



GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Mars 2006.

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

First off I want to thank you all for the compliment you paid me by choosing me to be your president. I will point out that you were supposed to pick Brian! <wink, wink>

I was very please by the large turn out for our meeting and drill, we saw a few faces that haven't been around for a while as well as the usual faces. Thanks to every one who showed up. I also want to thank all those who accepted (or continued) in leadership positions, Dana, Brian and I look forward to working with all of you.

As any one taking a quick look at the schedule can see, we have a very busy and challenging year. In addition to our normal duties, other units are turning to us for guidance, advice, and assistance. They are seeking to do their own French impressions and need our help. Bill Rose is leading this initiative and I want every one to support him to the extent they feel they can. Patterns are at the moment our greatest need. If you have patterns that can be copied, please share them with Bill.

I want to apologize for the confusion concerning our last work party. The fault lies with the leadership of the regiment who failed to communicate properly and did not have the materials that were needed.

There are two important dates in our near future. The first is our next drill planned for March 11th. Based on the feedback we have received we are going to schedule a work party to follow the drill.

Our other important event is the St. Patrick's Day parade Scheduled for March 19th. I know I don't have to tell all of you that this is our first money raising event of the year and, as such, is very important to us. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Also Battle Road is coming up quickly and, as was mentioned at the meeting, this may be the last year for Battle Road! So let's have a good turn out.

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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

I'd like to thank everyone who showed up at the Annual Election Meeting on February 11. We had a great turn out, it was our largest turn out in years. We had a great drill in the morning, and I would like to see us do more war gaming at our drills in the future. I would also like to thank Frank and Rosemary for setting up our meeting location; I realize it was a lot to ask of you when you were heading to Australia the next day. Lastly I would like to thank the Regiment for your confidence in electing me the Command Officer for what is going to be our busiest year in over 2 decades. We have a great opportunity to show the reenacting world what we are capable of accomplishing, but in order to do that, we have to stay focused.

Speaking of staying focused, we have a lot of work that we need to get accomplished before the season starts. In order to get everyone outfitted with proper equipment, we must focus the next few months on work parties. As I mentioned at the meeting, we have a lot of equipment that needs to be made, and there are a lot of talented people to get the work done; however, there is very little focus. We need ownership of these projects in order to get them done. It's extremely important for someone to pick a project and see it through to completion; even if you are not in any need of equipment for yourself. When I say that we need someone to take ownership, I'm not asking for someone to do all the work, what I mean is; we need someone to schedule a date for the work party, make sure that we have the materials, make sure that we have the equipment we need, and insure that we have the instructions to make whatever we are

making. Below is the list of projects that need to get done. We currently have a few people who have volunteered to head up some projects, but there are still a lot of holes that need to be filled. Cockades (Klaus and Sherry); Hats (Mathew Mess); Flags (Bill Rose); Cartridges (Dana Rock); Gaiters, Pokelems; Waistcoats; Cartridge Box; Coats. If you are interested in taking on any of these projects, please contact me ASAP. If I don't hear from people, I might have to start assigning people to specific projects.

We have two events in the month of March that people should be aware of. The first one is the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 19th. This event takes place in South Boston, and is a 4 mile parade. This is a huge money maker for us, and it is very important that we have a large turn out for it. The other event is a Muster Day on March 25th at the Hartwell Tavern. This is drill/practice day for Battle Road and I encourage all to attend. We will cover some of the basic maneuvers that will be using for Battle Road. At the same time as the Muster, the National Park will be holding their Volunteer in the Park Training, so for those of you who are interested in Volunteering at the Park, or playing as an interpreter, please attend this training session. The VIP training will also be held at the Harwell.

See you all soon.

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



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, *Upcoming Events*

SOUTH BOSTON / EVACUATION DAY PARADE, Sunday, March 19 ~

Arrival: Please plan on arriving at 11 AM at the Gillette Parking lot (if you can't be there before 11:30, you'll probably be fine ... but that's what the letter said).

Directions: The South Boston by-pass Road can be accessed from Exit 18 on the Expressway or the new right-hand exit just before the end of the turnpike.

Take the By-pass Road to the Congress Street exit (this is the last exit before the Ted Williams Tunnel). Take a Left onto Congress Street and your first Left onto A Street and a Right into the rear gate of the Gillette parking lot. Dress: French, white gaiters, plenty of water (it's a 4 mile parade).

REGIMENTAL DRILL & WORK

PARTY, Saturday, March 11 ~ Arrival: Plan on arriving at 10am. **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 start the morning with an outdoor drill. We will then adjourn to Bill's house so we can work on Gaiters – call Bill, Adam or Dana with questions.

MUSTER DAY AT HARTWELL TAVERN, Saturday, March 25. ~ Arrival:

Everyone should plan on arriving between 9:45 and 10:00am so we can start the program promptly at 10:00am. We ask that everyone attend in early war attire. **Directions:** Parking for this year's event will be at Lincoln North.. From I-95/Route 128 - Take the Route 2A exit (Exit 30) towards Concord/ East Lexington. At the end of the ramp take a Right on Route 2A West. Follow Route 2A for 1.3 miles. Take a right onto Hanscom Road. Follow Hanscom Road for .6 miles. Take a left onto Old Bedford Road. Follow Old Bedford Road for .2 miles, Lincoln North office park will be on your left. Once you have parked, follow the path at the back end of the parking lot to Old Virginia Road and onto the Hartwell Tavern. **Details:** Provided the weather cooperates this year, we will be holding a walk through and drill for Battle Road. We are asking for as many reenactors as possible to attend this Muster Day at the Hartwell. During this time the National Park will also be holding their Visitor In Park VIP Training session. The VIP training is intended for those people who wish to volunteer at the park in full gear and carry a musket. Seeing that both events will be happening at the same time, we will be asking people to choose what event they plan on doing that day. The organizers of the Muster Day are planning to conclude the actives early enough so everyone can attend the Black Powder Safety Certification session which is scheduled for the end of the VIP Program.



