



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Octobre 2004.

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

Where did the summer go? I must have blinked and missed the whole thing. As I write this, there are only 7 more days until most of us leave for Savannah. It's hard to believe that it's here already. But before we go... I would like to thank the Bausk family for volunteering their home for the Regimental Party on Labor Day. As usual the party was a great success. I would also like to thank everyone who made it out for the parade.

The Sudbury Faire was also a great success. We had beautiful weather, as always, and everyone seemed to have a great time. We had many of the members at the faire, about 14, but most of them were busy participating as Sudbury Militia. Because we had so many folks as Sudbury Militia, we didn't have enough people for us to do the parade or to go on stand. Here's hoping we have better turnout next year!

I'd also like to inform everyone that the November Regimental Meeting will on Nov 13th and will be held in Berlin MA. Thanks to Frank for arranging the meeting hall. We will have a drill from 10am – 12pm, a pizza lunch at noon, followed by the meeting which should get out around 4pm. Hope to see you all soon!

*Your Humble Servant,
Dana Rock, Président Régiment de SaintOnge*

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Framingham on the Sudbury

The trees are beginning to turn their vibrant colors reminding us to prepare for Winter Camp. A few of us are preparing to take the trek to Savannah for the Siege. (And there is still plenty of room on the bus if any of you are still thinking of going down.) For Winter Camp, we have some ideas for upcoming work parties and

social events. Speaking of that, I know that Carrie has sent an invitation to a Halloween party coming up at the end of this month. If you have any ideas for work parties and Regimental functions, please let us know!

After Savannah, things will be a little quiet. However Les has found us a gig in Plymouth that should be pretty interesting. It is a time line event, for which will be participating as French. We will be setting up a small encampment and participating in a small parade. I've done this parade in the past – as compared to other parades, its pretty fun – but the weather is unpredictable. Never fear...there is also a small micro-brewery and restaurants close by for post-event activities!

Thanks to all who came out to the Marlboro parade! Another success for the Regiment as we fielded over 10 men at arms, 2 officers, and 4 musique. It is also the first time in recent memory that we didn't freeze or get rained on! Thanks to Bryon and Anita for hosting another great Regimental party and cookout.

A small Regimental contingent participated and the Sudbury Colonial Faire. Both Carrie and Sue were kept busy with questions regarding lace making and needlework. Brad, Bill, and Todd roamed the field for potential recruits and deserters while Dana and I sipped punch and took in the event. One family is definitely interested in the Regiment from a non-combatant role and there are a few others that are interested in the Regiment as a whole. Congratulations (or condolences!) for Les Malecki for being railr...err...elected to serve as Sudbury's new Colonel. Huzzah!

As stated in the last newsletter, we have events shaping up for 2005 and 2006. Although most details are sketchy at this time, an event in Newport, July 7-10, is beginning to be fleshed out. From what I've read, it should be a fun event, so clear your calendars!

I'm looking forward to our Fall events and seeing you all in the near future!

*Pour le Roi et le Régiment,
Steven*



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS,

Upcoming Events

The SIEGE of SAVANNAH, 225th ANNIVERSARY, October 8-10. ~ Arrival:

Camp opens on Thursday and registration will be open Thursday and Friday all day long. While there are a few ceremonial events on Friday, the bulk of the schedule is taking place on Saturday and Sunday. The full event schedule is listed later in the newsletter. **Directions:** For those not taking the bus... The site is five minutes from I-95 on property adjacent to the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport. Signs will be posted once you exit from I-95, either from the north or the south. **Details:** Another official French event is finally here! We've been talking about Savannah for nearly a year now and the event is now only days away as of this writing. The schedule looks full and the event hosts are looking forward to our participation. We'll be combining with some familiar French friends, as well as with a few less familiar units. It will give us another chance to present a good size French line for an event – similar to what was seen in Quebec. More information about the event, including the schedule, can be found later in the newsletter or on the event website: www.savannah225th.org. See you in the South!

