactical demonstrations will be put on for the general public later in the afternoons. During the 2000 event several historic water craft were launched from the water front encampments, including a 25 foot ship's boat with two swivel guns. These historic craft were put to good use during one of several tactical exercises. The day will end on Saturday with an open period dance and bonfire.

Modern rest rooms are nearby and do not encroach on the historic setting that is being provided. There are also comfortable hot showers within easy walking distance to all encampments.

Brock and Karen Ditrack, who can almost see the Kensington Metro Park from their front door, have thrown down the gauntlet. Brock's comment when he heard

that we are scheduled to attend was, "ya right, but will anyone come". Okay guys and gals, I think we've been challenged. Lets show him!

This is a much needed *new event* in the north. We should support it.

**Directions:** From the 401, cross over the bridge at Windsor. Follow I-96 West to Lansing. The on-ramp is right at the bridge. I-96 ends at I-275. Take I-275 North, to I-96 West to Lansing. Stay in left lane to get onto I-96. Follow I-96 West to Milford Rd, which will be the 4th exit once you get onto the second I-96. Milford road has two exits. The one that you want is the first exit 155B. Turn right onto Milford Rd and follow until you see a Dairy Queen on your left hand side (2.7 miles, 4.4 km). Turn left at the stop light just past the Dairy Queen, which is Huron River Pkwy. The entrance to Kensington Metro Park is several hundred yards down the Parkway. The approximate travel time to Milford from the bridge is 45 minutes.



# Battle of Georgian Bay

## Penetanguishene ~ August 23-26

The *Battle of Georgian Bay* is a fictional Revolutionary War, War of 1812 military and naval battle. This event is hosted by the historic towns of Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny, Township and Discovery Harbour, Canada's leading marine heritage site on the shores of Georgian Bay. From Thursday, August 23 to Sunday, August 26 naval and military reenactors, tall ships, small vessels and cavalry will stage a number of battles and skirmishes. The grand encampment will be a spectacle in its own right, with over 1200 re-enactors, 40 sutlers and various living history displays.

The scenario for this fictional campaign involves an invasion by American forces, who capture the town and naval base at Penetanguishene. During the weekend British and Canadian troops, along with native allies and militia, will struggle to recover the lost terrain. The Battle of Georgian Bay will include five battle scenarios, street fighting, cavalry charges, marine assault landings, artillery barrages, tall ship engagements and pillaging of local merchants.

A fleet of seven tall ships will participate in the weekend, including the *Royaliste*, *Bee*, *Tecumseh*, *Madeline*, the U.S. Brig *Niagara*, *Fair Jeanne* and *St. Lawrence II*. The *Pride of Baltimore* is also expected to be there. We may have an opportunity to board the ships, to assist the Royal Marines.

Entertainment will be provided at Jack's Nasty Face Tavern on three of the nights. Local talent and period musicians will entertain on Thursday evening; Tanglefoot will perform for participants and guests on Friday night; and a Tanglefoot encore open-performance will take place on Saturday evening.

