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

*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,
Captain's Report*

Well folks, ready or not Yorktown is here! If you need anything else in the way of kit don't wait to say some thing it may already be too late. Thanks to everyone who showed up for the cartridge party we have another coming, please make it if you can.

Sadly the Williamsburg schedule is not as clear as we would like it to be but we can't do any thing to change that. Try to be patient and flexible and we'll make sure folks have a good time. We are planning day trips during the week to Jamestown and to the Williamsburg Winery. If there are other local sights you want to see speak up or better take point on planning another trip.

I really don't have anything to add at this point about Williamsburg and Yorktown other than pray for good weather!

Looking ahead we have the Victory ball planed for November 5th, 2006. Contrary to the rumors that have made the rounds the French are very much welcome at the event.

Finally I want to congratulate Ellie and Carl on the birth of their grandson, Owen. Owen was nice enough to arrive a month early so his grandparents will be able to make it to Yorktown. Owen made an appearance at Sudbury Fair before even making it home for the first time. I think we can get this kid in uniform.

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

It's finally here, the events you have all been waiting for! The pilgrimage down south begins on October 12th. The van leaves Framingham on Thursday morning, so anybody who would like to have gear hauled to Williamsburg and/or Yorktown, must bring their gear over to the Taskovics' house on Wednesday, October 11th. If your gear is not there on that day, it will not be going with us in the van. Also, if you are interested in caravanning down south on Thursday, please give me a call and we will set up a time and location to meet. As it stands right now, Steve, Adam, Jon and I are leaving in the van on Thursday and we will be meeting up with Bob Childs and Carl and Ellie. A big thank you to Carl and Ellie for offering to haul the trailer!

I know I don't need to say this, but I'm going to any way, the first event on the list is Williamsburg. We finally received a schedule from the event coordinators. Details can be found later in this newsletter. The regiment will be handing commissary for the weekend of Williamsburg. This means there will be food on Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon. As I have stated before, Williamsburg is feeding us Saturday evening. The regiment will also be handling Sunday breakfast and Sunday Lunch. All other meals, up until Yorktown are on your own, course that doesn't mean we can't all get together and have dinner somewhere.

The Board of Directors has been coming up with some ideas for side trips throughout the week, and we will discuss the possible trips once we are on site.

And now for the big event! The 225h Siege of Yorktown. Commissary will be handled by the regiment, all meals on Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Lunch will as be provided. The price for these meals has yet to determined. I know there has been a lot of talk going around about the start date, and black powder, restrictions and flash guards, and who's

responsible if something bad happens. I want to let everyone know that those issues have been resolved. The start date is Friday, October 20th. Please do not arrive before then, if you do, you will be turned away. Black powder restrictions, NO ONE should bring their own black powder to this event. The regiment will be providing powder. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Flash guards; this is easy, "make sure the darn thing doesn't move". Do whatever you need to do to make sure it doesn't move. Two point attachments are preferable, but not required. Rest assured you C/O and NCOs will be checking. Liability; this is where it gets tricky. BAR wanted to hold me personally responsible if anyone messed up. The wording in the registration has been removed from the registration form removing liability.

If anyone has any last minute questions or concerns, please call me or send me an email. (978) 759 9350 or stonge85@comcast.net.

Now, on to some regimental business. I have asked Brian Mixter to form a nominating committee for the upcoming elections. I would like to see the committee formed no later than November 12. This will give the committee ample time to form a ballot for the February elections.

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



ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events

PRELUDE TO VICTORY, Williamsburg, VA, October 13th – October 15th ~ Arrival:

Please plan on being on site at Williamsburg at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon. When you arrive you should be in full kit and be ready to go. There will be a 4:00pm March in to the city, and we would like as many people as possible. **Details:** We have finally received information from Williamsburg. Better late than never, I guess. We will be camping next to the court house. The schedule follows. Keep in mind Williamsburg is feeding us Saturday evening. Also, we will not be allowed to bring cars in until 5:30pm on Thursday and Friday. If you arrive before then and wish to setup, you will need to carry in your gear and you MUST be in 18th century

and remember, no one is to be seen carrying anything but 18th-century gear. Please make sure you see Steven or me before setting up canvas.

