

Royal



Yorkers

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## Over Two Decades of Service: A History of the Colours of the Recreated King's Royal Yorkers

On May 24, 1982, a set of Colours was presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, King's Royal Regiment of New York in a formal ceremony held at historic Fort York in Toronto. The Colours were fashioned in silk with a painted centerpiece to a pattern researched by the noted historian, and regimental member, Private John A. Houlding, Colonel's Company. He was the author of the much-acclaimed book on the British Army in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century entitled, "Fit for Service."

Ironically, no record had been found to confirm that a set of Colours was carried by the original KRR NY. Edward Anderson, one of the unit's founders, recalled finding a reference to Governor Guy Carleton criticizing the regiment's Lieutenant-Colonel, Sir John Johnson, for purchasing Colours before the completion of his battalion; however, this document has never seen the light of day again.

Consequently, Houlding researched a number of Colours carried during the Revolutionary War period. The fundamental elements of the King's and Regimental Colours were dictated in the Royal Warrant of 1768; however, there was a great deal of latitude taken in the design of the decorative wreaths and cartouches which formed the centerpieces of many Colours. Houlding measured and sketched the Colours of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, 103<sup>rd</sup> and the Queen's Rangers, 1<sup>st</sup> American Regiment, which had been presented over the years 1771 to 1786. From his extensive examination, Houlding made specific recommendations which were adopted.

The complex work of cutting and piecing the silk material was skillfully performed by Deborah Mills, a noted

seamstress and reenactor from Toronto. While Mills was completing her work, a pair of 9'9" staves, with the requisite brass fittings, was custom manufactured by James Alexander of Toronto. After the Colours were assembled, the demanding painting of the wreaths and cartouches on both sides of each Colour was undertaken by Royal Yorker Drummers, Mike Wylie and Garth Armstrong, two talented artists employed by the Toronto Historical Board at historic Fort York.

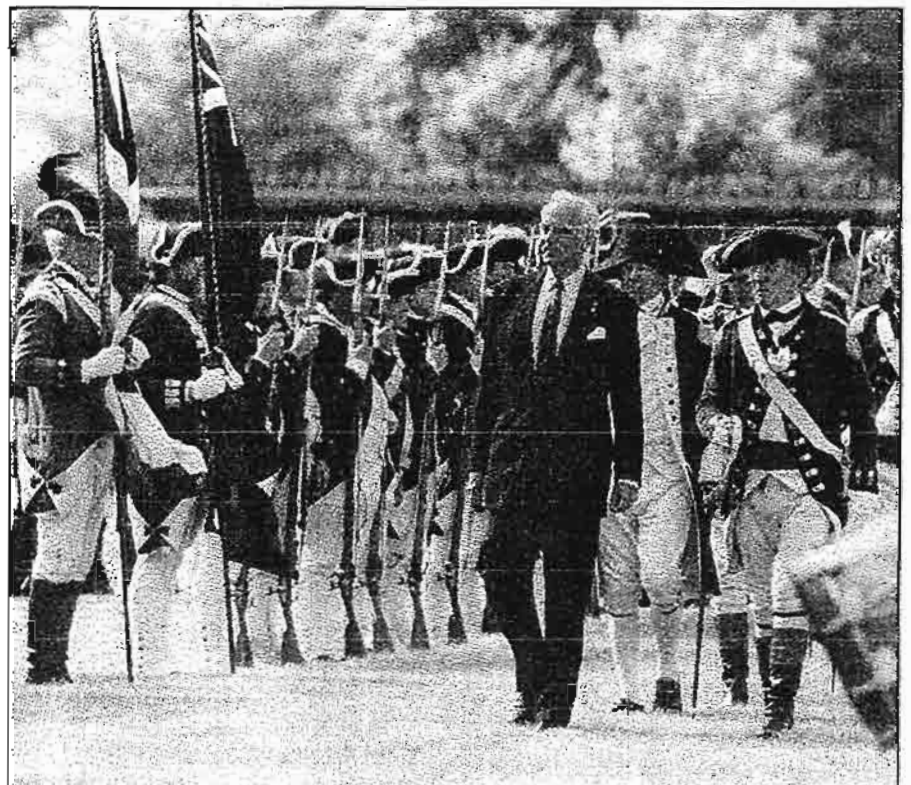
Although the original 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Royal Yorkers had been headquartered in and about Montreal during the

Revolution, the recreated regiment was without a base in that city, so it was decided that the presentation would be in Toronto at historic Fort York where the unit had enjoyed a particularly warm welcome from the staff over the seven years of its existence.

