



## *The Flash*

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### **Battle of Brooklyn after action.**

This was a memorable event. Two great battles and Mr. Spaar did a wonderful job of keeping everyone fed. Our first day's morning was spent on practicing maneuvers, going from lines and columns into small mobile units and back again, advancing and retreating in extended order. All things much more useful and realistic than the 'wheel of death.' We are going to be using these more in the future and it makes the morning drill a lot more fun than going over the 35 count, again.

Then in the first day's battle, well, we had proof that no plan survives contact with the enemy. Some unit went over the hill and far away and the 23<sup>rd</sup> was thrown into the gap in the line so created. From there we kept up pressure on the enemy until the last push when we charged and captured 2 enemy guns. The 54<sup>th</sup> tried to claim they'd reach one of the guns first but the rebel officer confirmed we had reached his piece first.

The second day, after pressing the enemies through the woods we got a chance to use the new drills advancing on the enemy lines. I would like in particular to praise the actions of l/sgt Urwin who was commanding the firing lines on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Keeping it moving and firing as the battle rolled around us and L/cpl miller who as the lines separated a bit took the initiative to take over fire control of his line.

## Germantown

Saturday of October 1 is the one day shoot 'em up at Germantown in Philadelphia.

I make it no secret this is my favorite regular event of the season. Just a one day, 2 battle with a free lunch show and we all get to sleep in our own beds when the dust settles.

This will be the last year for Mr. Asher to sponsor the event and it would be really good not only for us to have a good turnout for ourselves but to give a good send off to a true gentleman who has repeatedly gone out of his way to help others and support local charities.

The weather is supposed to be overcast and in the 60's so pretty much perfect for us.

This is doable as a day trip from New York or DC. To reach the site; take the **New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6** on to the Pennsylvania turnpike. Follow this about 25 miles to the **Plymouth Meeting** exit and through the exit ramp turn **left** onto **Germantown Pike**, the mall should be behind your left shoulder and you drive under the PA turnpike. Follow Germantown Pike 8 miles, the site will be on the left.

## Old Beth Page

Two weeks after Germantown on October 15 there is a one day event on Long Island, New York at Old Beth Page. This is rather like Old Sturbridge village in Massachusetts being a recreated period village. We've been there a couple of times and it's a really nice spot we'd like to see develop further.

This is a one day, one afternoon event where we show up, hang out together and talk to the public, do a 'recruiting' sweep looking for loyal men to join the crown etc etc etc forage and in general experience what the crown forces did when they were not being shot at.

Long Island use to have a lot of activity in the hobby but now it's dwindled down to our few members of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Huntington militia. This is a chance to not only recruit for ourselves, but to try and reignite interest in the period AND become recognized as the red coated rgt on Long Island.

To reach the site take the **LIE I-495 (Long Island Expressway) East to exit 48.**

Make a right onto Round Swamp Road south immediately after exiting the LIE. At the first light bear left to continue following **Round Swamp Road south** (if you keep going straight past the light the road becomes Old Country Road). Entrance to the park is a half mile down Round Swamp Road on the left side.

### Hope Lodge

November 5 this is our traditional close to our season on well-known ground just north of Philadelphia. It will be just a one day event and with the 43<sup>rd</sup> having had a falling out with the site we may well become the red coated regiment associated with the area just outside of Philadelphia too. Did I say I wanted to be the regiment associated with Long Island too? Yup. We are the colonial troops on display in the official visitor's center in Philadelphia and I see nothing wrong with being the regiment people associate with the crown forces in north America.