Schedule of events

Friday, October 13

8:30 a.m Meeting with British officers at Fife & Drum Building. ALL British troops to be at Fife & Drum Building for registration

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. British Occupy the Town Army Officer (A/I) will be present during the occupation. British units will man barricade at Botetourt Street and DOG, where managed access starts.

There will be a CW staff "British Officer" with this force. 4th Co. Brigade of Guards & HM 64th Regt. Of Foote Capt. Jay Callaham commanding

*11:00 a.m. Shields Tavern Rebel Discovered
A rebel is identified by a town Loyalist and harassed out of the tavern and onto the Duke of Gloucester Street
British troops

Noon- Duke of Gloucester British Dragoon Sounds Alarm
A British Dragoon rides into town to warn of the advance of the Continental Army.
Courier is a CW staff member British troops

Noon- 5:00 p.m. Registration
Registration of ALLIED reenactors at Fife and Drum until 5:00 p.m.
5:30-6:30 p.m. Chownings Back Garden

2:30 p.m. Bassett Hall Discussion of Saturday morning behind the scene skirmish.
Meet at F&D at 2:30

March in troops to be at the Fife & Drum Building at 3:45 p.m.

*4:30 pm. Beginning at The Raleigh General Washington's Army Arrives
Advance units of the Continental Army arrive and march to the Courthouse to hear General Washington speak.

5:30 p.m. Vehicles allowed into the Historic Area for setup of camps on Palace Green and Market Square.

ABSOLUTELY NO VEHICLES TO ENTER THE HISTORIC AREA BEFORE 5:30 P.M.
Consider the barriers that extend into the roads as the dividing line between the Historic Area and the outside.

Saturday, October 14

8:00 a.m. All vehicles out of the Historic Area
Remove all the personal gear that you can before
8:00 a.m. NO ONE is to be seen carrying anything
but 18th-century gear after this time

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Registration opens
Back of Chownings Tavern

8:30 a.m. Courthouse Officers Meeting
Meeting of camp staff, unit officers, head distaff with
event planners

8:30 a.m. Camp Opens with women and/or
soldiers preparing meals, rolling bandages, sewing ,
chopping wood, carrying water, etc. There should be
guards on the camps.

9:00 a.m. Reveille. This is not a assembly
formation. ALL units to hold roll call in the company
street or on the color line. Camps to be manned and
interpreted. Infantry begins patrols. Artillery Park
manned and interpreted. Safety inspections of small
arms begins

9:15 a.m. ALL Troops form up in front of
Courthouse for Washington arrival.

*9:30-9:50 a.m. Courthouse steps. General Orders
Read Entire army forms on street in front of Courthouse
to receive Generals Washington and Rochambeau
Reenactor music plays Chester as carriage travels down
DOG street Washington and Rochambeau arrive-
carriage and dragoons depart Washington addresses
troops Troops fire 21-gun salute Generals retire inside
the Courthouse. Guards are posted. 7th VA. Regt. To
fire 21 gun salute Bryant White is Drum Major

*10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Courthouse (Every 20 min.)
Preparing for a Siege Washington and Rochambeau
discuss contingencies for Yorktown.
During this time Guard remains at the Courthouse.
Guards changes periodically

10:15 a.m. "Loyalist troops" slip out of town & join
British Regulars

*10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Magazine Yard
Quartermaster's Woes

10:45 a.m. Army on Patrol A detachment of
continental soldiers patrol Duke of Gloucester (marching
towards the Capitol and Bassett Hall) This is ALL troops
except the aforementioned units acting as Loyalist

Militia. If your unit has men who for whatever reason
cannot join the skirmish, leave them guarding the
Courthouse (First priority) and the camps (second
priority). Capt. Randy Blevins commanding

11:15 a.m. Bassett Hall Skirmish
American detachment encounters a British patrol.