B.O.D. & OFFICERS MEETING, Thursday, October 14 ~ Arrival: The meeting will be held at Steven's house in Framingham. Please plan to arrive at 7pm. The meeting is expected to last approximately two hours. **Directions:** If you don't know how to get there by now... call Steven !

DRILL, DISTAFF GATHERING, PIZZA & ANNUAL MEETING, Saturday,

November 13. ~ Arrival: Drill & distaff gathering will begin at 10am, Potluck at noon, and the meeting follows at 12:30pm. Please plan accordingly. **Directions:** We'll be at the Meadow Brook Village Community Center at 59 Brook Lane, Berlin, MA. (Almost next door to Frank Marini!) Frank's number is (978) 838-2112 - just in case! From Sudbury, Framingham, Concord: Take Route 62 through Hudson. Stay on RT 62 through Rotary. You will come to a three way fork in the road. Take River Street on Left. Travel for about 3 Miles. Look for Meadow Brook Village on the right. Turn Right onto Brook Lane. Travel ¼ mile down Brook Lane. It's #59 Brook Lane on the Right.

From 290 and 495: Take 290 to the Solomon Pond Mall Exit. Turn Right at end of Ramp. Stay in far Left Lane. Travel straight for 1 mile. You will come to a rotary; take first right onto River Road. Travel for about 3 miles on River Road. You will pass the 1790 Farm. Meadow Brook Village will be on your Left. Turn Left onto Brook Lane. Travel 1/4 Mile down Brook Lane. It's #59 Brook Lane on Right. **Details:** We're trying something a little bit different this year... A regimental drill will take place in the morning and at the same time the women will have the opportunity to work on their own projects. The soldats will be focusing on the French drill and the ladies will spend the morning looking at the neck up! What can that mean? Well, we'll be having an 18th century cap try-on session and will have patterns and linen available to cut out a favorite cap style during the gathering. Materials will be supplied for those interested in participating (\$7 per cap cut) – or bring your own white linen! Tracing paper, instructions and trimming suggestions will be provided. There will even be some wigs, hats & bonnets for trying as well. Come be your own fashion plate! Email (cdmidura@earthlink.net) or call (508.846.8673) Carrie M. for more details. The drill and cap try-on session will be followed by a pizza lunch – please make sure to RSVP so there are enough slices for all! The annual meeting will follow at twelve-thirty – we expect it to last about three hours so everyone should be on their way home in time for supper! There's a lot to cover at this meeting – here are just a few items: past events, 2005 events, fall & winter drill and work party schedule, uniforms, membership and any other issues that folks would like to discuss. Hope to see you all there – this is our chance to plan for great 2005 campaign season!



ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS,

Past Events

DE QUEBEC, 31 Juillet & 1 Août. So, Quebec seems like about a decade ago. Actually it has only been a couple of months, but that's the way things go. With that in mind, here's my report:

Our trip to Quebec started with the email news that Don and Hella Beale's trailer had been stolen, with all their gear, including their wedding finery. Not exactly auspicious news, even if it didn't have any direct effect on us.

We got up to the Plains of Abraham without any problems, except the part where we couldn't figure out how to get off the streets and onto the campsite through

all the signs (in French), barriers, Friday afternoon traffic, etc. Once there, we discovered we had a wonderful campsite. Our own little enclave, set off by our tent lines and some trees, facing across the Plains towards the Citadel and the British camp. We unloaded, helped with some set up, and headed to our hotel--that gigantic wall tent with the revolving finial, right beyond the end of the camp. Nice location. Went out to dinner, and on the way back from dinner, stumbled into the (modern) 22nd Regiment's flag retreat ceremony. Did you know that the modern army still gives the order: "Bayonette au canon!"?

From all reports, the Officer's Soiree was a great hit, complete with cash tips for the servers. Somehow the boys made a great deal more than the girls--haven't figured that part out yet. Not having been invited, I had to satisfy myself with seeing Eric Chetwynd, decked out as beautifully as possible, sitting on a park bench next to Jim Casco, who, frankly, looked about the same as he always does. The contrast was pretty funny.