The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

### Thurs, Aug 23

7:00 pm Skirmish at Balm Beach

### Fri, Aug 24

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Encampment & Tall Ships

7:00 pm Attack on the Port of Midland

### Sat, Aug 25

10:00 - 11:00 am Encampment & Tall Ships

11:15 am Parade & pillaging in Penetanguishene

7:30 pm Siege of Magazine Island

9:00 - 10:00 pm Battle aftermath lantern tour

10:00 pm Tanglefoot concert

### Sun, Aug 26

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Encampment & Tall Ships

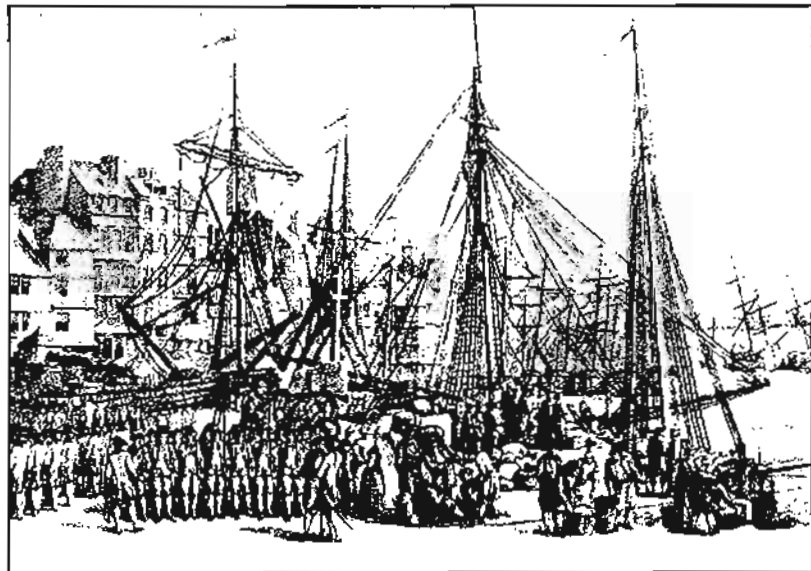
2:30 pm American's Last Stand

Those who wish to participate on all four days may arrive on Thursday for the evening skirmish at Balm Beach. It is expected however that the majority of Yorkers will arrive on Friday evening. If you come with an open mind (it is a multi-era event after all) and a willingness to participate in the many scheduled activities, you will have a great time. Don't forget your bathing suit. There are some good places to swim near the camp.

**Directions:** From Toronto take Hwy 400 north past Barrie to Exit 122. Follow Hwy 93 north to Penetanguishene. Once there follow the signs to Discovery Harbour.

## Do Ghosts Really Roam the Naval Establishment at Penetanguishene?

Several people have reported seeing ghostly apparitions at the Historic Naval and Military Establishment. In fact, one such sighting occurred at the Battle of Georgian Bay reenactment in the summer of 1991. A woman, whose husband was participating in the reenactment, arose early in the morning to visit the washroom. It was wet and misty when she left her tent and headed for the outhouse near the Officer's Quarters. While on her walk, the woman noticed two British soldiers dressed in full uniform, standing and talking next to the stone building. At first there didn't seem to be anything unusual about this. After all, it was a reenactment weekend and there were many people on the site with authentic looking military uniforms. What was unusual though, was the fact that the woman could see right



through the soldiers. As she approached them for a closer look, they turned and walked away. There were no footprints left behind in the dew or any indication that the soldiers had been there. The next day it was confirmed that nobody at the event had uniforms like the two soldiers she had seen.

*Sleep tight Yorkers!*

# THORNHILL PARADE

## Saturday, September 15

When the annual Thornhill Parade appears on the calendar, you know we are getting near the end of another campaign season. Who can resist a day out with the guys, marching to the music of the Yorker fifes and drums, firing volleys of celebration, waving to the cheering crowds, and doing battle with an imaginary foe. And best of all, the regiment is actually paid for doing something that is so much fun.

As in the past, everyone should meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 15. The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. Music is a very important part of the day, so our musicians are encouraged to attend, to inspire the troops. Following the parade, the Regiment will be called upon to demonstrate its tactical expertise before the eager crowd. A full box of cartridges will be required for this purpose.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this important fund raising event.

**Directions:** Take Yonge St. to Thornhill. Turn east at the lights at Clarke. Go one block to Dudley, where you turn left (north). Go past the school to the church parking lot on the right (east) side. You can park in the church lot.



*Festivals and Fall Fairs*  
*Thornhill Festival ~ Toronto Fall Fair*

## BATTLE OF CENTENNIAL PARK ~ Etobicoke, Sat., Sept 29

The Rotary Club of Toronto West is having a rather large fundraising event, disguised as *The Toronto Fall Fair*, encompassing the weekend of September 29 and 30. Friday evening starts with an Oktoberfest celebration (7 pm to midnight) with George Kash and the Oktoberfest Express, playing under the big tent. The Yorkers are invited to set up camp in Centennial Park. Don't expect to sleep though. The band, along with the rides and the flashing lights of the carnival midway promises to be very loud. The main Yorker activity will be on Saturday, September 29 as follows:

8:00-9:30 am - Arrivals and set up camp.

10:00 am - *Camp open to the Public.* Some vehicle access will be permitted, but the fairgrounds will be closed to all but emergency vehicles. The cantonment will be behind the arena next to Centennial Hill. Fifes and Drums will parade through the Fall Fair proper to entice volunteers to join the Loyalist Cause. This should be a good time for our planned recruiting effort to take place.