*11:30- 1:00 p.m. Robert Carter Yard
Domestic Skills Demonstration
Meet women from the Continental Army and ask them
about common household skills they practice as they
follow the army; carding wool, dyeing fabric and thread,
weaving, using the spinning wheel and tape loom. Also
try your luck playing 18th century games with a
Continental soldier. 6th NC Regt. Program

11:40 a.m. Washington and Rochambeau depart
from Courthouse by carriage escorted by dragoons on
horseback. All return to Stable 3rd SC Dragoons to
report to Courthouse by 11:30.

*12:00pm DOG street Capitol-Market Square
Detachment returns Continental detachment
returns to camp with prisoners and wounded.

*12:45 p.m. Market Square 20 minutes
Artillery Demonstration
Artillery crews practice firing ordinance

CW Artillery
Proctor's Artillery
Coren's Artillery
Kingsbury's NC Artillery

*12:30 p.m. Capitol Circle 20 minutes
Military Music Demonstration (Beatings and Signals) A
demonstration of music used by the army Bryant
White Drum Major

*1:00 p.m. Capitol to Palace Green Fifes and
Drums March

Reenactor music can participate, mention at 8:30
Officer's Call

*1:00-2:00 p.m. Assemble Musket Cartridges
Come help followers of the Army prepare musket
ammunition by rolling paper cartridges and filling them
with gunpowder and lead shot at Powder Magazine. CW
to provide supplies. PA State Regt.

*2:00 p.m. Market Square 20 minutes Firing
Demonstration A demonstration of the Manual of Arms,
and the use of the musket in combat by entire infantry
battalion.

Units in place by 1:50 p.m. Capt. Randy Blevins commanding

*3:30 p.m. Market Square 20 minutes Use of Horse in Combat! The Dragoons demonstrate cavalry tactics and horsemanship under Fire Units on site behind the Courthouse by 3:20 p.m. 3rd SC Dragoons

Daniel Murphy to be at Courthouse by 3:15 to be miked.

4:00 p.m. All Guards Stand Down

4:50 p.m. Units move down Nicolson Street to Gaol in preparation of the 5:00 p.m. program

*5:00 p.m. Capitol to Market Square March and Review Entire battalion arrives on Market Square to display its proficiency before Gen. Washington and the public with a firing demonstration. Officers address the battalion concerning the upcoming siege and then retire into the courthouse

Larger group of F&D for march from Capitol to Market Square

5:30 p.m. Reenactor programming ends for the day

6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner at Fifes and Drums Building
All registered reenactors are invited
(You must present your Freedom of the City Pass)

Sunday, October 15

8:30 a.m. Courthouse Officers Meeting-
Meeting of all camp staff, unit officers, head distaff and event planners.

It is very important for the safety and organizational reason to have your unit's commander (preferably) and/or deputy commander from each unit at this meeting

8:30 a.m. Camps to be manned and interpreted
Dragoons and infantry begin street patrols
Artillery Park manned and interpreted

9:00 a.m. Beat the General Roll Call
All units to hold roll call in the company streets

9:20 p.m. Troops assemble behind Courthouse and setup drum alter for church service. Units in place by 9:20 a.m.

*9:30 a.m. Behind the Courthouse
15 minutes Drum Head Church Service

Troops assemble for church service, articles of war are read.

ALL troops except those standing sentry duty must attend.

*10:00- 11:00 a.m. Courthouse Every 20 minutes (11:20 for overflow) Preparing for a Siege
Washington and Rochambeau discuss contingencies for Yorktown.

During this time Guard remains at the Courthouse. Guards changes periodically

11:15 p.m. General Washington sends written orders, via dragoon, to begin striking camp in preparation for the final march to Yorktown. 3rd SC Dragoons to Capt. Herb Puckett

11:30 a.m. All staff/reenactors participating in The Loyalist Travail programming at 12:30 p.m., meet in the yard behind the Mary Stith House for walk through of program.