Saturday dawned rather gloomy, and I tried to get the weather on TV, but deciphering a French language weather forecast is beyond me. I THOUGHT it was saying a 70% chance of precipitation, but then, I couldn't really change it anyway. So we all saddled up and got ready for a big day. Turned out the big day was to begin with a quiet ceremonial escort, taking a couple of the women from the Allied camp, including our own Tarra Bausk, over to the British Camp with replacement wedding finery for Hella Beale. Doug Brown and I went, along with some of 2nd Mass's less disreputable-looking men. This gave us the serendipitous opportunity to count our enemy. I lost track at 10 or 12 field pieces. Oh yeah, and the gloom was alternating with drizzle.

The detail returned just in time for battalion drill, where we started to work out the complexities of amalgamating three different regiments (ourselves, the Bourbonnais, and the RDP) and at least as many differing understandings of the drill. In spite of all this, we had some fun just because we had so many men under arms.

Back to camp for lunch, and then off for the Death March through the city. We formed up with the rest of the army and headed down the access road to await our esteemed opponents. Apparently our esteemed opponents were having some trouble reading their watches, or else just getting their acts together, because we stood there in the thickening mist, soon to be continuous downpour, waiting for them for what seemed to be about 45 minutes. They finally came down, and we took the opportunity to salute them in a spirit of camaraderie and friendship.

We marched through the city, where in spite of the rain, members of the public stopped from time to time to watch, and where we could, from time to time, hear them singing with our music. Our music! Without our music, it really WOULD have been a Death March. Thank you Beth, for taking on command duties over musicians you barely knew, and thank you Luke, Arthur, and Cindy, all of the RDP, and Rich, of the Bourbonnais. The rest of us only had to walk up and down those hills--you guys had to perform.

So we got back to camp, where we were all wet to the skin, not to mention rusty. Oh, and did I mention wet? We scattered to try to dry, relax, etc., when we learned that the battle had been canceled due to the weather. This was, of course, just after I'd authoritatively told somebody that I couldn't remember a battle being canceled due to weather conditions unless there was thunder or some other dangerous condition involved. Shows you what I know.

Sunday was a far more attractive day. It started with some apparent British activity, cleverly designed, we assumed, to draw us away from our breakfasts. One of the highlights of this little game of cowboys and indians included seeing Dwight and Neil (by the way, welcome, Neil!!!) running off, looking like two peas from the same pod, to chase the Brits. Ultimately we discovered that we had gotten the better part of a battalion (most of the French line, plus 2nd Mass and a few others) out into the field to deal with four muskets who were feeling lonely. Still, it was fun.

The battle was a little strange. First, because the Saturday battle was canceled, the time was changed for the Sunday battle. The only problem is that nobody seemed to be quite sure what the new time was. Once it finally started, we were in the middle of the line, squeezed between two field pieces with very little room to spare. Every time we tried to make room to one side, we'd get in trouble on the other. But we did the best we could, all the while working hard to coordinate 3 good sized sections with one another and with the rest of the battalion. We pushed all the way to the base of the ridge under the British camp before being pushed back into and through our camp.

In spite of the apparent defeat implied by this, we don't seem actually to have lost--at least, we didn't surrender, and we were certainly ready and able to fight further. Oddly, after the battle was over, we didn't march back down into the valley to do a "pass in review" for the crowd. While nobody minded not marching down the hill in order to march back, the loss of crowd exposure was a disappointment. We found a good substitute, however, because we went and posed for a giant group

picture in the gardens, after which we were besieged by spectators with questions, photo requests, and so on. Then back to camp to strike and bon voyage. Just don't ask me about crossing back into the U.S. with a box full of leftover powder!

YMH&OS, Abe Fisher

DE DANVERS, 18 & 19 Septembre. It seems that almost every event that is planned by the 2nd Mass has at least one day of pouring rain. The 30th Anniversary event was no different. I arrived in Danvers on Friday night around 10:00pm to setup my tent and found 20 wedge tents and 3 people in camp. It seems that most people decided to sleep at home Friday night to avoid the rain; which had not started yet. Once I was settled in, a few more of the 2nd Mass folks came back from dinner and joined us under the fly for our usual evening merry making. After several Monty Python songs and a story about "The Man Eating Grouper Fish", told by Jeauc (Dave "The New Guy" from 2nd Mass), we decided it was time to turn in.