Of course, with Regular Force and Reserve regiments, the presentation of Colours is always a gala event with support from Defence Headquarters, the regimental family, the local community and media and often a representative of the Crown. Naturally, the

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*Lieutenant-Governor Henry Jackman inspects the parade at Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake during the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the arrival of Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe in Upper Canada (July, 1992).*



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recreated Royal Yorkers wished to stage a similarly grand event, but the reality of only being an amateur military formation dictated otherwise. Many members of the United Empire Loyalists' Association had become staunch friends and supporters. Two of their Dominion Executive members, who were descendants of the original regiment and honorary officers of the recreated regiment, were invited to make the presentation. The Honorary Major, Colonel Judge John R. Matheson UE, a former Federal cabinet minister, represented the Crown and presented the King's Colour. Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Mrs. Elizabeth Blair UE, past UEL Dominion Genealogist, presented the Regimental Colour. Special guests were Mary Beacock Fryer UE, a noted author of several books about the loyalists, and her husband Geoffrey, and Judge Matheson's son Murdock.

The conduct of the ceremony was researched with the Director of Ceremonial at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa by Captain Robert Anglin, 2RCR, a Serjeant in the Colonel's Company.

The ceremony was held on Sunday, May 23, 1982. A record turnout of sixty-one troops and eighteen regimental followers and refugees were under the command of Captain-Lieutenant Gavin K. Watt. Nine soldiers were Light Infantrymen led by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant William Severin, thirty-seven were Hatmen of the Colonel's Company led by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Edward Anderson, and thirteen composed a superb Drum corps under the direction of Drum Major William Henry.

The very next day was a holiday and featured the annual Military Festival at Fort York where the Royal Yorkers' new Colours were given their first public exposure in Vice-Regal style when Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, John Black Aird inspected the troops.

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Over the following two decades, the Royal Yorkers' Colours were flown at a great number of historical celebrations and venues, but none were more important than two appearances for Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in

1984 - Ontario's bicentennial year. The first of these occurred at mid-week at Fort Wellington in Prescott and saw a new record turnout of seventy-five troops and twenty-five followers, including a battalion 3-pounder brass 'Grasshopper' Gun and 4.2" 'Cohorn' flatbed mortar. Regimental members were deeply honoured when Her Majesty rose to greet the Colours during a formal march past. Shortly thereafter, the regiment was caught entirely off guard (and delighted) when the Royal party made an unscheduled inspection. The second appearance occurred two days later in Toronto at a massive Reserve Army Tattoo at Exhibition Stadium. Once again, the men were flattered when the Queen and her Consort waved most specifically in their direction as they were driven out of the stadium in a carriage.

In keeping with historical precedent, the KRR Colours have not been fielded with small detachments, unless they were required for a Colour guard. For several years, in the spirit of maintaining the absolute maximum number of bayonets in the line, the regiment's junior officers - the Ensigns - who were responsible for carrying the Colours - were appointed on a temporary basis. More frequently, they served in the ranks as Gentlemen Volunteers in the absence of the Colours. In more recent times, the permanently appointed Ensigns have stepped back into the line as required.

Below is a list of the regiment's Ensigns who have served since the 1982 presentation of the Colours. Historically, as there were no Ensigns in the Grenadier Company, the company's Second Lieutenant has been assigned to that role. It should be noted that the Colours have often been carried by senior commissioned officers, Ser-

jeants and Volunteers in the absence of the Ensigns.

During a Tour of England in 1987, an accident occurred at Tilbury Fort when the Colours were paraded in abnormally tight circumstances. The detachment was demonstrating alternate line firings when a strong gust of wind snapped the Regimental Colour across the face of the right platoon and the lower right canton was disintegrated in a discharge. Fortunately, this damage was easily repaired by Loyal Refugee Nancy Watt who sewed in a large rectangular piece upon our return to Canada.

By 1999, the Colours had become extremely frail. The King's Colour had torn edges along the fly, which were readily repaired by Watt, but the body of the flag exhibited stress separations. The same was also true of the Regimental Colour and its lower left canton had separated from the staff sleeve. Again, Watt made repairs, but these were recognized as temporary only. Due to this general deterioration, it was decided to commission a new set of Colours and, in the interim, not to field the old set except on particularly important occasions.