A little bit of History.

Once again Steven was gracious enough to type up a couple of Articles from the Règlement Arrête Par Le Roi, Pour L'Habillement et L'Equipment de ses Troupes. Du 21 Février Here you will find information about clothing, cartridge boxes, swords and much more. Happy reading

REGULATIONS 1779

Article 13

The Dress Within the Corps

The uniformity with arrangement of objects on the clothing and the equipment of the Soldier will be kept in great cleanliness. The Officers and Under-Officers will remain neat and observe each other with exactitude. They will be responsible for the execution of all Regulations which follow below and they are subject to and will conform to, personally, with the most scrupulous precision.

It is forbidden to wax and use any medicine/drugs to greasy substance. Usage is dirty and unhealthy.

The hair will be pulled into a knot covered by a blackened horn (a black wrapping) as it is already in use with several Regiments. It will have been cut short on the head and on the face and will be arranged in the fashion of a single curl; the curls will be made equally well and descend to 4 lines (1/3") from the bottom of the ear.

The hair will be powdered on days of parade, Sundays, and Holidays.

The hat will be on the right eyebrow, the horn (peak, bow, or cock) of the front will be placed above the left eyebrow which will be uncovered at a height of 1". It will be well beaten (shaped), clean, and always worn with the same shape. There will not be any sort of change to the hat.

The neckstock will be well stretched without it being too tight. It will stay upright as much as

possible and cover the entire collar of the shirt. It will attach with a buckle of brass.

All troops, not only those in service, will maintain their property and uniform. The use of any material that is caustic or corrosive is strictly prohibited.

The first two hooks on the front of the coat will always be hooked. The sleeves will be drawn low enough so that the wristband of the shirt will not be seen.

The waistcoat will be buttoned for all its length and well drawn in at the bottom for it to perfectly cover the hips.

The breeches will be pulled up as much as possible, which will be fastened above the hips with a belt, a buckle in the middle (note: this belt is already integral to our style of britches). The breeches will be equally fastened below the knee by a small buckle. All parts of the uniform shall have good wear and most small stains will be removed and buttons will be perfectly bright.

The gaiter will nicely cover the instep and heel as well as the shoe. It will (the tongue of the gaiters) also cover the shoe buckle entirely. It will button straight and the stirrup will equally measure everywhere and button to the gaiter. (note: this should probably read, "the gaiter will button straight with the buttons placed equally, the stirrup will button to the gaiter")

The arms will be very clean without being polished (i.e. the arms shall be burnished bright with no rust). The musket sling on the fusil will lay flat and tight to the arm with a demi-buckle at the height of the band. The screw and thumb-nut will be kept in good condition. The flint should be well positioned and contained between 2 pieces of lead; it will strike well on the frizzen. The corners of the flint will be infirm (broken or rounded) so that they will not damage the barrel nor wound the Soldier (named Glenn).

All buff straps/belts will be perfectly whitened and the parts of brass will be well polished. The cartridge box will be equally well waxed/polished, the same for the sides of the box. The scabbards for the sabers of the Under-officers, Grenadiers, and Chasseurs will be equally polished.

The heel of the shoes will have a 1” height. No person will wear dancing shoes under arms.

The caps of the police will be made in the form of a pokalem. It will have on the front a plaque of wool, bordered with the color of distinction of the uniform and a fleur-de-lis of the some color in the middle of the same plaque. The peak of the cap will have an extension for covering the ears of the soldier in times of cold and rain and will attach by hooks and eyes under the chin.

It is not regulated by ordonnance that the Soldier powder his hair while on the march but it is not less essential that it be either well combed or perfectly arranged. It should be observed that all details of cleanliness are better for his health in this course. It should be no less in garrison.

Article 14

The Small Equipment Which Each Soldier is Provided:

Each Soldier will have 3 good shirts, 2 pairs of breeches, 2 pairs of shoes, which are new, a pair of gaiters of white toile, a pair in blackened toile, a pair of gaiters of black wool material, 2 pairs of cuffs for gaiters of white toile with black buttons, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs of stockings, 2 neckstocks of dimity, a buckle for the neckstock, a pair of buckles for the shoes, a pair of buckles for the kneestraps, a bag of powder and a knot, a comb for arranging the hair, a comb to take the powder off, a brush for the coat and hat, 2 brushes for the shoes, a small brush for polishing the brass, a paintbrush for whitening the buff leather, a thimble for sewing, thread, needles, a buttonhook, a hairhook (hairpin), a priming wire (pick), a screwdriver, a piece of old cloth for rubbing spots/stains from the coat, and an old linenpiece for cleaning arms.

The shirt, gaiters and cuffs for the gaiters will have marks of the letter affected by each company.

Look for more information about the Uniforms and equipment in future issues of the Gazette Française

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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 ?	All	Work Party (7-9) TBA

*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 (12:30-2:00) Stow Town Hall
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 8 & 9	4 th	Battle of Bound Brook South of Bound Brook, NJ
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



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