Around 3 in the morning most of us were awoken to the sound of pouring rain hitting our tent. The rain was coming down just as hard as in did in Quebec (another event put on by the 2nd Mass). Anyway, the torrential down pour continued for most of the night. I remember waking up several time during the night to make sure the water was not coming in the tents like it did at Biddeford. Around 8am or so I was rudely awakened by the front end of my tent collapsing on me. At that point I decided it was time to get up and face the day. Needless to say, there was very little to do that morning, except hang out under the fly and try to stay dry, which was quite difficult as the rain was coming down sideways. Then finally someone had the bright idea to go into the Meeting House and the Rebecca Nurse house. Not sure why none of us had thought of that earlier in the morning, considering the house was only 100 feet away.

We spent most of the day indoors playing cards, listening to music and drinking shrub. (Yeah we broke out the shrub very early that day.) Throughout the day preparations were underway for Beth and Brian's wedding. That afternoon, Mark Nowacki formally read the Marriage Contract which was heavily debated by several lawyers in the area (Henry Cooke and Frank Chamberlain); though I'm not sure when Henry or Frank became lawyers. Beth was busy making decorations, Carrie M. was frantically sewing Beth's gown and Brian was desperately trying to get out of the Marriage Contract. We discovered that the only way for him to get out of it was to join the French Army; he didn't bite.

The wedding that evening went off with out a hitch; no really, the real ceremony was two weeks later. Luckily the rain stopped just in time for the wedding. Beth looked absolutely lovely in her new gown, and Henry was kind enough to keep the ceremony under 20 minutes. Shortly after the wedding we again broke out the shrub.

Sunday we awoke to blue sky, although the ground was still wet, it was warm and sunny. That afternoon the French Ranks grew by 300% with the arrival of Steven and Brian Beck. We took the opportunity to work on our bayonet drill in anticipation of what was to come later that day. As part of the day's activities, the 2nd Mass held an Enlistment out near the Meeting House. We were kindly asked if we could perform guard duty, to make sure that those who had just enlisted didn't skip town or cause a ruckus. Even though the new enlistees we being paid with script, and not coin, the enlistment process went smoothly. All except for one gentleman, who had previously enlisted a few weeks earlier and tried to enlist again for more pay. He was promptly arrested and locked in the Meeting House and placed under guard. It seems that the guard had been drinking heavily the night before and was unable to stay awake. This led to the prisoner escaping on several occasions.

While we were busy keeping the new enlistees inline and returning escaping prisoners to the Meeting House, a small patrol from the 1st Foot Guard intercepted a supply wagon and fired several shots at the driver. Of course the French were the first to react to the news and quickly deployed on the field to intercept, while the new enlistees were issued muskets and cartridges. We took the left flank and found ourselves up against the Lexington Training Band who had all turned Loyalist. After a short amount of time we were joined by the two prisoners that we guarding, Frank Chamberlain and Brain Mixer. The five of us we able to hold off the British Line while the rest of the army was getting equip. We wound up pushing the British right flank and rolling them up into the rest of the line. The 2nd Mass pushed the rest of the line into far right corner of the field which left the 1st Foot Guards with only one why out; around the back behind the cemetery. Before the 1st Foot Guards had a chance to move, the French sweep around the back and captured Winston Stone and the rest of the 1st Foot Guards. Needles to say, Winston was none-too-happy about surrendering his sword to me, but he conceded it was better to be captured by the French, then by a rabble of angry farmers. I think that was a compliment.

Humbly submitted, Dana Rock



*SIEGE of SAVANNAH – 225th !
Savannah, Georgia*

Savannah, Georgia, is a city rich in history, Southern charm and old-fashioned hospitality. Savannah traces its roots back to 1733, when British General James Oglethorpe first founded the city on the bluff above River Street. Savannah has one of the largest historic districts in the United States, with thousands of architecturally-significant buildings nestled under giant live oaks hung with Spanish moss.