Please note, only the reenactors scheduled for this program are to participate. 7th VA Regt.

11:25 p.m. Generals Washington and Rochambeau depart by carriage from the Courthouse.

All will return to Stables - lite lunch off site) 3rd SC Dragoons

12:15 p.m. Mary Stith Shop Loyalist Travail
A Loyalist doctor and his family are harassed by citizenry as they try to slip out of town. 7th VA Regt.

*12:45 p.m. Market Square Behind the Courthouse Use of the Horse in Combat! The Dragoons demonstrate cavalry tactics and horsemanship under fire.

Unit to be in place behind the Courthouse by 12:45 p.m.
3rd SC Dragoons

* 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Magazine Military Music (Beatings & Signals) A demonstration of music used by the army/Bryant White Drum Major

* 1:30 p.m. Market Square Behind the Courthouse Use of the Rifle on the Battlefield Rifle tactics demonstration

Rifle Company to be in place behind Courthouse by 1:20 p.m. 7th VA Regt. If other units have riflemen who wish to participate, contact Ron Phelps.

* 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wythe House Under House Arrest! Two British officer prisoners of war discuss their treatment and possible fates. CW program

* 3:00 p.m. Market Square Artillery Demonstration

Guns & Crews to be in place behind Courthouse by 2:50 p.m. CW Artillery
Proctor's Artillery
Coren's Artillery
Kingsbury's NC Artillery

3:30 p.m. All guards stand down.

4:30 p.m. Entire Infantry Battalion forms on Spotswood St. Move to Market Square about 4:45 p.m.
Capt. Herb Puckett commanding

4:30 p.m. Raleigh Tavern On to Yorktown and Victory! September 28, 1781. Join the other townspeople as they speak with Gen. Washington about their concerns on the upcoming battle. Then join in the march to the Courthouse where the General will review his army. CW Programming

* 5:00 p.m. Market Square behind the Courthouse
Army Prepares to March Infantry exercise & firing demonstration on Market Square Washington Addresses Troops (approx. 5:20 p.m. from the Courthouse Steps) General Edward Hand to read Washington's marching orders, issued the day before which should include the following: "The army to move in light marching order, ready for action at a moment's notice. If the enemy should be tempted to meet the army on its march, the General particularly enjoins the troops to place their principle reliance on the bayonet, that they may prove the vanity of the boast which the British make of their particular prowess in deciding battles with that weapon. He trusts a generous emulation will actuate the allied armies; that the French, whose national weapon is that of close fight, and the troops in general, that have so often used it with success, will distinguish themselves on every occasion that offers. The justice of the cause in which we are engage, and the honor of the two nations, must inspire every breast with sentiments that are the presage of victory."

5:30 p.m. Army Marches Out led by Washington and Rochambeau in carriage and Lafayette on horseback followed by Dragoons.

The army has departed.

Troops to march down Duke of Gloucester Street, around Capitol, rest a few minutes and return to camp, or

go get vehicles. DO NOT MARCH OR WALK IN UNITS OR LARGE GROUPS BACK TO CAMP!

5:45 p.m. Vehicles allowed in Historic Area for loading of remainder of camp equipment.

SIEGE OF YORKTOWN, Yorktown VA

October 20th – October 23rd ~ **Arrival:** Please plan on arriving at Yorktown no earlier than 7:00am on Friday morning. If you arrive on Thursday you will be turned away. If you are planning on coming down on Thursday and camping on site, head over to Williamsburg and camp there for the evening, and we can all head over to Yorktown on Friday. **Details:** The 225th Anniversary of the Siege of Yorktown will take place at two different venues: the Colonial National Historical Park (NPS) and nearby Endview Plantation. Interpretive reenactments of the Battle of the Hook (Friday afternoon), the Defense of the Fusiliers' Redoubt (Saturday morning) and the Storming of Redoubts 9 & 10 (Saturday afternoon) will take place at Endview Plantation. Recreations of Redoubts 9 & 10 are scheduled to be constructed at Endview during September of 2006.