Through the assistance of Radford Polinsky, officer commanding the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt of Foot (British Brigade) and confirmed by Duncan's Company Serjeant, Eric Fernberg, a curator of the Canadian War Museum, that our 1981 choice of weave of silk cloth had been incorrect. Radford was particularly helpful in locating a source of proper silk faille and a quantity was imported from California.

Dianne Sharp, master seamstress to the Royal Yorkers, was given the commission to cut, piece and decorate the new Colours.

LtCol Gavin Watt

### Regimental Ensigns Since 1982

<u>Name &amp; Rank</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Present Duty</u>
Ens Denis Bourget	81.09.26	Colonel's	Volunteer, Duncan's Coy
Ens Ian Anderson	83.11.01	Colonel's	Retired
Ens Syl Haase	85.06.29	Colonel's	Retired, deceased
Ens Daniel Moreau	85.06.30	Major's	1Lieut, Duncan's Coy
2Lieut Duff Steele	89.03.15	Grenadiers	2Lieut, Grenadiers
Ens John Moore	93.02.17	Colonel's	Ens, Duncan's Coy

## Coming Events

- April 3**     *Yorker Winter Party*  
**April 21**    *Drill – Fort York Armoury*  
**May 19**     *Drill – Fort York Armoury*  
**May 22-23** *Howse Tactics School,*  
*Westfield Village*  
**June 5-6**    *KRR Colours Dedication,*  
*Fort York*  
**June 19-20** *Black Creek - Toronto*



*You can only tell the stories if you were there!*

## Yorker Winter Party – Saturday, April 3

The Yorker Winter Party is just days away, so here are some reminders about this year's get together.

**Attendance** – It is important that we know in advance how many people to expect. If you haven't been contacted, or if you haven't declared your intentions, please set down your newsletter *right now*, and call (905-648-4786) or e-mail (yorker@interlynx.net) Sjt. Dave Putnam to indicate that you are coming.

**Location** – The party will be held in the Blue Barracks at Fort York.

**Price** – The price remains unchanged from previous years: \$24 per adult, \$15 per child. Payment should be made to Gill Watt when you arrive.

**Refreshments** – Festivities will start at 6:00 p.m. with an hour of refreshments and socializing. Cpl Mike Martin has organized a cash bar which will feature various wines and a selection of domestic and imported beers at reasonable prices. Wine will be served in wine glasses. Bring your own tavern mug or tankard if you intend to drink beer.

**Dinner** – A *Soldier's Dinner* will be provided at 7:00 p.m. The buffet dinner will include cornbread, fresh green salad, parsley boiled potatoes, medley of vegetables, roast beef and gravy, apple cobbler, and tea & coffee. Bring your lantern to decorate your table and to provide some added atmosphere in the room.

**Auction** – To raise some additional funds for the Colours Ceremony, a silent auction will be held at the party. If you are able to donate an item to the auction, bring it with you that evening. It could be an item of kit that you no longer need, a piece of clothing or kit that you've made, or a new item (book, print, etc.) that might be of interest to fellow reenactors. Please give the item to Lt. Steven Sandford when you arrive, so that it can be displayed on the auction table. And don't forget to bring some money or a cheque, so you can participate in the auction.

**Entertainment** – Don't rush away at the end of the dinner. Following the formal proceedings we will enjoy a version of the Yorker tavern, with music by Gin Lane. There will be singing, socializing and imbibing. And for those who enjoy the game of Whist, or would like to learn how to play, there will be a mini-tournament. Bring your period cards if you have 'em. And of course, bidding for the silent auction will continue throughout the evening. This promises to be a great party. Hope to see you there.

**Remember to bring:**

Item for silent auction.

Beer mug if drinking beer.

Lantern for table.