10:30 - *Battle Royal.* The Rebel

Scum have killed our sentinels and now attack our camp from the western high ground. The camp stirs like a hive of angry hornets and fires a cannon barrage at the invaders. The valiant defenders attack in splendid formation and push the attackers back around the side of the hill. The rebels have been repulsed. The audience views the entire performance by merely craning their necks and looking up at the magnificent vista of Centennial Hill. The victorious army returns to camp and proudly marches around the West side of Centennial Hill (on a paved road no less) and, using the emergency vehicle access route, parades through a throng of some 25,000 cheering people. The parade distance is, at most, about one mile. The army will formally stand down for lunch. The battle should last 45 minutes to an hour, depending on how much stomach the attackers have for a fight.

*The Recruiting Effort re-commences.*

12:00 - *Lunch.* The Outback Restaurant will be catering (FREE) to the army. The Outback will be serving their usual menu. We pay for our own beverages.

14:00 - Fifes and Drums parade through camp as above.

14:30 - The Attackers attack again (with embellishments) as per the morning scenario

15:30 - Stand down and strike camp. The evening entertainment at the Fall Fair will be The Martels, a well-known group that caters to the lovers of 60's and 70's music. Ticket prices are set at \$20.00 per head. While the army will not be participating as a unit, some may wish to stay and partake in the festivities.

Sunday is billed as a Family Day with several sports-type exhibitions, involving skateboards and half pipes, axes and logs, and of course the midway. There is no re-enactment activity planned for Sunday.

**Why are we doing this?** It's fun. We get fed (full Outback Steakhouse menu). We don't have to drive for 8 hours to participate. We can recruit. We get publicity. *We get paid.* We can be entertained by some top-notch acts.

**Background:** The Rotary Club has been holding this major fundraising

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event for several years now. I have not been able to attend the function because of our Thornhill event. I am told that between 25,000 and 30,000 people attend this event. This year, along with a date change, the Club went all out. The tent alone cost us \$30,000 for the weekend. It is expected that when the event has been deemed a success, the re-enactment part will expand into a \$PAIDS, all

weekend affair. This means that we will be able to use a sizeable portion of Centennial Park for war games and skirmishes all weekend long. The venue is ideally suited for this sort of activity with clumps of trees, mowed grassy areas, water hazards and of course Centennial Hill to fight over. The Club wants noise. I know we can give it to them.

**Where is it?** Centennial Park in Etobicoke.

From the East take 401 to Carlingview

and turn left on Rathburn back over the 401. From the West take 401 to Rathburn and turn right on Rathburn and proceed across Eglinton. Go through the Eglinton intersection, past the school and look to the right. That's Centennial Park. The cantonment will be behind the ice hockey arena.

Ken Taylor

Rotarian, Grenadier, Drummer

## STONE FORT DAYS, Schoharie, NY

### October 6 & 7

This event is sponsored by the *Burning of the Valley Military Association* and the *2nd Regiment, Albany County Militia*. Their goal is to:

- Present an experience that is educational and entertaining for the public.
- Offer an experience that is fun and historically relevant to the reenactors.
- Commemorate the people and events of the Lower (Old Stone) Fort and its surroundings during the Revolution.
- Conduct an event that is safe for all.
- Generate income for the support and improvement of this historic site and museum.

For those who have not been at this event before, it takes place on a 25-acre site that includes the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex. The fort itself was built as a church in 1772 and stockaded in 1777 as one of a chain of fortifications along the Schoharie Creek, then on the frontier of Mohawk territory. Known then as the Lower Fort, it was garrisoned almost continuously, often by Continental or State troops, and was attacked during Sir John Johnson's raid in October, 1780. Although the stockade was removed in 1785, the original building still stands and has been a museum for 112 years, featuring an extensive collection of military artifacts.

An interesting program of day and evening activities is always part of the

event, including tactical demonstrations, period music and dance, and historical vignettes. Many sutlers will be in attendance. Firewood, water and straw are provided, as well as discounts on Museum Store purchases and food, including a stew dinner Saturday night.

Stone Fort Days is an invitational event, and of course the Yorkers get an invitation every year. After all, how could they recreate the burning of the valley without the green coated Tories they love to hate.