The scenarios for these reenactments are being planned so that all units will be able to participate in at least two of these engagements at Endview. Unit assignments for the tacticals are being developed and can be obtained through the chain of command of the Allied and Crown Armies

Field demonstrations will be conducted at CNHP on Saturday morning and afternoon by those not involved in a particular engagement at Endview. On Saturday evening at dusk a reenactment of Abercrombie's Sortie to spike the Allied guns will take place on the actual ground of the original action. Following this will be a massive fusillade from the Crown and Allied works.

On Sunday morning following divine services to be held at the Victory Monument another fusillade will take place at the works, followed by a reenactment of the British request for parlay.

Bus transportation is being arranged to ferry troops back & forth between Endview & CNHP. (Approx. 4 1/2 miles)

On Sunday afternoon both armies will march to Surrender Field for a reenactment of the British capitulation.

All troops will be encamped at CNHP with the Crown forces located in and around the village of Yorktown and the Allied troops south east of Redoubts 9 & 10. Crown parking will be in and around the village of Yorktown. Allied parking will be in fields within walking distance of their camp. Water, firewood, straw, necessaries and hand wash stations have been arranged for each camp.

Registration will be located at Endview Plantation and will open at 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 19. However, because of the traditional Yorktown Day celebration activities in and about the village and because of security considerations for possible visiting dignitaries, access to the 18th c. camp areas will not be available until Friday morning.

However, early arrivals (starting Tuesday 10/17) can encamp temporarily at Endview Plantation. This might be especially desirable for those interested in helping complete the recreations Redoubts 9 & 10. (Water, straw & necessaries will be available at Endview.)

Because of NPS regulations all ammunition used for the event will need to be consolidated. Each unit will need to prepare the cartridges needed for its men. Specific instructions for cartridge preparation, packaging and number required are posted on the website under Black Powder Guidelines.

Under no circumstances is any individual to bring his own cartridges onto NPS property!

CNHP will be providing powder for the artillery and assist in preparing the rounds used for demonstration at CNHP. However, rounds used at Endview should be pre-made in the normal fashion. Please contact the Army artillery commanders for details regarding packaging and numbers.

Because of NPS Regulations all firelocks brought on to NPS property will need to be inspected and logged by NPS personnel. To speed up this process, unit commanders should print & fill out the Inspection Log Sheet and bring it with them to the event. N.B. At the end of the event these log sheets will destroyed.

Individuals planning to bring horses to into the Commonwealth of Virginia are strongly advised to have a current Certificate of Health. Also BAR regulations require a current negative Coggin's report.

For more information about the event, please contact info@siegeofyorktown.org

Safety Guidelines

The safety standards of the Brigade of the American Revolution will be in effect for the 225th Anniversary of the Siege of Yorktown event except where superseded by the National Park Service standards while on NPS premises (See below). In all other cases BAR safety standards are in effect. Any unit commander unfamiliar with these standards should contact BAR Inspector General, [Paul Ackermann](#).

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HISTORIC WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION POLICY

Historic Weapons Demonstrations: All uses of historic weapons in parks will strictly comply with the approved Director's Orders on Historic Weapons Demonstrations

Safety Standards, and they will follow the approved NPS manuals for the particular weapons being used.