# Tactics School ~ Westfield Village ~ May 22-23



Again this year, the first event of the season will be held at Westfield Village, near Rockton. This is the third year that we have used this site for the Tactical School, and for good reason. The camp is situated in a treed and secluded spot, with no visible signs of modern intrusions. From the camp, trails lead to acres of ground, with a wide range of terrain to challenge our tactical skills. And the village itself is a very picturesque spot, with many log structures that fit well into the 18<sup>th</sup> century time period. Westfield Village will be closed to the public on Saturday, which leaves the site for our exclusive use. Typically, the village is open to the public on the Sunday afternoon, which also gives us an opportunity to perform for an appreciative audience. The school will be run under the capable leadership of Captain Chris Cameron who provides the following insight to the weekend's activities:

*"This year's tactical school will concentrate on two important concepts; the building of field fortifications and the perfection of our drill performance for the upcoming Colours Ceremony. Doug Cubbison of the CSM (also of West Point) will instruct us on the construction of real field fortifications, both hasty and permanent. The end result of our Saturday labours should be a forty foot redoubt that will be a permanent addition to the site at*

*Westfield Village. And of course, that redoubt will need to be attacked and defended...*

*On Sunday, we will feature both square bashing of the traditional kind and special formations to drill the NCOs and officers on their roles in the Colour Ceremony. Additionally, as last year, we will stage "scenarios" to bring the loyalist experience alive for the public, including inviting them to 'pass the lines' or become unwitting spectators (victims?) in a fire-fight. Veterans of last years scenarios may remember how impactful these scenarios were.*

*There will be fewer 'classroom' activities, more wargames, and some digging. Gloves are recommended for those that don't want blisters. No one is likely to pull more than an hour of digging. Everyone is likely to spend more than an hour at drill."*

When preparing for this weekend keep in mind that:

- No meals will be provided and there are few restaurants in the area. Come prepared to feed yourself, or get your mess group organized for meal preparation.
- The tacticals will require a good supply of rounds, probably 50 or more.
- May weather is always unpredictable. You can suffer from heat exhaustion during the day and frostbite at night. Be prepared for

anything and everything.

- You will need your own *implements of construction* (shovel, axe, bucket, gloves, etc.). These will be needed for the building of field fortifications.

There is no Victoria Day Parade this year (horror of horrors), so if you plan to start the 2004 campaign on the long weekend, you will need to put Westfield Village on your calendar.

**Directions:** *From Hamilton* - Follow Hwy. #8 north-west through Dundas, cross Hwy. #5 and continue to Regional Road 552, just past Rockton. Turn right and follow 1.5 kilometres.

*From Toronto* - Take QEW west to Hwy. 403. Turn north on Hwy. #6 to Hwy. #5. Turn left on Hwy. #5 and then right on Hwy. #8 to Regional Road 552 just past Rockton. Turn right and follow 1.5 kilometres.

*From Cambridge* - Follow Hwy. #8 south-east to Regional Road 552. Turn left and follow 1.5 kilometres.

## Sir Colpoys Guy Johnson Bt BA (Hons) MBA FRGS Barr:

13 November 1965, Southampton, England

### Family:

Married Marie-Louise Holroyd 1990.

Three sons - William (1993), Rufus (1996), Benedict (2000)

### Education:

Winchester College 1979-83.

King's College London University 1985-88 (BA Hons).

Henley Management College 1999-2000 (MBA).

Fellow of Royal Geographical Society

### Career:

HSBC Investment Bank 1988-1989.

Eurospend.com 2000-2001.

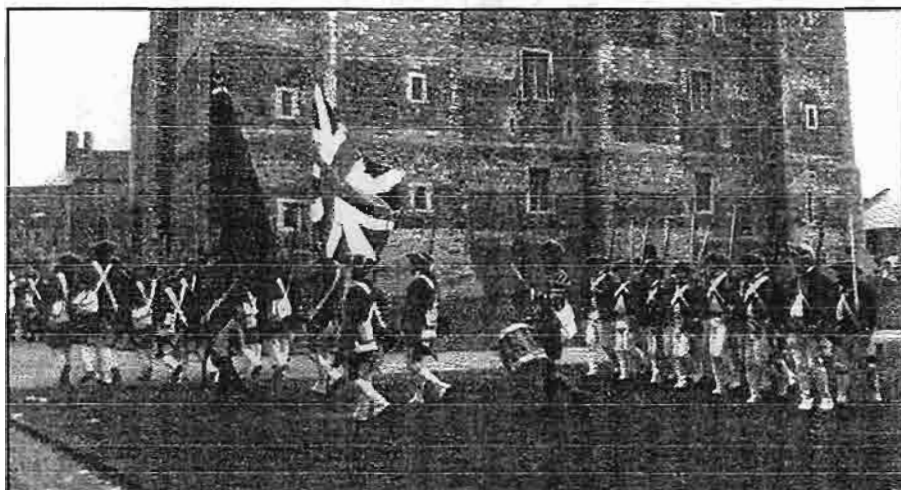
Director - Gladstone Public Relations Ltd 2001 - Present

