



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Avril 2006

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in our work party drill and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Looking ahead it just gets busier from here.

Battle Road is first "real" event of the year is coming so please try and make the drill on April 8th so we can make as good an impression as possible. A work party that will mostly likely be to finish up gaiters and proceed on hats will probably follow this drill. Brian and Beth Mixter will be organizing a cartridge rolling party in the near future so keep your eye on the yahoo group for upcoming announcements.

If you're in need of gear to complete your kit please let us know what you are missing so we can plan work parties that are useful to you.

Thanks to those members who showed up for the Muster Day at Hartwell Tavern It wasn't the most exciting way to spend Saturday afternoon, but it will help make Battle Road work. Having seen what they envision as the scenario I think it will be much better than previous years.

Looking ahead, there is a conflict for two of the events in June. Both Southbury and Providence are the same weekend. Providence is a W3R event and will feature some lectures from historian on the French roll in the American Revolution on Saturday and Parade and ceremony on Sunday. The Brown University Library and Archive will also be open for any one looking to do some research. Southbury is a more traditional battle event and is sponsored by the Northern Department. We would like to get a head count of people who are interested in each of these events and we'll be posting the official information on both events in the near future so you can make an informed decision.

Speaking of events we need people to volunteer to handle cooking and the transporting of gear to events. If we do not have volunteers to provide these services we will have two options. One, we can cancel the event or, two, we can make the event a 'hard corps' fend for you self event were each person or family is responsible for their own food and shelter. If you're willing to volunteer but feel intimidated by for example a lack of cooking or similar knowledge let us know we will have help available. If you are willing to volunteer please contact me, Brian or Dana.

I also want to make an appeal to any members of our regiment who may have fallen into inactivity but are still receiving this newsletter. If you have gear of any kind that belongs to the Regiment or to another member of the regiment please contact me or another officer of the regiment so we can make arrangements for its return. Loaner gear is just that, a loan. We need this gear back to help new members get started, just as we helped you get started. Of course you also welcome to come back to field with us, just show up for a drill or two to get the rust off.

As a final note this is your regiment and your newsletter feel free to submit articles and give us feedback.

*Your Humble Servant,
Adam Carriere,
Président Régiment de SaintOuge*

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

I would like to thank everyone who braved the cold and the wind to join us for the *Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston on March 19th*. We had a great turnout, and, if I do say so myself, we looked and sounded great. The volleys were right on, and the music sounded excellent, even with the broken snare.

Looking ahead, April 15th will be the beginning of a great, yet busy year. This year the National Park has asked us once again to extend the length of the tactical demonstration. The demonstration, i.e. Battle, will begin 200 yards before the Bloody Angle. There will be a few small companies that will participate in this part of the battle. The exercise is to take no longer the in previous years. By lengthening the battle, we are hoping to the move things along more quickly. There will also be a rear guard action, which will give the perception that we are pushing the Regulars back to Boston, which is more historically accurate. Other activities will also be taking place during the day. 1st Michigan will be there, as always, giving a musical performance. Mike Ryan will be there to conduct a Town Meeting in the barn next to the Hartwell Tavern. Lastly, the 4th Middlesex have been asked to bring items, to smuggle items through the Boston Neck. The Regulars will have guards stationed at the "Boston Neck", and will be checking people as they enter "Boston".

As a reminder, we will be holding a drill on April 8th. We will brush up on the '64 Manual of Arms in preparation for Battle Road. Please try to be Bill's house at 10:00am so we can start drilling promptly at 10:30am. For lunch we will most likely be having pizza again, so make sure to have a couple of dollars to help pitch in. After lunch we will be holding a work party. As Adam mentioned, we need everyone's help at work parties. The regiment has a lot of work to accomplish if we want to look our best this year. We have to work on Regimental coats, waistcoats, gaiters, hats and cartridges. At this work party will be concentrating on gaiters and cartridges. We are also in need of cartridges for Battle Road. To move the process along, I would like to ask everyone to roll tubes and bring them to work party, that way we can concentrate on filling cartridges. If you have any questions about what paper to use or how to roll tubes, please give me a call.

I hope to see everyone real soon!!

