



The Fusilier

The Official Newsletter of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

June-July 2016

Friends and Fellow Fusiliers,

Hope this note finds you well. Unfortunately I have to start this edition off on a serious note. Our good friend, Lieut. Col. Malcom MacDowell (Mark Hagenbuch) of HM 42nd Regiment of Foot, Grenadier Company is battling prostate cancer. Not only is he a very proficient and aggressive field commander, he is also the Brigade Executive Officer. Just as important, he is a great friend to the members of the 23rd. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he fights this dreaded disease.

The campaign season continues to move forward. Last month, RSM Astle, RSM(ret) Raby, L/Sjt Urwin, Pte. Crawford and I formed a Colour Guard for a celebration of HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday at the Chapel at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. Pte. David Leslie-Hughes helped organize the event and was part of the Colour party. The event was organized by the British Officers Club of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Nations. Our participation was well-received by the attendees.

Off the field, the Grenadier and Colonel's Companies representatives in the metro New York City area brought in four new Recruits: Dan Blander, Mike Boyle, Will Demaria, and Andy Eberhardt. The status reports from Justin Parker and Dennis Murphy are very positive and most of these gents are nearly kitted out. Hopefully we'll get to meet them on the field at Monmouth in September. Thanks to both Justin and Dennis for bringing these gentlemen into the ranks.

Next week, I am hitching up the wagons and heading north to Vermont to participate in an event in Hubbardton. This is a recreation of the engagement between the flank battalions of Gen. Fraser and rebels during the Saratoga Campaign. You may remember from the last edition of the

Fusilier that the uniform is bearskin cap and gaitered trousers. While this may seem confusing by merging items from two different kits, there is a reason for this decision. I consulted with Eric Schnitzer (CO- HM 62nd Regiment of Foot, NPS Interpreter at Saratoga NMP) and Greg Urwin about the proper uniform for a soldier in Fraser's flank companies. Both agreed that the gaitered trousers were appropriate, but weren't sure if the bearskin caps were brought on campaign. What evidence they did provide showed that the cocked hats were cut down into caps, making our hats inaccurate for this campaign. There is however the possibility that the Fusiliers (21st Regiment of Foot) and Grenadiers may have worn the bearskins, which factored into my decision-making.

On the subject of uniformity, as more scholarship becomes available on what the British soldier of the AWI looked like the Regimental leadership is taking that information into consideration. The potential recruits that we want for our ranks are also reading these sources and it is important to present as accurate an appearance as possible. If a uniform item or topic is brought to my attention, I typically consult with both Greg and Erik Goldstein, who are both distinguished in the study of 18th Century militaries and the AWI. They also are very good about providing primary source documentation to support or refute these considerations. I then take the documentation and suggestion to the Command and Staff Group for discussion to see if this modification is practicable. Factors such as cost, availability and sources/vendors are all taken into consideration. Rest assured, there are no extensive or costly changes under consideration.

Our standard kit remains the garrison impression. This includes *all* required items (i.e. gaiters and wigs). Remember uniforms described in the Royal Warrants of 1768 weren't designed for comfort; they were designed for appearance. Officers and NCOs, please closely inspect your ranks for all required items. At local events (i.e. non BB events), the senior officer can designate the uniform, but is also responsible for communicating that information to the Regiment.

Finally, a couple of notes on events:

--Hope Lodge--This is now a one-day event, Saturday, November 5th. The new management at the site thought this was the best way to get more participants out to the event.

If you want to attend an event that is not on the Regimental calendar, please let me know so that I can forward copies of our insurance policy to the site to protect you. If something happens and you're injured, we can't cover you if we don't know you are going.

Thank you all for your time and service and hope to see you on the field this season.

Your Humble and Most Obedient Servant,

Major S.P. Reilly

HM 23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers in
America

I. Administrative

Personnel Actions:

The GLICC received four new recruits:

- Dan Blander
- Mike Boyle
- Will Demaria
- Andy Eberhardt

Please welcome these gentlemen into the ranks when you see them.

II. Operations

a. 2016 Schedule of Events:

- i. **July 9-10:Hubbardton, VT**-- For all of our members in the New England/New York region this is one event to definitely consider. Sponsored by our comrades in the 24th, this should prove to be a good event at a nice site.

Uniform: Gaitered trousers and bearskin caps

Address/Directions:

Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site
5696 Monument Hill Road
Hubbardton, VT 05735

The Hubbardton Battlefield is located on 5696 Monument Hill Road, six miles east from VT Route 30 in Hubbardton or seven miles north off Exit 5 of US Route 4 in Castleton.