**ABOVE**  
 Cannon Ball Hole  
 made when the  
 FORT was attacked  
 by the British Tories  
 and Indians under  
 Sir John Johnson  
 and the Indian Chief  
 Brant

## Keeping One's Hair Through Proper Care



*If you've noticed that your hair is beginning to thin, forget the ointments, hair plugs, hair pieces, etc. B. Cuthbertson (Chap XIV, Art XI) recommends the following:*

As nothing promotes the growth of hair, more than frequent combing, the Soldiers should be enjoined to accustom themselves to do so, both morning and night, by which they will be under the necessity of undoing their plats, before they go to bed, and thereby prevent the hair from getting thin, which nothing sooner effects, than a neglect of this precaution: but as Soldiers are not to be depended on in any thing, let it be ever so much for their advantage, the Serjeants and Corporals must often examine into this particular, and insist on a compliance; and it will also be of infinite consequence to the improvement of their hair, to permit them, when not for duty, to appear at morning roll calling, with their hair only tied, and hanging down the back; by which the Officers will be certain of their being combed in a proper manner, at least once a day, which cannot be the case if the hair be platted up.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & LETTERS

## In Memory of Ken Paterson

*Grenadier Ken Paterson recently died of liver cancer after a lengthy battle with diabetes. His funeral took place in Toronto on Friday, June 29. Capt Allan Joyner wrote the following after hearing the news.*

Wish I could be in Toronto tomorrow (Friday, June 29). I should be there.

I used to be in Toronto almost weekly on business, and I drove down from Ottawa a lot of the time. I stayed with a friend in the Beaches and parked on the street. One morning when I went to my car there was a note on the windshield.

"Dear Yorker,

I'm not sure who you are, but I saw the decal on your car. My aunt lives just down the street at number XX and she has no car. Please feel free to park in her laneway whenever you are in the area.

Signed

Ken Paterson"

And that to me sums up the love Ken had for the Regiment. I can't think of anyone who more strongly embodied the Yorker spirit. Ken was a big guy and had health problems for a long time, but he never complained, except a very little bit in disappointment when he could no longer field with his beloved Grenadiers. And that was not long before he lost both his feet to diabetes, so he had to be in pretty bad shape at that point.

I have a clip from the movie *Divided*

*Loyalties*, that so many of the regiment of the mid-1980's participated in. In it, a herd of dirty Scots charge down a small hill, and there in the middle is the big guy. Leaping from bump to bump with the very devil on his face, screaming at the top of his lungs. He brought that level of participation to every single Yorker event he attended. From the winter parties to the romps down the Mohawk Valley, where every year we brought the fight to the rebels, Ken was there and in full cry.

And he wasn't on his own either. Those of us who have the pleasure of knowing his lovely wife Cecile, know what an incredibly lucky man he was. Cecile not only supported Ken in his participation, but was a regular attendee herself for many years. Ken and Cecile made several substantial financial donations to the regiment over the years, and all of the married members of our Yorker family know that decisions like those are not made by only one of the two persons in a marriage. She hasn't been out of my mind since I heard the news of Ken's passing yesterday.

What a privilege to belong to an organization that attracts people like him. Goodbye Ken. Say hello to Sir John for me, and tell him the rest of us will be along some day, after we've scared the hell out of a few more descendants of his old neighbours down the Valley.

Capt Allan Joyner

## A Toast to Sir John

Fellow Yorkers,

On this day, 19 June, 225 years ago, Sir John Johnson was commissioned to raise the King's Royal Regiment of New York, of which he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant. A month earlier, on 19 May, Sir John had set out from Johnstown, New York Province, with 170 followers, just ahead of a rebel force determined to arrest him. He left behind his pregnant wife, Polly, and an infant child.



Sir John Johnson

After an arduous nineteen-day trek through the Adirondacks, he arrived at Caughnawaga (St Regis), exhausted and famished. Without pause, he sent for arms and within a week was marching on Montreal, still occupied by the rebels. He arrived the day after the rebels began their precipitous retreat down the Champlain corridor. Sir John could easily have echoed his father: "I was not bred to Military Life, nor do I claim the knowledge of an experienced officer. I have held myself quite indiffert to the Ceremonials, & only been attentive to essential parts of Discipline." He had previously rejected the offer of a commission. His transformation in the face of the rebellious insurrection, in the face of enormous personal cost, speaks entirely to his merit and constitutes our enduring benefit. A glass to Sir John, and the KRRNY---ad multos annos.