We are invited to head down south and celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the Recapture of Savannah on the original date. They will not have the original site (it is now covered by buildings in the city), but they will have a wonderful, low country setting for us to enjoy and fight on.

Many of us, like the event hosts, have a great deal of respect for the honor and memory of General Nathaniel Greene. In one of the historic squares that make up the old City of Savannah, there is a statue, and a large monument under which General Greene is buried. The event organizers hope to have a ceremony on that site for those who are interested.

Water, wood and hay will be furnished for those encamping. For those who prefer to stay at a motel/hotel, Savannah is a tourist city, so there is a complete range of accommodations available. There is an airport nearby also. Please refer to the www.savannahgeorgia.com website for more information on accommodations along with a very good map of downtown Savannah.

For those who will encamped on site, The event will be located on Savannah Airport Commission property located just five minutes east of I-95. The site is over 70 acres with over 45 acres dedicated for the battle, plus separate British and American Camps and sutlers will be centrally located. Each camp will have its own dedicated water supply with faucets routed to a central area convenient to camp cooking, plus trash receptacles and sanitary facilities. Water is being provided by the City of Savannah from a main waterline so no water buffaloes. Each camp will have its own supply of hay and firewood. Both camps back up to lakes and the spectators will have a view of our event with no visible 20th century intrusions. You can see pictures of the camp and battle sites at www.savannah225th.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This schedule is current as of 9/10/04,
check the event website for updates: www.savannah225th.org

Friday October 8, 2004

- 8:00 AM Registration opens
REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN ALL NIGHT
- 2:00 PM Limited Concessions Open for Participants
- 8:00 PM Concessions Close
- 10:00 PM Officers Meeting at a TBA Location

Saturday October 9

- 6:00 AM Troops participating in ceremony at Sprinhill Redoubt depart from Site
- 6:30 AM Arrival at Battlefield Park – Roundhouse
ML King and Liberty Street, Downtown Savannah
- 7:00 AM Troops Organized
- 7:25 AM Troops Step Off
- 7:30 AM Troops Arrive at Redoubt Site
- 7:30 – 8:30 AM Commemorative Event
- 9:00 AM Reenactors return to Site/tour Savannah
McKenna Drive Closed to Through Traffic
- 10:00 AM All Concessions Opened to Public
- 11:00 AM All Vehicles removed from Camp
Camp open to public
- 1:00 PM Officers Meeting
- 3:00 PM Troop Inspection
- 4:00 PM Siege of Savannah Reenactment
- 5:30 PM Pass in Review
- 6:00 PM Site Closed to Public
McKenna Road opens
Registration Closed
Commanders Meeting
- 7:00 PM Commanders Dinner
- 8:00 PM Artillery Night Barrage
- 9:00 PM Jollification
- 11:00 PM Camp Quiet

Sunday October 10, 2004

- 9:00 AM Camp open to public
Concessions Open to Public
McKenna Drive Closed to Through Traffic
- 11:00 AM Commanders Meeting
- Noon Troop Inspection
- 1:00 PM Siege of Savannah Reenactment
- 2:30 PM Pass in Review
- 3:00 PM Site Closes to Public
- 4:00 PM Registration Closes
Take Down Begins
McKenna Drive open to Through Traffic



BASIC WOMENS CLOTHING

Notes from Sue Felshin

Since we will be looking at caps during the November 13th meeting here's an excerpt from notes compiled by Sue Felshin for a presentation at the Minute Man National Historic Park in mid-March. Due to the wide range of experience levels of the park volunteers, Sue's talk focused on the most basic items of a woman's wardrobe during the Revolutionary War period. Additional excerpts will appear as space permits in future editions of the Gazette Françoise... Enjoy!

