



N° 3.

# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Novembre 2003.

*Du BUREAU du PRÉSIDENT, from  
the President's Desk*

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Mes Amis,

This year's Sudbury Muster was a great event: everyone had fun and we managed to get a few recruits! It turned out to be quite advantageous that the Quarter Master mistakenly set up the Marquee facing in the wrong direction, which drew people in to see who we are and what we do. According to the Sudbury Militia and Minute Companies, there was a lower overall attendance due to the weather, though luckily for us, it seems to have rained everywhere except at the Wayside Inn. Despite the weather, we had about fifty people stop by, and we are pleased to welcome two new recruits to our ranks: Brad and Juan.

Looking ahead, the November Regimental meeting is quickly approaching. The meeting will be held on November 22 at the Northborough VFW and will run from 10 until mid afternoon. At 10am, we will be conducting a drill in the parking lot, so please be sure to bring your musket, hat, cartridge box, and clothing appropriate for the weather. At noon there will be a potluck lunch followed by the meeting. The meeting agenda is as follows:

## **November Meeting Agenda**

2003 Reenacting Session Review

2004 Session Schedule

- i. The usual parades
- ii. Bibberford, MA June
- iii. Quebec July 31-Aug 1
- iv. Savanna Columbus Day Weekend
- v. Plymouth, MA Late November

Work Parties and Drill

Issues from the floor

I hope to see you all there! À bientôt!

Pour le Régiment et le Roi!

*Dana Rock*

*Président du 85<sup>ème</sup> Régiment de SaintOngé*

Hi Folks,

Well it's the end of another campaign season and time to look towards next year. This coming month, we'll be meeting on November 23 to review the past year and to go over the events coming up for next year. At this time we have quite a few events coming up for next year – but let's take a look at our past events.

## *Sudbury*

Another great day at the Faire – beautiful weather, great music, good friends, and a way for the Regiment to show itself off. Kevin's got a great write-up, so I'll be brief. A fortunate mistake in set-up got quite a bit of traffic through our camp. By turning the tents out, more folks came by – the camp was more inviting. We also had two folks come by and show interest in the group – one recruit, Brad Matthews, has already been to one of our drills! Our music had a great day on the muster field with support from infantry – a fun day all around.

## *Battle Road Committee*

There was a meeting of the Battle Road Committee last month. Skip Hayward and Sean Kelleher will be taking a break. Both have done a fantastic job taking an idea and growing it into one of the best events so far this 225<sup>th</sup>. Eric Chetwynd is now the Committee Chair. What we have decided as a group is that there will be no Battle Road for 2004 – we will save our energies for 2005 – the 230<sup>th</sup> of Battle Road. For the coming year we will have two smaller one day events. The first will be a muster at the Hartwell Tavern area the Saturday of Patriots' day weekend. This will be similar to other musters we've had at the Tavern except that it will involve our British "Friends" further up the road. The Fourth will be involved in setting up and organizing the Tavern event. Vignettes and some skits/events are under development - should be fun! The second event is a Tactical that will be held on the grounds of the Borderlands State Park in Easton. This is an event that the Northern Department of the CL and British Brigade will be organizing. Eric Chetwynd, Winston Stone, Chris Kone, and myself toured the site. This is a great location for an event! There are some large fields and quite

varied wooded lots. This site is so large, we'll have to set a limit to the areas that we can use. Eric and I are putting together an event proposal for the tactical to be presented to Winston and Chris. I'll let you know how the plans progress as they become available.

#### *BOD meetings*

These have been some very productive meetings throughout the year. We've discussed issues involving the Regulations, membership, and recruiting as well as the running of the Regiment. As a group, we got through both the Musique and Fusilier Regs. Both will be published to the Regiment shortly. We are still working on ideas for recruiting and growing the Regiment as a whole. Please consider running for the BOD – it is a great way to be involved in running the Regiment.