John Jordan  
Grenadier Coy

## Award for Accuracy ~ Warren Hill made these observations in a note to Gavin following Black Creek this year.

...One thought I had after Black Creek. Have you considered a specific "Most Authentick Reeanctor" award? It came to mind as I sat at Black Creek watching two children digging into a Ruffles bag, while their mother left a cooler out all day, and then passed decidedly modern bottles of beer around. I also watched a couple of the younger Yorkers sucking from those damned plastic bottles of water. I know that you try through personal persuasion and the occasional Newsletter rant to convince people of the importance of trying to make it real, but maybe something like an award would stress the importance given to authentic portrayals on a more ongoing basis. Some people do an excellent job, and maybe they should be recognized beyond the current awards...

Warren Hill, Duncan's Coy

## UEL National Conference & Williamstown Event

John Jordan attended the UELAC Conference in June and participated in the Williamstown event on the Sunday. He provided this feedback to the Colonel.

Thanks for the opportunity to attend the UELAC Conference this past weekend. For me, it was one of those events from which one returns with both a huge amount of new information and enhanced enthusiasm for the common cause. The Association's recognition of the KRRNY was nicely done at the Saturday banquet, where each table had a candle with an attached card bearing a poem by Sandra Shouldice.

The Sunday church service at St Andrews (Richard Atkinson and I again acted as colour guard), and the event at Sir John's house came off smoothly. As I'm sure you know, we were seven in total for the Yorker demo.

The Conference was superbly run -- from someone who has attended more than any man's share and organized a fair number. The Friday tour of Glengarry, complete with a 30 page guide, and commentary by Archibald MacDonnell, was an eye-opener for me. It provided a vista on the Yorkers and Sir John, and the Loyalists more generally, which I had read about, but which cannot be fully grasped without experiencing the topography and the pattern of settlement. The weather was glorious, and from a few of the higher points the Adirondacks were clearly visible to the south. It struck me that it must have been wrenching for Sir John to take in that vista, almost the mirror image of the Adirondacks to the north with which he was so familiar.

The Quebec branch (Sir John Johnson) had a display on the preliminary dig on Mount Johnson which found the family tomb and even some bones which are plausibly those of Sir John. They are fundraising for a more definitive dig and wrestling with getting access to the site.

There were ten or so descendents of Sir John among the participants; I talked to one whose line is through Clarissa. Remarkable.

I am always a little daunted at gatherings where I bring the average age down a notch, but I met a lot of interesting people, with some of whom I hope to stay in touch. It was great to be in an environment where the Yorkers were almost lingua franca, and everyone knew who Sir John was.

One lady came up to me and said that her ancestor was a Yorker and had fought at Bennington (she didn't recall the source for that). Interesting, eh?

John Jordan, Grenadier

## A Little Dittrick

The baggage train has had an addition. At 3:37 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, Mistress Karen Dittrick of Duncan's Company, was safely delivered of a baby girl. "Catherine Kay" was 7 lbs 4 oz, arriving after 48 hrs of labour and a c-section.

Sjt Mjr Dave Moore

## In Memory ~ Pat Miziak

All members of the Royal Yorkers express their deepest sympathy to Sjt Mjr Zig Miziak, McDonnell's Coy, Butler's Rangers and his family for the loss of his wife Pat. She was involved in a fatal car accident near Brantford on Friday, May 25 on the weekend of the Kanata Village event.

DWP

## Websites of Interest

Checkout these websites:

<http://www.hevanet.com/1860colt/hardtack.html>

<http://world.std.com/~ata/hard.htm>

<http://www.price.gv2.net/Reenact/Recipes/hardtack.htm>

Ron Atkins  
Duncan's Coy

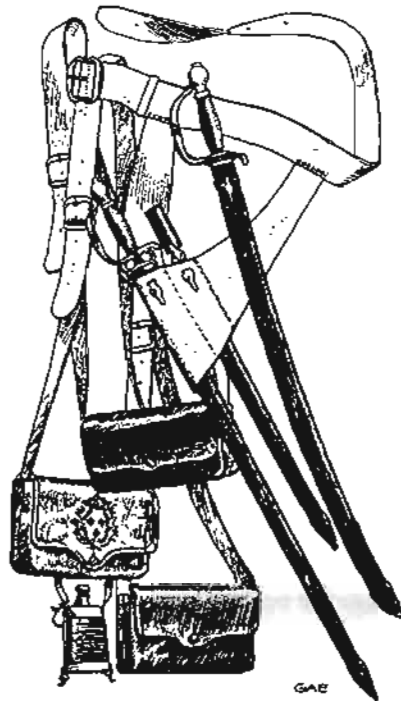
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