### Pastimes:

Sailing, fly fishing, family

# Our New Stand of Colours ~ Fort York ~ June 5

In previous centuries, a Regiment's Colours were the focus of great pride and, unlike the regimental Colours of today which only appear on ceremonial occasions, the Colours of old were seen by the troops on regular occasions. When a regiment was assembled and marched from their outlying post along the old dirt highways for an inspection at Montreal or Quebec City, the Colours were flying, the drums beating and the fifes shrilling. When an expedition's flotilla of bateaux set off on Lake Champlain, the Colours were central in one of the boats where the troops could see them flying above the water. When a regiment was deployed for battle during major actions, the Colours were central in the line, identifying the regiment and serving as a rallying point if the unit suffered a



*Yorkers parade the Colours beneath the walls of Dover Castle, England (1987)*

reverse.

For all of us who have marched under our old Colours in the towns of the rebellious Province of New York, we

know what powerful symbols they are of the old regiment. And whether you can claim a loyalist ancestry or not, we all can feel the power and majesty of the traditions represented by those symbols of our country's past. The fact that our New Yorker audiences stared in dumb wonder or sullen anger only made the march all the more delightful.

On June 5, all of you have the opportunity to launch a new stand of Colours onto the reenacting stage. I know from those of us who experienced the 1982 ceremony, the experience is amazingly stirring and one that is long remembered. I hope that all of our members, soldiers and refugees alike, make an extra special effort to participate in this ceremony.

BGen G. K. Watt

*Several months ago the following information was sent out to various invited guests and dignitaries. It provides a good outline of what will transpire on the day of the Colours Dedication.*

## *Canadian Living History* **A COLOURS DEDICATION**

The men and women of the recreated United Empire Loyalist regiment, the King's Royal Yorkers, and their fellow units of the Northern Brigade of the American Revolutionary War (1775-84), take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the presentation of a new set of Colours in a ceremony of dedication at:

**Historic Fort York, Toronto**  
**Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 1400 hours.**

Presenting the Colours will be Sir Colpays Guy Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Baronet of New York, the direct descendant of Brigadier-General Sir John Johnson, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet, who founded and commanded the original regiment and led the loyalists in the 1784 settlement of Ontario. Reverend Neil Thomson, Chaplain to the recreated regiment, will conduct the dedication.

The details of the ceremony have been adapted from Her Majesty's 1973 presentation of a new Guidon to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and from information provided by the Directorate of History, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa.

A brigade March Past and a brief Field Day, illustrating the tactics of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, will follow the ceremony. A reception for our honoured guests, and the officers and ladies of the regiments on parade, will be held in the Blue Barracks from ~ 1515 to 1700 hours, after the lodging of the Colours and dismissal of the troops.



*Yorker Colours fly on the battlefield at Schoharie, N.Y.*

# New Distaff Subsection - The Ladies' Auxiliary

It cannot have escaped anyone's attention that some of the Yorker ladies have been playing with firearms again. As you are all aware, the Yorkers have resisted the reenactment trend towards female crossdressing (although male crossdressers are always more than welcome <grin>). Although there are a few documented cases of women passing themselves off as soldiers in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the fact that these instances became so famous leads one to believe they were extremely uncommon. Also, please note that in the eighteenth century the women who succeeded at this had to stop if caught. Perhaps 21st century women are more feminine (raised eyebrow) or perhaps we're better at sorting out the body language than our forebears, given the lack of standard gender clothing signals in our century; but I have rarely been fooled by a female crossdresser unless she was beyond 50 metres away and my glasses were off.

This does not mean that women never touched firearms however. The majority of Royal Yorker women lived on the farm/frontier and were practical about life. We may be sure that some knew how to load and fire firelocks and may have had to do so to keep meat on the table when the men were off in Canada. There are a handful of recorded instances of rebel women in our area taking up arms in defense of their homes, or the local fort. In 1780, Mrs. Schell assisted her husband and sons to repel a combined loyalist and native attack on their farm's blockhouse. She went from loophole to loophole with an axe, disabling their foe's muskets by striking and bending the barrels as they were thrust inside to fire. That same year in the Schoharie, women took up pikes to stand guard on the palisades of the Upper Fort and others loaded muskets for the militiamen at the Middle Fort. They didn't take off their stays to do this and neither have our women.