#### *Drills and workparties*

We've fixed the drills at every second Saturday from 10 – 12. We will be concentrating on the French drill and maneuvers for the entire year. There will be one event that will give us the opportunity to win the Strawberry Banke cup – I want to make sure that we get it this year! I have some maneuvers that I want to try this year – especially now since we'll be with our brothers in arms at both Quebec and Savannah this year. To that end we will be publishing workparty schedules soon. At this point they look like they'll be either at my place or at Bill Rose's. Stay tuned.

#### *On the Horizon*

For this month we have the Regimental meeting and drill on November 22. At this meeting the staff will present the proposed schedule for the upcoming events for 2004 and the meeting of the Northern Department of the Continental Line. As I stated before, the two big events for 2004 will be Quebec and Savannah. We'll fill everyone in at the November meeting.

It has been my pleasure to serve with all of you this past year. The events and the camaraderie and our esprit de corps have been great this year. I look forward to more of the same for next year!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,  
Steven*

### *ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS, Past Events*

*DE MARLBOROUGH, le 1 Septembre.*

*It was a cool and damp day as compares to the hot weather we endured at Rhode Island as we marched victorious through the streets of Marlborough once more. The regiment was well represented by soldats, musique and distaff alike and the crowds were appreciative as always! Thank you to everyone who was*

*able to spend Labor Day with the Regiment – your time and efforts were much appreciated.*

*The parade was followed by a cookout at Steven's in Framingham, and although the weather stayed cool and damp – a few were brave enough to jump in the pool – at least for a few moments! As always, there was a great spread of food, and there was even a fire to gather around and warm ourselves a bit. Many thanks to Steven for playing host for the afternoon!*



*DE SUDBURY, le 28 Septembre.*

*Providence provided a glorious autumn day for the Colonial Faire and Fyfe & Drum Muster at the Wayside Inn this year. The Regiment was well represented by Steve, Dana, Kevin and a surprise temporary enlistment by Todd who was persuaded by the officers present to don the French white in place of his drab civilian accoutrements. A superb placement of the Company's tent along one of the main thoroughfares provided numerous occasions to demonstrate the superior qualities of the French soldat in drill, dress and deportment to the admiring subjects of the English King. The results were impressive as two potential recruits affixed their names to the company's list.*

*This splendid day was successfully concluded with a color guard accompanying the music in the parade and muster. Many groups of high quality performed admirably and none so much as those that accompanied the regimental flag. The members of the Musique were Steven Taskovics, Andrea Wirth, William Newell, Carrie Albertin and Adam Schad. As is always the case when the Régiment Saintonge is present we were last to leave the field, giving all honor and credit to His Most Holy Majesty King Louis XVI.*

*Submitted by Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,  
Kevin Collins*

### *ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events*

*MARLBOROUGH MARKET FAIRE,*

*Saturday, November 15. ~ CANCELLED! The Market Faire announced for November 15<sup>th</sup> in Marlborough, MA will not take place this year. Complications have arisen in obtaining adequate and*

affordable insurance which have put the event on hold. The concept for the Market Faire is just too good not to continue with so plans are being considered for next Fall. Stay tuned and please continue to send your ideas and leads on quality craftsmen and women. Suggestions may be sent to Rhondda at rhondda18cnel@comcast.net or Carrie at cdmidura@earthlink.net. Updates and news may be found at [www.18cnewenglandlife.org](http://www.18cnewenglandlife.org). Many thanks for your understanding!

*REGIMENTAL DRILL, POTLUCK & MEETING, Saturday, November 22. ~*

**Arrival:** Our location for the day will be the Northborough VFW – many thanks to Les Malecki for securing the site! Our day will begin with a drill at 10am, followed by a potluck lunch at noon, and the regimental meeting will start at 1pm. **Directions:** Northborough VFW Post 234 is located at 402 Main Street in Northborough MA. The following directions are from MapQuest – driver be warned! Take Route 495 or Route 128 to Route 20 West. THE VFW is approximately 2¼ miles west of the intersection with Route 495. **Details:** The drill in the morning will again focus on French maneuvers – please remember cartridge box, musket & hat. We'll be drilling outdoors – so dress for the weather! A potluck lunch will follow the drill at noon and the regimental meeting will begin at 1pm. We'll be reviewing the events and happenings of 2003 and looking ahead to 2004 as well. The Northern Department of the Continental Line will be having their annual meeting earlier in the month, so we should be able to hear a report of the anticipated 2004 events. As always, there will be lots to hear about and plenty to discuss so try not to miss it!