- ii. **July15-16: Historican Miniature Wargaming Convention,**
Fredericksburg, VA--POC: GV Eric Spaar, (eric.spaar@gmail.com)
- iii. **July 24: Regimental Command and Staff Teleconference:** Required for all COs and Staff
- iv. **September 17-18: Mounmouth Courthouse**--This will be The Colour Event for the 2016 season and is not your normal Monmouth event. This event is based on the Battle of Brooklyn in August, 1776. It's a great site within reasonable commuting distance of the site for many of our members.
Uniform: 1768 Kit
- v. **October 1: Germantown (Philadelphia), PA**--Fast, furious and firing out of the house is a brief synopsis of Germantown. An annual

event that provides great exposure in the Philadelphia area is definitely not one to miss.

Uniform: 1768 Kit

- vi. **November 5-6: Camden, SC**—Capt. Horsefall’s Company. POC: GV Eric Spaar (eric.spaar@gmail.com)
- vii. **November 5: Hope Lodge, PA**—Hope Lodge is a nice way to wind down the season. Laid back atmosphere and a couple of battles provide great opportunities to close out the season.

III. Quartermaster

Ordering Procedures: I received the Regimental Stores from Ron Turfitt. If you need to order anything, please make a check payable to the “Royal Welch Fusiliers in America” and mail it along with your order sheet to:

David Leslie-Hughes
P.O. Box 73
Mechanicsville, PA 18934

Once David receives your check, he will contact me regarding the order and I will mail it out. Recruits, if you have any questions regarding the uniform or purchasing items, please consult with your Company leadership.

Be advised that we are currently out of wool for Other Ranks coats and cap cords. We are in the process of ordering more wool and are looking for a new manufacturer for cap cords.

a. Regimentally authorized tailors/seamstresses

- i. Carl Johnson
3508 Mill Stream Place
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone: (704) 957-9108
Email: carlivar@yahoo.com
- ii. Heather Chaffee
15010 Victory Blvd. #102
Van Nuys, Ca 91411
Phone: (201) 450-6153
Email: Heath51937@aol.com
- iii. Ben Beers
1195 Rogers Road

Mount Airy, NC 27030
Email: mbeers@surry.net

- iv. Steven Gardner
162 Puddin Lane
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Phone: (860) 9428483
Email: flaming54th@att.net

1764 Manual Exercise (as taken from Grenadier Coy NCO Manual)

1. Poise your Firelocks

2. Cock your Firelocks
3. Present
4. Fire
5. Half Cock your Firelocks
6. Handle your Cartridge
7. Prime
8. Shut your Pans
9. Charge with Cartridge
10. Draw your Rammers
11. Ram down your Cartridge
12. Return your Rammer
13. Shoulder your Firelocks
14. Rest your Firelock
15. Order your Firelock
16. Ground your Firelocks
17. Take up your Firelocks
18. Rest your Firelocks
19. Shoulder your Firelocks

20. Secure your Firelocks
21. Shoulder your Firelocks
22. Fix your Bayonet
23. Shoulder your Firelocks
24. Present your Arms
25. To the Right Face
26. To the Right Face
27. To the Right About Face
28. To the Left Face
29. To the Left Face
30. To the Left About Face
31. Shoulder your Firelocks
32. Charge your Bayonets
33. Shoulder your Firelocks
34. Advance your Arms
35. Shoulder your Firelock

His Majesty's
23rd Regiment of Foot
Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

Reenlistment for the Conflict in America

One of His Majesty's most distinguished Regiments is offering you the opportunity to obtain honour and glory known only to the 23rd through noble service in the present conflict. The term of this contract is for one year and encompasses supporting Army and Regimental operations throughout the troublesome 13 Colonies.

Each Fusilier is expected to help fund the Regimental treasury through the payment of Regimental dues of \$20.00; which does not include Company Fees. An addition fee of \$25.00 is required for membership in the Brigade of the American Revolution.

Company Commanders will consolidate their Company's funds and send the requisite amount to the Regimental Adjutant **no later than 15 March**. Make the check payable to: "Royal Welch Fusiliers in America". His post is:

Lieut. David Leslie-Hughes
P.O. Box 73
Mechanicsville, PA 18934

Failure to pay Regimental dues will result in being dropped from the Regimental muster rolls and prohibition from Regimental activities.

Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: _____

Company: _____

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MailingAddress: _____

E-Mail Address: _____