To begin with, if you can hand-sew only one thing, let it be this! Caps in the eighteenth century were made up in white linen ! (Or starched cotton organdy for a fine cap.) and the caul, brim, ruffles are each a single layer, even brim if possible. Wear ribbon 'round it unless you hate ribbon—China silk is good. No “mobcaps”! (The word “mobcap” existed with various meanings over time, but the thing we think of as a mobcap didn't exist in the 18c—no circle with casing gathered to form single-piece cap-and-ruffle.) To keep cap from sliding out of place or flying off in wind, it can be pinned to the head. I find ordinary straight pins work well. Pin to bun to keep from flying off. Pin to hair at forehead and/or elsewhere to keep from sliding. Caul can be arch, bowed arch, or circle. Brim can be straight band or shaped, and is sometimes split into two pieces. If it hangs down at the sides, the hanging parts are called lappets. The brim shouldn't be too deep—that's 19th century. Ruffle is optional but usually present, and can be straight or shaped, and is sometimes split into two pieces.

If you don't like the way you look in a cap, try different styles. There is a cap to suit everyone, but it make take some time to find it. Try other people's caps on. Caps were very nearly always worn by lower class women. If you want to leave off a cap, you should know how to suit your whole impression to the lack of a cap. Handkerchief tied over head is seen occasionally for very low class impression—in this case, is nearly always *over* an ordinary cap, with the top front edge of the cap just peeking out. Here are few examples to use for ideas:



Domestic Employment Ironing. Henr Morland pinxt. P. Dawe fecit. [Detail. Also see original painting by Morland.]

Short lappets pinned up. Not a very common 1770s English style, but is sometimes seen. Very common as French style.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzoto1770/mezzodated1767to70.html#o1770>



The **DROWSY DAME**. Published as the Act directs AD 1769. Printed for Carington Bowles, Map & Printseller at No. 69 in St Pauls Church Yard, London. [Detail.]

Very common and entirely unremarkable style for a common woman. Suitable for 1750s-1770s, and probably a wider range. If you want to look like an ordinary, practical woman who doesn't waste her time on trendy clothing, this is a good choice.



LADY'S MAID SOAPING LINNEN. Morland pinxt. Publish'd as the Act directs 2nd Octr 1769. Printed for Carington Bowles, No. 69 in St. Pauls Church Yard. London. [Detail. Also see original painting by Morland.]

Common cap style for young women, with close-fitting caul and with lots of hair exposed. This is a well-dressed lady's maid in a nice cotton print gown with sleeve ruffles rather than a plain, ordinary cuff. An interesting detail: the sleeve ruffles are pinned up in back to keep them out of the way while she works.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzoto1770/mezzodated1767to70.html#o1770>



The WIFE'S FORTUNE TOLD. Printed for Carington Bowles, Map & Printseller, at No. 69 in St. Pauls Church Yard, London. Publish'd as the Act directs (erased). [Detail of maid.]

Common, unremarkable style.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzoto1770/mezzodated1767to70.html#o1770>



The Pretty Maid with her Apron before the Candle. H. Morland pinxt P. Dawe fecit. Printed for Carington Bowles, Map & Printseller, No. 69 in St Pauls Church Yard, London. [Detail.]

Lappets hanging free like this are not a very common style in the 1770s but may sometimes be seen.

The Morland painting on which this print is based may have an earlier date.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzoto1770/mezzodated1767to70.html#o1770>



WINTER. P. Mercier inv. et pinxt. Mercier fecit. London, Printed for Henry Parker, opposite Birchin Lane in Cornhill. Publish'd according to Act of Parliament October 1st 1762. [Detail.]

A rare back view of a cap. Probably a lappet cap with the lappets pinned up, which would make sense give the fairly early date of 1762.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzoto1770/mezzodated1761to66.html#1761>



The Grinning MATCH, a humourous SCENE at a Country FAIR. Publish'd Sept 5 1773 by W. Humphreys St. Martins Lane. [Detail.]

This style—with the band curving down to cover part of the cheeks, and coming down rather far at the sides and in back—is more of a German style, but we see it in this print on a presumably-English country woman.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzo1771/mezzodated1773.html#1773>



Domestick Amusement. The Fair Seamstress. Heilman pinxt. J. Watson fecit. Printed for John Bowles at the Black Horse in Cornhil, & Carington Bowles in St Pauls Church Yard, London. [Detail.]