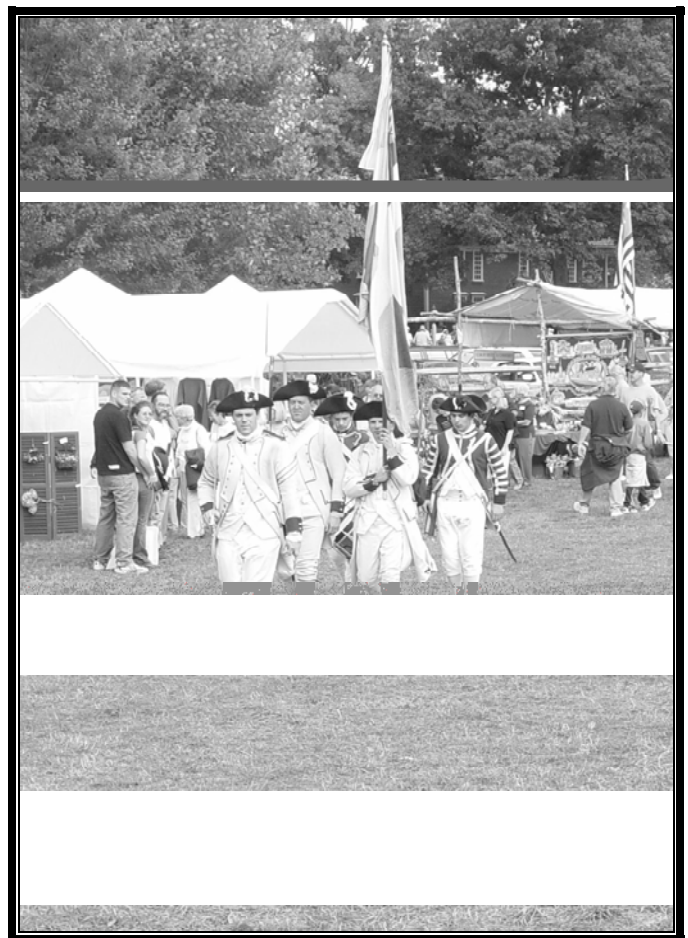
*REGIMENTAL DRILL, Saturday, December 13. ~*

**Arrival:** Our location for the day is still to be decided! The drill will run from 10am to 12noon. If you have an indoor location to suggest (preferably low-cost or no-cost), please forward suggestions to Dana or Steven **Directions:** The location and directions will be in the December newsletter. **Details:** The drill in the morning will again focus on French maneuvers – please remember cartridge box, musket & hat. Stay tuned for further info!

*GALERIE des IMAGES, Picture Gallery*



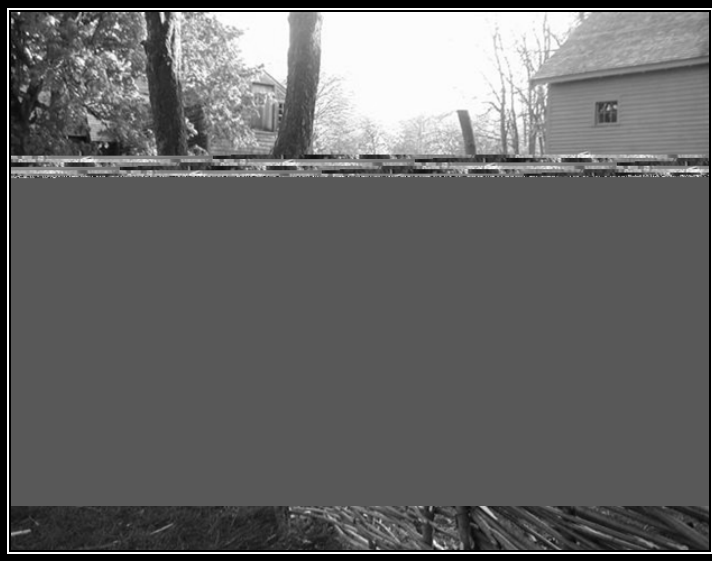
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Sudbury Faire - Muster of Fyfes & Drums*