For Massachusetts and Congress
et
Pour le Roi et le Regiment!
Dana Rock



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

REGIMENTAL DRILL & WORK PARTY, Saturday, April 8 ~ Arrival: Please plan on arriving at 10:00am; we will be starting the drill promptly at 10:30. **Directions:** The drill and work party will be held at Bill and Corri's house. Their address is 36 Rocky Dundee Road in Bolton and the phone number is 978.779.5488. The best route to Bill's house is from Route 495. From Route 495, take Exit 27 (Route 117) and head west on Route 117 into Bolton. In Bolton center, at the blinking light, take a left onto Watoquodoc Road. You will pass Nashoba Valley Winery and Orchards on your left. Take your next left onto Old Bay Road – it's a sharp turn and easy to miss. Follow Old Bay Road to the end and take a right. You will pass Rocky Dundee Farm (or something with a similar name) and the road will end a bit further ahead at a dead end/dirt path. Take a left turn immediately before the dead end. Follow the road around the island and continue straight on the far side. Bill's house is the large colonial on a slight rise - #36. **Details:** We will be holding a drill and work party at the Home of Bill Rose. Same plan as last time; drill from 10:00 AM to about Noon. Bring a few dollars to chip in for pizza or bring a bag lunch what ever your preference. We'll be doing more work on those gaiters so if you need a pair make sure you show up so they can be fitted. For others we have the materials to work on new hats. Also if someone will take point on the project we can make cockades.

BATTLE ROAD – PRELUDE TO WAR, Saturday, April 15 ~ Arrival: The event starts at 10:00am sharp. Please plan on arriving at the Hartwell Tavern no later then 9:30am. **Directions:** Parking will be at the Noah Brooks Tavern. Shuttles will run in the morning and afternoon, to bring people to and from the Hartwell Tavern. **Details:** Imagine that it's early April in 1775 and you have been granted safe passage between British-held Boston (reenacted at the Captain Smith House area) and the Massachusetts countryside (reenacted at the Hartwell Tavern area) as tensions mount towards open conflict. Join British and Colonial Reenactors, Park Rangers and Volunteers as they portray a "typical" day leading up to the outbreak of

war on April 19, 1775. Activities will include drill and musket firing demonstrations, cooking, clothing repair and recruiting for the colonial militia as well as life in the British Camp, a Battle Road tactics and weapons demonstration and lots more!

The regiment will be providing the powder for the day. Individuals are not allowed to bring powder into the park, so please make sure that your cartridge boxes are empty. We will not be providing lunch this year, so everyone is on their own for food. For more information please visit www.battleroad.org



ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉGIMENTAIS,

Past Event

St Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade.

For those of us that have lived in this area for long enough we have always heard about the rowdy crowds and messy clean ups that go along with the annual start to our season the ever popular South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade. Since this was my first time attending this event, I figured I would give my perspective on it.

It was the best of times it was the worst of times, oh wait that is another time period all together. It was a beautiful Sunday morning, the sky was clear the sun was up and the birds were chirping...at least they were in Hudson before we left.

When Beth, Bill and I left our house we all looked at each other said "do you know where you are going?" Well we had an idea of where we needed to, be but we were not 100% sure of how to get there. So after a few wrong turns and actually heading in the wrong direction, thank to new construction, we did find a bunch of little signs all around the meeting area for the parade with even smaller green arrows. At the same time we saw those signs we also saw the Captain in his car. We waved as we went by and figured that he saw us and would turn around. About 10 minutes after we pulled into the parking lot at Gillette Corp. we get a call on our cell phone. It is Dana saying that he is a bit out of the way and needs to find us. After getting directions another call comes in saying "now I am really lost!!!" So the German Mercenary jumps into his car and recovers the Captain with his hand held out looking to get paid. To everybody's surprise that did not happen after a daring rescue.

So we all get together and get dressed and, to my amazement, I realize that we may not be the coldest people in the parade as there are dancers and pipers dressed in much less than we were. So after a short drill and a brief march up to where we are to organize to begin our long march we are waiting in the brisk, March winds. We send out our trustworthy Captain to see where the organizers of the parade want us to line up. He returns saying that we are not even on the list of groups participating. So after a bit of grumbling from the troops we get assigned a location and we wait until our turn.

Did I mention that it was a bit cold??? So here we are waiting on a bridge with some strong gusts of wind occurring every couple of minutes. So after inching forward in the parade line every few minutes we get to our starting point. Finally we are ready to get moving. But as we are waiting at the last stop we see this band coming from the left. No big deal there are a bunch of bands in this parade how can this one be any different than the others? Well, they had this mascot, a silly white dog which would haunt us throughout the parade.

The crowds were large but not as wild as I had thought, thanks in part to a more visible police presence. And as the parade got moving our body temperatures got close to what they should be. The volleys were crisp and in unison. And we did not have any injuries to any person, and only one or two equipment malfunctions.

After completing the 4.2 mile course we were all well paid by the Captain and piled into our motorized carriages to journey back to our homes to warm our bones.

Humbly Submitted by,
Brian Mixter



A Brief History Lesson

The following is the first installment of the article being translated by Mathew Mees. It contains facts from the [Livre d'Ordres d'un Regiment d'Infanterie](#).

In a small garrison town, south of Lodeve, an officer details some of the facts of life to a Cadet.