The recreated Yorkers have a long and glorious history of women participating in battle scenarios, causing fake death and real confusion to our enemies, such as the wargame at Île aux Noix; the ancient and beloved Black Creek Laundry Party scenario; the defense of the camp at Johnson Hall and



the highly successful ruse-de-guerre at Schroon Lake.

Last campaign, a number of Yorker ladies were involved in the wargames at Adolphustown. They were directly in the fighting on Saturday and again on Sunday in another stunning wily-subterfuge-of-war. Later in the season, a few took up arms to defend the camp at the Principio Furnace tactical. A fantastic time was had by all and, in subsequent conversations, it appeared there was a desire for a more formal structure so that someone could be called on the carpet if it all went pear-shaped. And that someone is the noted firearms enthusiast and trained soldier, Amanda Moore. (Now, ladies, if you don't pay your dues, Amanda will be coming after you with a Brown Bess!!) Ha. Ha.

A word of caution - the opportunities for joining in the play will be confined to events where the Yorkers have some measure of say in the proceedings AND that may occur no more frequently than once a year. Potential for armed female participation at an event will be announced in advance. In order to belong to the Ladies' Armed Auxiliary, you must be a paid-up member of the Loyal Refugees and willing to obey orders from Mistress Moore.

To assist your entry, the Colonel advises that the regiment will bankroll the purchase of a musket for any lady who chooses to add to her wardrobe, in the same manner that the regiment

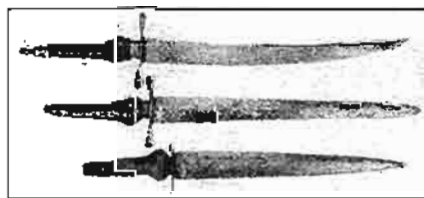
bankrolls the musket purchase for the guys, i.e. you must pay up your complete debt in twelve months. You will appreciate that the type of firearm that you decide to own will need to be of an approved pattern. For example, there is currently a carbine available in Halifax in .62 calibre at about \$900.00. This weighs the same as an Italian-made Brown Bess and is shorter by 3 inches, so it's easier to move about. Before you go spending a dime, if you're interested in participating in the Ladies' Armed Auxiliary, please notify Amanda of your intentions at 905-898-1510.

Nancy Watt

## Incredible Find

For all the years I've been reenacting the Royal Yorkers, I've wondered whether plug bayonets were ever used - if not as bayonets, at least as fighting knives. For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about - a plug bayonet was the first pattern of

bayonet developed in the late 17th century. It had a tapered wooden handle that allowed the soldier to 'plug' the knife into the muzzle of his musket so that he could intimidate or stab his enemy. Of course, it prevented reloading and god knows how many were discharged accidentally, but at least it was an effective sticker as long as it didn't get jammed between bones,



cuz then it simply popped out of the muzzle on extraction.

Anyway, early in the game, I bought

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one of Gedney Godwin's neat reproductions and Tex Joyner made me a period scabbard for it. I strutted around events for awhile with this thing hanging on my belt as a fighting knife, but it wasn't long before the silliness of the premise hit me. I talked the idea over with experts like Jeff Paine, and the bunch of us concluded it was most unlikely that plug bayonets of any type ever appeared in the Rev War. Well...

Recently, I spent three days of solid researching for my next book in the National Archives and came across several mentions of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Yorkers being issued with Indian fusils due to a shortage of King's arms in the Northern Department. No news there, that's old information.

Major John Ross, the Battalion Commander, complained on several occasions that these arms were inadequate for training troops due to their inability to mount a bayonet and at one point commented that the men lacked confidence in themselves without a proper sidearm.

I couldn't determine whether the 2KRR companies that went on the raid of October 1781 had King's arms or carried the Indian fusils; however, 300 stands of King's arms were delivered to the Battalion on Carleton Island after the expedition was complete, so one might conclude that at least a proportion of the Yorkers were carrying Indian fusils on that raid.