Reenactments: Battle reenactments and demonstrations of battle tactics that involve exchange of fire between opposing lines, the taking of casualties, hand-to-hand combat, or any other form of simulated warfare will be prohibited in all parks. Battle reenactments generate an atmosphere inconsistent with the memorial qualities of battlefields and other military sites placed in NPS trust. CNHP HISTORIC WEAPONS POLICY

November 8, 1993

Revised May 23, 2002

The following is a summary of the policies to be used by all reenactment groups using black powder, muskets, artillery and edged weapons in Colonial National Historical Park. These regulations have been drawn from National Park Service Director's Orders #6 governing historic weapons demonstrations and are requisites for a safe demonstration. Failure to adhere to these regulations will end the demonstration until they are met. In addition to these regulations, National Park Service standards governing historic weapons demonstrations including misfire procedures will also be followed. A copy of the Director's Orders #6 is attached to these regulations. Additional specifications can be set by the Park's Historic Weapons Safety Officer to met specific event needs.

1. All black powder and historic weapons brought into the park will be brought in only with the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer's approval and are subject to inspection by the officer.
2. Storage of black powder in the park, before, during and after demonstrations, will be determined by the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer.
3. Only reproduction small-arms weapons for which the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer is certified may be used in demonstrations. Original artillery may be used if it passes safety inspection.
4. All black powder will be kept from contact with the visitors.
5. Only the amount of powder needed for a particular small arms demonstration will be carried during the demonstration, and all powder must be rolled into acceptable paper cartridges (no tape or staples).
6. Open powder is prohibited. No powder will be carried in powder horns or flasks, except for rifle demonstrations or for 17th century demonstrations and then only enough powder that is needed for that demonstration will be carried.

7. No weapon will be fired unless in the presence of and under the direct supervision of the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer.
8. All firing will take place only at the time and area designated by the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer.
9. Prior to firing demonstrations, each participant or unit's weapons and drills including misfire procedures will be inspected for safety and accuracy. Only participants 18 years of age or over and proficient in their skills will be allowed to participate.
10. Weapons will be inspected each morning of an event, as well as other times determined by the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer.
11. Weapons will be discharged only in the direction approved by the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer. Weapons must always be pointed down range and never be aimed, snapped or fired in the direction of visitors, participants or staff.
12. Safety messages which include a warning of loud noise which may upset children, pets and visitors with hearing aids will be given to visitors before firing.
13. Upon completion of the demonstration, the range will be policed for live and spent cartridges and paper.
14. All muskets will be cleared after each demonstration in the demonstration area under the direction of the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer. This will be done by springing one's ramrod or scouring stick.
15. No live firing is authorized in the park. Only powder will be placed down a muzzle.
16. Weapons or black powder, in any form, will not be allowed in the visitor center during operating hours. Under certain circumstances, the Park Historic Weapons Safety Officer can give permission for after hour storage of these items in the visitor center.
17. Weapons will be kept under the control of their owner at all times. Park visitors cannot handle weapons.
18. Battle reenactment or demonstrations of battle tactics that involve the firing at opposing lines, the taking of casualties, hand-to-hand combat or any other form of simulated warfare is prohibited on National Park Service property. These types of programs are not compatible with the preservation and interpretation of hallowed battleground.

9:00 Wreath laying ceremony at the French Memorial in memory of French war veterans.
Traditional ceremonies at Colonial NHP. Registration at Endview Plantation open between 12:00PM and 12midnight; however, entrance to camp areas CNHP may be restricted until Friday morning

Friday October 20 - School Day

7:00AM to 12:00Midnight Registration open at Endview Plantation
9:00AM Optional "March In" from Endview Plantation to Colonial NHP
4:00PM "Battle of the Hook" — Endview Plantation
6:00PM Artillery Through the Ages — Colonial NHP

Saturday October 21

10:30AM French Attack on Fuziler's Redoubt — Endview Plantation
11:00AM Infantry and Cavalry Demonstration — Colonial NHP
12:00PM Artillery Through the Ages — Colonial NHP
1:00PM Massed Fife and Drum Performance — Colonial NHP
1:30PM Attacks on Redoubts 9 and 10 — Endview Plantation
2:30PM Infantry and Cavalry Demonstration — Colonial NHP
3:30PM Artillery Through the Ages — Colonial NHP
4:00PM Massed Artillery Demonstration — Colonial NHP
5:15PM Massed Fife and Drum Performance — Colonial NHP
6:00PM Interpretive Reenactment of Abercrombie's Foray to spike the Allied Guns followed by a mass firing from the lines at dusk — Colonial NHP