Unremarkable cap except for the slight dip at the widow's peak, which is a feature of earlier caps

(this print is from between 1761 and 1766). Possibly an early form of dormeuse. The cap decoration is made of several rows of blue and white pleated ribbons.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzoto1770/mezzodated1761to66.html#1761>



THE UNFORTUNATE DISCOVERY. 263. From an Original Picture by John Collett in the Possession of the Proprietors Printed by Bowles & Carver No. 69 St. Paul's Church Yard, London. Publish'd as the Act directs (erased). [Detail.]

The chambermaid wears a very ordinary cap. Her gown is pinned back to keep the skirts out of the way while she works. Something peeks out from under the skirts at her side, probably a pincushion on a ribbon.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzo1775/mezzodated1777.html#1777>



The Catchpenny Prints, #137. Dover Books. [Detail: Writing]

Very 1770s style: hair piled fairly high, poufy caul, and two curved front pieces either pleated or edged with pleated ruffles. This cap style is sometimes called "dormeuse"

(French pronunciation is "door-MUZ", where the vowel in the second syllable is the same as in "put" and "book"). If you want to emphasize your stylish 1770s fashion sense, wear this type of cap.



THE JEALOUS MAIDS. John Collett pinxt. Robt. Laurie fecit. Publish'd as the Act directs, 2d March 1772. Printed for Robt. Sayer, No. 53 in Fleet Street, London. [Detail.]

This style with lappets coming down to a point under the chin is generally a 1740s-1760s style but is common even in the 1770s for women of forty or older who still dress in the style of their youth. I'm not sure why such young women wear this style—it may be a copy of an older print, or a comment on their fashion sense, or simply an uncommon style choice. Interesting details: checked apron, border-checked handkerchief.

<http://www.lclark.edu/~jhart/mezzo1771/mezzodated1772.html#1772>



Plucking the Turkey by Henry Walton, exhibited 1776. [Detail.]

Another dormeuse. In this case, the curved brim pieces are flat and a shaped ruffle (narrower at the peak) is attached to each.

<http://www.tate.org.uk/servlet/AWork?id=15914>



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THANK YOU: A hearty thanks is extended to the Bausk Family for hosting us once again at the Regimental Cookout following the Marlborough Labor Day Parade. This year we got lucky with the weather and everyone was able to enjoy the beautiful afternoon together! Thanks to all!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you to Abe, Dana & Sue for adding so much great content to our newsletter this month! Please feel free to send your contributions (written or photographic) to gazettefrancoise@earthlink.net. Many thanks to everyone who has sent stuff in all year long – this newsletter wouldn't happen without it!

REGIMENTAL TRAILER UPDATE: If you folks didn't know, the trailer has been out of commission the entire season due to a broken suspension leaf spring. I just wanted to let you know what work has been done to get this trailer back on the road.

So that everyone knows how bad things were, I uploaded photos to the group site. The first two photos clearly show that the spring is broken. At this time the trailer is on blocks. This past Sunday, I was able to remove the springs by cutting the bolts off the trailer. The axle is now resting comfortably on its cinder block bed. All the parts have been ordered and will be here by October 4. Originally we had planned to have the trailer repaired by an outside source. Due to the safety issues with towing the trailer and the logistics and cost involved in flat-bedding the trailer, I found it was faster and less expensive to do the work myself. Anyway, the trailer has held up pretty well for being manufactured in 1980!

Future repairs are planned to include rewiring and replacement of the rear trailer lighting. To improve preventative maintenance to the trailer, "Bearing Buddies" which drive grease directly into the bearings will be ordered and assembled to the trailer. Let me know if you have any questions. ~Steven

MUSEUM RAFFLE: In 1994, the Royal Leicestershire Regiment Museum in Leicester, England, had to close its doors due to structural problems with the museum building. Since then, the regiment's large collection of uniforms, equipment, and documents has been in storage. Last year, the Royal Leicestershire Regimental Association (the Royal Tiger Association) won a Heritage Lottery Fund grant from the British Government to pay for the re-opening of the museum in a historic property in Leicester. In order to qualify for the Heritage Lottery Grant funds, the RTA must raise matching funds to the order of \$425,000 (250,000 pounds sterling).