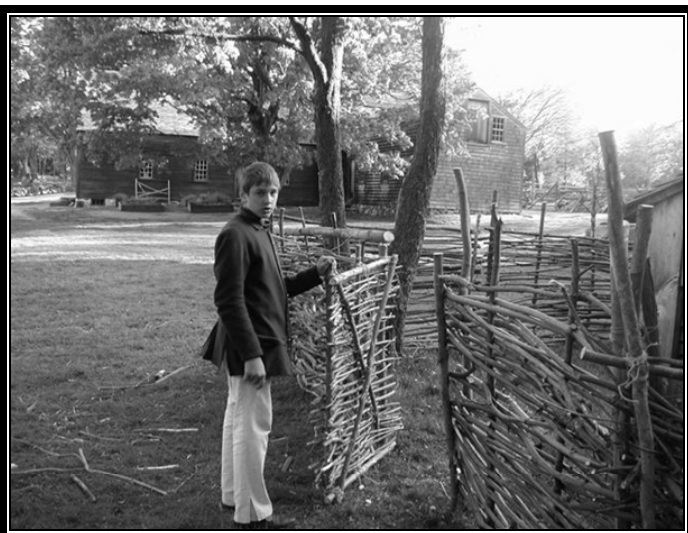
*September 2003  
Parading onto the Field  
Sudbury Faire - Muster of Fyfes & Drums*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hearty congratulations are extended to Will Newell for all of the hard work he has done to earn his Eagle Award. He recently passed his Eagle Board of Review and he will receive his award at his troop's Court of Honor in February 2004. You may recall, earlier this year Will worked with the staff at Minute Man National Historic Park to form a plan for building hurdles for the chicken coop at Hartwell Tavern. He coordinated those plans with the park staff and recruited numerous volunteers to help design, cut supplies and ultimately build new fencing for the chickens at the tavern. It was fantastic to see everyone hard at work, under his direction, during those weekends in May. Congratulation, Will!



*May 2003 - The Completed Fencing  
Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln, MA*



*May 2003 - The Proud Overseer  
Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln, MA*

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## *4th MIDDLESEX MILITIA, News and History*

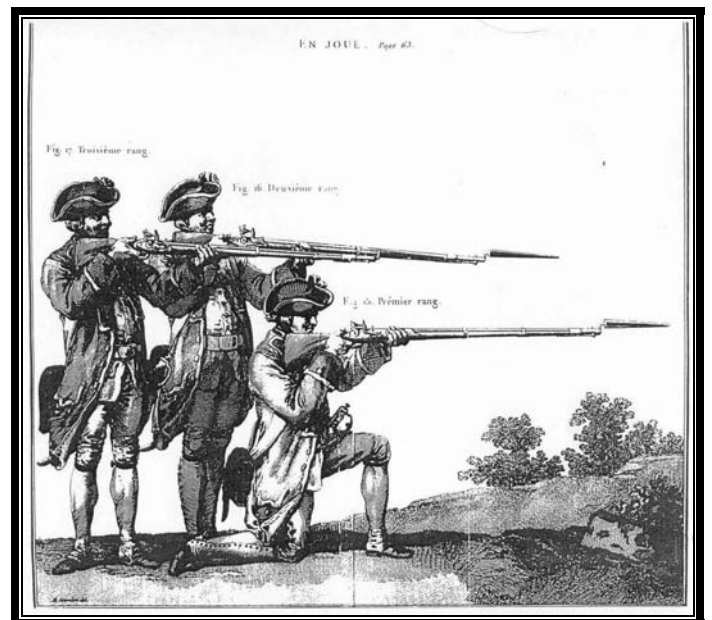
Has anyone found any interesting tidbits that they would like share about the history of the 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Militia? Perhaps you could share your opinions about the research sources listed in last month's newsletter? Were your ancestors members of the original 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex? The editor would love to hear from you! Please send your submissions to the editor at [gazettefrancoise@earthlink.net](mailto:gazettefrancoise@earthlink.net). Thank you for your help!