Sunday October 22

9:00AM Church Service at Victory Monument
10:30AM Cannonade and Mass Musket Firings, "The Parley" — Colonial NHP
12:00Noon March to Surrender Field
1:30PM Surrender Ceremony
3:00PM Troops Return to Camp



*ÉVÉNEMENTS ROYALS,
Past Event*

Schedule of Events

Thursday October 19

The day was warm and sunny and there was a breeze blowing across the point at Hull. We arrived around 9:00 AM to be greeted by our fellow Frenchmen in the Bourbonnias regiment. The regiments eyed each other

as two warriors might, sizing up the competition and feigned indifference, each thinking that the other couldn't teach them anything new. After we had set up the St Onge fly and mulled over our strategy, we decided to form up to start a drill. However, we had one member who showed up for drill with the temerity to be out of uniform. He explained that unfortunately, he was unable to be in uniform since he had no coat. As it was his birthday, we were pleased to witness Teddy Humphries receive his new regimental, while John still wondered what happened to his epaulets. After congratulating Teddy, we decided to gather up the Bourbonnais at bayonet point and begin a mutual drill. We carefully positioned ourselves among the others and began to help them brush up on their skills and improve upon any odd habits that may have fallen into their repertoire of movements. After a small amount of reluctance, we managed to impress upon them the need for uniformity and were able to guide them to a new level of awareness about the rustiness of their own drill. Thanks to Sgt Fisher, they were quick to abandon any pretense of stubbornness. He handled the drills with tact, grace and humor and diffused any hint of smoldering uncooperation.

As Steven had awakened with an illness that day, Bill Rose found himself at Hull, in an officer's uniform, and pressed into duty for the dedication ceremony. We marched our co-mingled units to the monument where Bill gave a short and concise history of how the fallen Frenchmen had come to be there and also why we were there to commemorate their sacrifice so far away from their country, friends and family. The French ambassador also spoke and expressed his gratitude for the dedication and was gracious in his remarks about the Franco-American relationship of today. We then fired three volleys and marched our selves back to the quasi-camp to await the afternoon's repast, supplied by the Hull Historical Society. We were joined by a ranger who offered to give us a guided tour of the Water Tower and several of us were treated to a marvelous view of Boston Harbor with each island identified accompanied by a short history. (All taphophiles – Slate Island does still exist) While we were still in the tower, we spotted the arrival of box lunches for everyone – sandwiches, macaroni salad, cookies, juices and soda, and of course, much needed water. The food was just what we needed to gird ourselves for the afternoon drills.

Sgt. Fisher split us into two groups and had us critiquing ourselves with a good sense of fun and some humor. We all were able to sharpen our drills. The ladies, Sue, Colleen, Liz, Beth, Madeleine and Eleanor had a good time watching us and working on yet more of their never ending projects while resting in the shade of the fruit trees. After a birthday cake, with candles, and

harmonized song, we packed for home around 4 PM and wound our way around the park, down from the hill, looking forward to the next event.



A Brief History Lesson (continued from the June Gazette)

And so, off to our dinner! You know, the health of our troops is very important to His Majesty and we all know that good health arrives through the stomach.

Your Captain cannot expend enough energy towards this aim. He must make the wise choice of Cook for each mess and monitor the menu and its preparation.

The Corporal, who must have the trust of his 11 messmates, manages the day-to-day conduct of each dining group. Each week he reviews the purchase log before passing it up to the Captain and sees to it that the Cook never shops alone. Each purchase must reflect the best value for the money. You see our rations are paid for in 10-day weeks and 30 day months and we are responsible for the extra 5 days in the year.