As part of a large fund-raising campaign, the RTA is running a regimental raffle for over 54 prizes donated by friends of the Regiment, ranging from a week's cruise for two on the River Brahmaputra in Indian with two return flights UK to Calcutta to oriental rugs, a necklace of freshwater pearls, and numerous bottles of fine French wines. A full prize list may be seen at the following website: <http://www.hm17thregiment.org/2004prizes.htm>

Tickets for the raffle are \$2 a piece, or a book of five tickets for \$10. All proceeds from this raffle go directly to the Royal Leicestershire Regimental Museum fund and will be used for the opening and continued maintenance of the facility.

The cut-off date for ticket purchases is October 20, 2004, and the prize winners will be drawn at the Lord Mayor's House in Leicester on November 16th. Persons wishing to buy tickets may contact the Regiment's North

American Agent, Will Tatum, at William.Tatum@brown.edu, or by post at:

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*Le PROGRAMME,
the schedule for 2004*

The events listed below are the official schedule for 2004 - as approved by the membership at the annual meeting. Questions and suggestions may be directed to members of the BOD. It should be a great year !

Date	Unit	Event
Feb 17	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Feb 28	Distaff	Fabric Shopping Road Trip TBA
Mar 6	All	Regimental Annual Meeting Berlin, MA
Mar 6	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Mar 20	Music	Freezer Jam Michigan
Mar 26	Distaff	Movie Night Framingham, MA
Apr 17	4th	Battle Road/Hartwell Tavern Event Lincoln, MA
May 1 - 2	85e	Revolutionary War Weekend Sutton, MA
May 15	Music	Williamsburg Fife & Drum Program Williamsburg, VA
May 18	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Northborough, MA
May 30	85e	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 31	85e	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
May 31	85e	Memorial Day Parade Medford, MA
Jun 5	4th	Rum & Revolution (optional) Weston, MA
Jun 8	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Jun 20	All	Trailer Work Party Framingham, MA
Jun 25 - 27	85e	La Kermesse Franco-Americaine Festival Biddeford, ME
Jul 1	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Northborough, MA

Jul 31	85e	À l'Assaut de la Capitale! Québec City, Québec, Canada
Aug 1		
Aug 28-29	4th	225th Anniversary of Newtown, NY Elmira, NY
Sep 2	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Framingham, MA
Sep 6	85e	Marlborough Labor Day Parade, Marlborough, MA
Sep 6	All	Regimental Birthday & Cookout Northborough, MA
Sep 18 - 19	85e	2MA/DAL Anniversary Encampment Danvers, MA
Sep 25	85e	Colonial Faire & Muster Sudbury, MA
Oct 8-10	85e	225th Anniversary -Siege of Savannah Savannah, GA
Oct 14	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Framingham, MA
Oct 16-17	??	225th Anniv. - Burning of Kingston NOT ATTENDING
Nov 13	All	Pizza Party & Annual Meeting Berlin, MA
Nov 14	4th	Harvest Fair (optional) Weston, MA
Nov 20	85e	Military Timeline Plymouth, MA

*EXERCICES et PRATIQUES,
Drills & Practices*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 10	85e	French Drill (10-12) - Stow Town Hall, no musicians
Feb 7	85e	French Drill (10:30-12:30) Stow Town Hall, Stow, MA
Mar 6	85e	French Drill (10-12) Berlin, MA
Apr 3	All	Drill (11-1) – Stow Town Hall Stow, MA
May 8	---	Drill - CANCELLED
Jun 5	All	French Drill (10-12) - Golden Ball Tavern Weston, MA
Nov 13	All	French Drill & Distaff Workparty Location TBA
Dec 11	85e	French Drill (10-12) Location TBA



*Saintonge campfollowers spend a relaxing moment before Sunday's Battle.
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