



The Flash

Col's Co, RWF in America

July 2017

Short Hills After Action

With tropical storm Cindy rattling through the night before the Short Hills event started there was considerable apprehension about the event. Personally, I made day trips of it each day but it was well worth the run and easy to do.

The Miller's kindly supplied lunch both days, Thank you Millers!

For all the storm's might there was not a lot of standing water but if you stood in any one place too long, you noticed moisture coming up from the high water table but that was the worst of it. Warm and summery there was a good wind that kept the days quite nice and the site had several stashes of water bottles hidden throughout the battlefield.

Both days we deployed as light infantry-an odd thing for the last event for the tall gaiters but the entire army was fighting in the very mobile light infantry style. Although the rebels were supposed to 'win' on the 2nd day. As usual the doodles made it hard for us to lose and I'm not sure we achieved this 'goal' since the battle ended with the Crown forces, having driven the rebels back across the fields, were driven off with truly mediocre volleys only at the very last fence. So, the rebels called it a 'win' because, although we took their redoubt and chased them across the field past several tree lines, we weren't into their tent lines at the end. OK kids. Sure. A win. - Kindly RSM pats the doodle on the head.

Promotions

The end of action on the first day saw two promotions within the company, the presentations made by the Major before the assembled men.

Mike Miller of the Lights promoted to corporal.

Justin Parker of the Grenadiers promoted to corporal.

In both these cases these men have exhibited leadership both on the field and off and commitment to the 23rd.

Congratulations!

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Further congratulations are to go to Justin Parker who entered into the state of holy matrimony with Miss Joyce Diener. now Mrs. Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were married July 1. Appropriately for a British NCO, he gave up his freedom just before the 4th.

Old Sturbridge Village

The next event on the docket is the weekend of August 5-6 at our regular outing to Old Sturbridge village just over the Massachusetts border. This is a great event for people in New England and as it's only a little more than two hours' drive from NYC easily doable from there.

Because of the time of year, we will be using the late war uniform. That is gartered trousers and cocked hats. No wigs, real socks, Light infantry should check with Corporal Miller for how he would like you turned out. Considering the ground and uniform we will be continuing in the light infantry/drill we've put to good use of late.

Fought in and around a Federalist era village it is a great site and people can either camp on site or get rooms at the nearby hotels or even make just a day trip of it. You will need at least two full boxes of ammo for the weekend.

To reach the site from the south, starting in New York take either I95 E or the Hutchinson river parkway East into Connecticut until you reach I-91 North. Follow this to I15 via exit 29 follow this to I-84 E in Hartford. Follow this for 36 miles.

Take exit 2 to MA131, keep left onto River rd then right onto Shattuck rd. follow this 2/10's of a mile to Old Sturbridge village rd into the park.

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Brandywine

Please keep the weekend of September 16-17 open for the Big Brigade event of the year at Sandy Hollow Pennsylvania. This is where we were a couple of years

back for the Battle of Brandywine, they've actually expanded on the ground available for what had been an already great site.

This will also be the first event for our new Colonel over from Britain and we should make him feel welcome.

Germantown

October 7 -our regular thrashing of the rebels in Philadelphia.

Hope Lodge

Our traditional end of season event. November 4-5

Short Gaiters

With Short hills ending we've seen the end of the long gaiters in general use. Make sure you've got the short ones ready to go for Sandy Hollow in September. With these we gain mobility. We lose a little protection, a little elegance, and we lose the freaking 10 minutes needed to strap the damn things on every morning. I don't know about you guys but I started sleeping in mine at events just for convenience sake.

Buy the gaiters from Godwin, the buttons from Townsend and the semi-gloss latex paint from, well mine was Home Depot.

I spent an hour or so sewing on the bone buttons and these seem so much more comfortable.

Dues

Yes, I'm still looking for these. Come on guys! This is less fun for me to write about this than it is for you to read it. Put me out on my misery and send in the dues so you can turn out on the field with us. The dues are

Regimental	\$20
Col's company	\$10
Total	\$30

If you want to also have BAR membership for 2017 that is an additional \$25.
For a total of \$55

Make the check out to Colonel's Company RWFIA and mail it to me at Paul Astle

1103 Oxford Cir
Lansdale PA 19446

And yes, it's col's company even if you're a grenadier or light bob-it's how I set up the bank account when I was the Colonel's company sergeant and that's how the checks go in.