*Le PROGRAMME,  
the schedule for 2003*

*EXERCICES et PRATIQUES,  
Drills & Practices*

Date	Unit	Event
Feb 8	All	<b>Regimental Meeting</b> , 1:00-3:30
Mar 16	85e	<b>Evacuation Day Parade</b> (South Boston).
Mar 22	4th	<b>Buckman Tavern Muster</b> <b>Cancelled</b> due to muddy field conditions.
Apr 19	4th	<b>Battle Road</b> . Assemble at Minute Man Voc Tech at 6:15 am.
May 3	85e	<b>Fife &amp; Drum Muster</b> : Lexington Green
May 10	85e	<b>MMNHP French Army Demonstration Day</b> at MMNHP Visitor's Center.
May 27	85e	<b>Memorial Day Parades:</b> <b>Somerville</b> (Sunday) <b>cancelled</b> . <b>Andover</b> (Monday morning). <b>Medford</b> (Monday afternoon).
Jun 7-8	85e	<b>Strawbery Banke, Garrison Weekend</b> Portsmouth, NH
Jun 21-22	85e	<b>March out of Valley Forge</b> , for any who are interested.
Jun 28-29	4th	<b>Monmouth—225<sup>th</sup></b> Freehold, NJ
Jul 26-27	85e/4th	<b>New Ipswich Encampment</b> , Barrett House, New Ipswich, NH
Aug 23-24	85e	<b>Fort Revere</b> Hull, MA
Aug 30-31	4th	<b>Battle for Rhode Island—225<sup>th</sup></b> (Labor Day weekend)
Sep 1	85e	<b>Marlborough Labor Day Parade (\$\$\$\$\$)</b> Marlborough, MA
Sep 1	All	<b>Post-Parade Cookout at Steven's</b> Framingham, MA
Sep 27	85e/4th	<b>Sudbury Faire &amp; Muster</b> Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
Oct 11	All	<b>Harvest Party (&amp; Drill)</b> Framingham, MA
Oct 21	BOD	<b>BOD &amp; Officers Meeting</b> Framingham, MA
Nov 22	All	<b>Regimental Meeting (&amp;Drill)</b> Northborough, MA

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 11	85e	<b>French Drill (10:30-12:30) - Stow Town Hall</b> , no musicians
Feb 8	85e	<b>French Drill (10-12) - Stow Town Hall</b> , including musicians (annual meeting to occur immediately afterwards)
Mar 8	85e	<b>French Drill (10-12) - Stow Town Hall</b> Stow, MA
Apr 5	4th	<b>Militia Drill (10-12) - Wayside Inn</b> . Sudbury, MA
Apr 17	4th	<b>Militia Drill (7:30pm) - Bemis Hall</b> Lincoln, MA
Aug 16	4th	<b>Militia - Battle of RI Drill</b>
Aug 27	4th	<b>Militia Drill (7:00 – 8:30pm) at the Wayside Inn with Sudbury CMM</b> Sudbury, MA
Oct 11	85e	<b>French Drill (10-12)</b> Framingham, MA
Nov 22	85e	<b>French Drill (10-12) Northborough VFW</b> Northborough, MA
Dec 13	85e	<b>French Drill (10-12)</b> Location TBA



*From the 1776 reglements - EN JOUE*

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