Now here's where the story gets cute. While all this anguish was going on about the 2KRR being armed with In-

dian fusils, a letter was received at HQ in Quebec City about the bateauxmen at Coteau-du-Lac (yep, Herkimer's Bateaux Coy) being very badly armed. As the shortages of King's arms were very real, Governor Haldimand ordered LtCol John Campbell, the Superintendent of the Quebec Indian Department, to issue from his stores, "thirty Sets of the long Fuzees, and as many of the red Handled scalping Knives; which, by reducing the Handles, may occasionally be used as Bayonets." Gasp!! Plug bayonets!

One has to wonder if Haldimand ever suggested this same solution to Major Ross for the 2KRR. Ross, the punctilious ex-Grenadier captain of the 34th regiment, would have gone into a meltdown for sure.

Gavin Watt

## Brace Yourself



*Yorkers, Recruits and Veterans* - I have excellent quality, hand-woven, hemp material braces (or suspenders for those of rebel inclination... I'll sell to anyone) available for immediate delivery at drill or by post. Just put on your gaitered trousers or breeches, hold them at the desired level and measure from where you would like to put the but-

tons. Remember, you probably want them on both sides, crossing at the back. Send the measurement and I will arrange for you to get enough material, leather tabs (pre-punched for sewing and to take a fairly large button), and some hemp yarn for sewing (any thread will work just as well). If I run out I will make more. \$20 for the kit. Add another \$5 and I'll even sew the tabs on for you.

Very strong, quite comfortable, absolutely correct for our period. Make Colonel Watt the happiest lieutenant-colonel in reenacting. Keep musketeer McGeachie from becoming annoyed with those awful elastic things some people love to wear. You really don't want to be on his bad side. Look your absolute best at prestigious Yorker events like, the presentation of the new colours, the festivities at Quebec and the ever-popular Thornhill Fall Festival.

Contact Alex Lawrence at:

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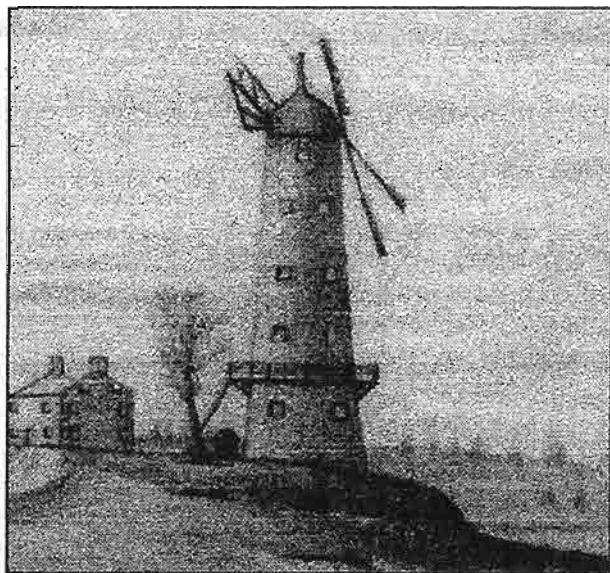
**Three looms, no waiting!**

## Battle of the Windmill, Prescott – May 29

We are looking for reenactors from various time periods to participate at an event on May 29 at the Windmill Battlefield site. Reenactors can stay on-site from Friday night, May 28 to Sunday afternoon, May 30 if they wish. However, Saturday, May 29 is the most important day.

We will feed and water participants. Straw and wood will also be available. Those who are interested may sleep in the mill. It is important that we know in advance who is coming and the days of attendance. If you would like to participate in this event, call me at 613-925-4826.

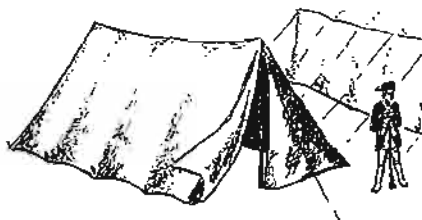
Rene Schoemaker



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Lost Tent

A Royal Yorker tent was lost in the Advance Camp at Upper Canada Village. This tent is smaller than the standard size and was simply folded up, as it didn't have a bag. Whoever picked it up in error didn't take the poles or the pegs. The fellow who had used the tent was borrowing it for the weekend, but his name can't be remembered. He was new to the hobby and was set up beside Sjt Chris Dodedens' tent. This fellow travelled on the bus. Now, someone in that Advance Camp (Yorker, CSM, Monin's) picked up the canvas of this tent and threw it in with his stuff. So, all you Advance Camp guys - take a look amongst all your junk, find the tent and give Uncle McGeachie a call to advise you've got it. (905-833-6435 or [gk.watt@sympatico.ca](mailto:gk.watt@sympatico.ca)) One hopes it hasn't been converted into trousers.