"I know that you are a clever lad and will not need much hand-holding. Your family estates are certainly large enough and you have been seen to take a keen interest in

the daily management of affairs. You are indeed a good farmer then.

Well a good farmer must be assured that his livestock is healthy and well fed. The clean and well-fed soldier is a healthy animal. And our particular livestock is well fed, look at how the vests bulge here in this garrison, as long as we keep them away from those Barbers. No, I'm not talking about haircuts, but I will come back to that point later.

Their rooms are inspected each Sunday, I have chosen the Deposer(s) myself and am assured of their actions. Those Garrison rooms are clean, the kettles scrubbed, along with the crockery and glassware, each and every week, on Saturday. The Deposer keeps the marmite hot, the bread fresh, the meat and vegetables in their sacks safe in the corner by the hearth.

You might wonder what all the scuffling is about after Reveille. Well, my man is making sure that the sheets and blankets are brushed clean, the stair and passageways swept and the windows opened wide to let that sweet breeze of the Lot R in. The bed linens are changed every three weeks at this time of year. But do not worry about wearing them out with excessive cleaning. The sheets are linen, the blankets and bolster, wool, all of it white and all of a value of at least 35 livres.

The beds they have are very similar to yours, I dare say. A bit larger perhaps. Five foot, nine inches long by four foot wide, built of solid wood with a straw mattress and a bed- stead one trois tall; it is fine piece of domestic architecture

I can assure you that none of our beds sleep more than two soldats at a time. Two is the maximum allowed, not three as you so often find elsewhere, and our sergeants are strict about enforcement. Imagine three grown men, each with their two blankets. I have no idea how they could even move, let alone how hot they must be. This is the Midi, after all, not the Jura!

I will not go into the particulars of uniform at this time. It changes with the moon along with our weaponry. But if you were to inspect the men while they sleep, and I have, I assure you, you would find the man on the right has his stockings and breeches on the right hand side of the bed. The man on the left will have his on the left. Their lockers will be at their feet. And there will be no girl with them. 30d for the first time I catch him and there is no second chance.

If the men are derelict in their duties, they are fined and the coins are kept in a pot on the hearth. That is why I have chosen the Deposer. It is he who is your steward. He must keep the rulebook prominently displayed or face a 4d fine. We have many young men here in the service, some younger than yourself and they require constant attention.

There is a scratching at the door. Upon entering a Caporal informs the officer that the sand for the firing practice has arrived ...

Please look for subsequent sections concerning Medicine, Firing Practice, Punishments, Moral Conditions, &c. each as a continuing narrative.



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*Le PROGRAMME,
the schedule for 2006*

The events listed below are the official schedule for 2006

WORK PARTIES

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 24	All	Work Party (7-9) Bolton, MA
Feb 21	All	Work Party (7-9) Bolton, MA
Mar 11	All	Work Party (12-3) Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)
April 8	All	Work Party (12-3) Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 14	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (12:30-2:00) Stow Town Hall
Feb 11	All	French Drill & Annual Meeting (10:30-2:00) Berlin, MA
Mar 11	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (10:30-12:00) Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)
Apr 8	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (10:30-12:00) Bill Rose's House (Bolton, MA)
May 13	All	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (TBA) TBA

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 5	4 th	Boston Massacre Boston, MA
Mar 19	85eme	Evacuation Day Parade South Boston, MA
Mar 25	4 th	Muster Day Concord, MA
April 8	4 th	Liberty Pole Bedford, MA
April 15	4 th	Battle Road Lexington, MA
April 17	4 th	Patriots Day Ceremonies Concord, MA
May 20	85eme	Wethersfield, CT
May 28	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 29	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
May 29	85eme	Memorial Day Parade Medford, MA
Jun 6	85eme	East Hartford, CT
June 10 & 11	85eme	Artillery School Charlestown, NH
Jun 17 & 18	85eme	Providence, RI W3R
Jun 17 & 18	85eme	Southbury, CT
July 1 & 2	85eme	Ridgefield, CT
July 22 & 23	85eme	Grand Reconnaissance White Plains
Aug 5 & 6	85eme	From Redcoats to Rebels Sturbridge, MA
Sept 4	85eme	Labor Day Parade Marlborough, MA
Sept 4	85eme	Regimental Birthday Party TBD
Sept 9 & 10	4 th	Brandywine Chadds Ford, PA
Sept 23	85eme	Sudbury Muster Sudbury, MA
Sept 30	85eme	Wilmington, DE
Oct 13 -16	85eme	Prelude to Victory Williamsburg, VA
Oct 20 - 22	85eme	225th Victory at Yorktown Yorktown, VA
Nov 18	85eme	Plymouth Time Line Plymouth, MA



Evacuation Day Parade 2006

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