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April was a more than usually busy month for the Major due to an extensive fire at his former place of residence that entirely destroyed the 19th century barn and all its contents. The investigation was inconclusive as to the cause, but the insurance will probably cover most of the building. What can't be replaced were the personal items stored there by ex wife, daughter and mother in law. My losses were minimal and fortunately all RWFA (silver collection) property had been removed six weeks previous so there will be no repeat of the Toby Purcell and his spurs incident of the 1820's.

Seamstresses and Supplies

The Major regrets to inform the membership that G. Gedney Godwin, long a dependable source of items, are no longer a source we can count on for very much. Reports by members to the Major indicate that items are back ordered for months at a time, supplies are limited, phone calls not returned and generally shoddy business practices are in place.

IF you order from GGG be warned that your order may fall through the cracks and you MAY be disappointed as to delivery date or even completion of the order. Please plan accordingly.

There is a new regimental seamstress in Pennsylvania, Fran Wilcox who is in Pipersville, PA. I will be meeting with her shortly to provide samples, patterns etc. She will be doing waistcoats, britches, gaitered trousers, regimentals and gaiters.

In order to maintain uniformity in our dress, the materials for small clothes and regimentals will still be received through the regiment stores, but we will be working on streamlining that.

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There is also available the fine services of ...

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

A fast express from Boston has arrived giving news of an engagement on the town green of Lexington where various Rebels and Scurrilous Troublemakers were dispersed by the forces under Major Pitcairn. After seizing supplies in Concord and burning them, an orderly retreat was made to Boston which the Rebels are Most Resentful of and have gone so far as to Represent this as a Rebel Victory which we know to be Bragadoccio on their part.

2012 SCHEDULE UPDATE

*****May 19, 20 Washington Crossing, PA** Not a regimental event, but we are co hosting it with the 5th PA Regiment and it would be great to have as many there as possible. There was a good deal of interest expressed at BB/CL annual meeting last week and we are expecting a good turnout. There will be four engagements, a dance with a caller and jollification Sat. night with the Major and friends providing music. Sunday will see a Memorial Service at the graves of the unknown Continental Army soldiers in America's first military cemetery. This should be a fun time with a rather interesting battle scenario and possibly a tactical as well. Crown Forces thus far include Jaegers, von Donops, 17th Foot, Loyal American Regiment and the New Jersey Volunteers. Five or six American groups have signed up as well as six sutlers.

*****June 9,10 Rock Ford Plantation, Lancaster, PA** (BB/CL) The Major has been tagged as 2IC 1st Brigade, so we will need a Regimental Officer to step forward to lead the RWFA. Centrally located, this will be a good site for units from both North and South and participation is expected to be high. This is one of the two "national" events designated by both the British Brigade and Continental Line. Sponsors are the 4th Continental Light Dragoons and the 64th Regiment of Foot. A Tavern and dance are scheduled

in the barn for Saturday night and this should be a ...no I'm not going to say barn burner again, but it will be a very entertaining weekend.

July 14, 15 British Brigade Market Days and Cricket Tournament, Johnson Hall, NY I think this might be fun and I am willing to lead a 23rd team onto the field. Anyone interested call me: 215 262-6013

*****August 3,4 Oriskany 225th at Gelston Castle - Warren, NY (BB/CL)**

This site is incredible and the sponsors include many local groups including the local brewery. Our California friends will be flying in for this and it should be an incredible experience. There will be four battles and two of them (one Saturday, one Sunday) will recreate the actual Battle of Oriskany so there will be some special guidelines. Since that Battle did not include Regular Troops from either the British or American Armies, participating units will be clothed as militia. In addition to our early war uniforms which we will need for two of the battles, I am asking any who wish to participate in the Oriskany scenarios to bring appropriate Loyalist militia items such as tricorns, hunting shirts, stocking caps, etc. Those who do not have such items may participate in their RWF small clothes, but for once we are being asked to be non uniform in our appearance so the more variety, the better. So for this battle we will need :

1. Your full EARLY war kit.
2. Some variation or other (no red coats) whereby we can be militia

I am working on dinner arrangements for Minden Day dinner. We will also be wearing roses in our hats when we are in redcoats.

Sept. 15, 16 Fort #4 Charlestown, NH An urgent plea went out at the BB meeting for attendees to this event which has been designated by the CL as their Northern event of the year. It's a fine site with an actual log fort from which to fight.

Oct. 6 Battle of Germantown, Germantown, PA

Oct.26,27 Mt. Harmon Plantation Tactical Weekend Earleville, MD This site is being put forth for an immersion weekend with a full tactical being planned. They are asking for a 10.00/man donation to help cover the expenses. If we have enough interest to make this an event (10 or more RWFA) I will consider using money from the treasury to cover our participation.

Nov.3,4 Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA

Dec. 1,2 British Night Watch, St. Augustine, FL

PLEASE NOTE! We are one of the host units at Washington Crossing on May 19, 20 so we would like everyone who can to show up!