## From the Far Flung Corners of the Empire

Sjt Mjr Moore has now had three one-hour long phone calls from Eric Shaw (late of the Colonel's company). He has been living in Japan for the last ten years teaching English. He has been very successful at this, making lots of money and buying lots of Japanese artifacts. He had better be making lots of money, talking so long on the phone from Japan. Eric is now married and has a new baby son named Alexander. Eric has managed to buy a house in his hometown of Chatham, and is thinking of returning to Canada in the near future. So who knows, maybe we'll see him again some time.

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## Loyalist Items for Sale

**Limited Edition Plate:** 8 1/4 inch white plate, edged in gold. Centre of the plate is the new UEL Crest in colour with 'Loyal Then, Loyal Now' around the crest. Printed on the back of the plate is a description of the crest. Comes boxed with a plate stand. Cost: \$40.00 includes free shipping.

**Licence Plate Frame:** White background, blue lettering. Top reads "LOYAL THEN - LOYAL NOW" Bottom reads "UEL - LOYALIST ANCESTORS - UEL". Frame is suitable for all Provinces. Cost: \$5.00 per frame plus shipping.

**Shirt:** EZ-CARE 65% cotton / 35% polyester, pre-shrunk.

**Ladies' Style:** Double-pleated two-button cuff, two back shoulder pleats. Tapered waist. Horn-tone buttons (except white). Comes in long or short sleeved.

**Men's Style:** Double-pleated three-button cuff, two back shoulder pleats. Front pocket with pen slot. Horn-tone buttons (except white). Button-down collar. Comes in long or short sleeved. Colours: white (with white buttons), red, blue, woodland green, navy, yellow, grey, tan, stone, black.

Cost: \$40.00 plus shipping.

**UEL Flag:** 3 ft x 5 ft. Satin Polyester Cost: \$22.00 plus shipping

**Pins:**

- Badge Pin (Brooch Clasp) - \$6.50
- Badge Pin (Butterfly Clasp) - \$6.00
- Crossed Flag Pin - \$6.00

**Glassware:** Etched with the UELAC Badge

- Beer Mugs: \$10.00 each or a set of four at \$38.00.
- Water Goblet: \$10.00 each or \$38.00 for a set of four.
- Old Fashioned Glasses: \$9.00 each or four for \$34.00.
- Wine Glasses: \$9.00 each or 4 for \$34.00.
- Bud Vase: comes with Rose bookmark. Cost: \$10.00
- Stem of Hand Painted Silk Roses: \$5.00

**Coasters:** \$5.00 each

**Clothing**

- UEL Ties Navy with gold UEL lettering. Cost: \$30.00
- Golf Shirts: 65/35 poly/cotton interlock knit. Cost: \$30.00, there may be an additional cost on some XXL and larger.
- Sweat Shirts: 50/50 cotton/polyester. Cost: \$30.00, there may be an additional cost on some XXL and larger.
- T-Shirts: 100% cotton, pre-shrunk. Cost: \$20.00, there may be an additional cost on some XXL and larger.
- Hat: Pre-washed distressed green with taupe peak and pre-washed distressed navy (denim blue). Adjustable back strap. Cost \$15.00
- Bucket Hats: Adult size 58 cm offers good sun coverage. Red, navy. Cost \$18.00
- Jackets:

Jacket Style 921: Lined Nylon Jacket, drawstring waist, elastic cuffs, drawstring bottom, two slash pockets, snap front. Cost: \$45.00

Jacket Style 911: Lined nylon jacket, as above but with zipper front. Cost: \$48.00

Jackets Style 7000: 100% nylon water repellent jacket, folds into a pouch, zippered front, zippered side pockets, concealed hood in collar, elastic cuffs draw cord bottom. Cost \$45.00

**Note:** Prices are subject to change without notice. Price includes all taxes. Shipping and Handling are additional. For more information and sizes and colours available contact:

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