Pay is also dispersed every 10 days and the 12 pay their share of the food at that time. An Officer's table is different from that of the Soldats, of course, but not in terms of quality of materials or preparation.

At home, your steward manages these affairs, but in the Army, you must be acquainted with these workings because, as an Officer, you will be closely involved. For example, the Cook must never serve the same soupe in the morning as well as the evening. The Corporal's ledgers must be reviewed along with the quality of the kitchen and food preparation. The kitchen must be neat and wholesome.

Typically, the Cook purchases 3 pounds of meat for 5 Sols/lb; 5 pounds of white bread for meals and soupe for 2 Sols 2 Liards/lb or 12 Sols 2 Liards. For vegetables he pays 6 Sols and 1 Sol 3 Liards for salt.

Along with the necessities of food, we have the needs of hygiene, so 2 Sols 1 Liard go to laundry and 1 Sol 1 Liard for shaving. This adds up to 1L 18 Sols 3 Liards to be paid every 10 days or 3 Sols 1 Liard per week per member of the mess.

Now in this country, your soldat receives 5 Sols 3 Liards per day for his services. You no doubt know that in America we are paid 9 Sols 3 Liards daily- but then the Yanqui are nearly savages and lack everything.

Let us do the calculations. 5 Sols 3 Liards daily makes 2 L 17 Sols 2 Liards a week, 8 L 12 Sols 2 Liards a month, and if you want to think you are rich, over 4 Louis d'Or annually or 103 L 10 Sols. The necessities of food and hygiene take 5 L 17 Sols a year, leaving 97 L 13 Sols. The soldat must use the balance on stoppages for uniforms and equipment, personal expenses, the purchase of candles, rents for mess kits, pitchers and other crockery, pans, kettles braziers and the like.

Sometimes, however, all the good food in the world will not prevent illness. After being reviewed by his Officers, a sick trooper, with the consent of his barracks-mates, is returned to his rooms. He rests there, exempt from drill and duties until his health returns.

Even so, every regiment enjoys good health on the 1st and 16th of the month when tobacco is purchased for only 12 Sols a pound. (To be continued ...)

This month's installment contains is concerned with money and its relative values.

The French currency was based on the Roman system of a pound of specie divided into 20 one-ounce parts, and the ounce further divided into 12 pennies. England and its western colonies as well as the French used this system of money.

The French had some distinctive variants to the English LSD & Farthing. Below is a handy chart listing the coins available to our Frenchmen and their value.

The denominations started with the Liard worth 3 deniers (pennies). 4 Liards made 1 Sol (or "douzain"). 20 Sols made 1 Livre Tournois, the standard value. 25 Sols made 1 Livre Parisis. With the exception of one minted in the East Indies early in the 18th Century, there was no 1 Livre coin produced.

The next major steps in value were the Ecu that equaled 6 Livres Tournois and the Louis d'Or that was made of 4 Ecu.

Test Question

Corporal Donatien has found a 50 pound barrel of salt for sale by a Massachusetts sutler. The Yanqui is selling it for 4 Shillings, English.

Donatien's chaplain, Abbe Robin, has calculated the Shilling to be worth 22 Sols, 2 Liards

Our Corporal has eight coins: 1/16 Ecu, 1/12 Ecu, 1/2 Ecu and 5 Liards.

What must he give the sutler for the salt?

Answer

90 Sols or

2) 1/16 Ecu, 1/8 Ecu & 1/2 Ecu

Coin	Value
Liard	3 Deniers
1/2 Sol	6d
1 Sol	12d
2 Sol	24d
1/16 Ecu	7.5 Sols
1/12 Ecu	10 Sols
1/10 Ecu	12 Sols
1/8 Ecu	15 Sols
1/5 Ecu	24 Sols
1/3 Ecu	40 Sols
1/2 Ecu	60 Sols
1 Ecu	6 Livres
Louis d'Or	4 Ecu
2 Louis d'Or	8 Ecu

Please look for subsequent sections as a continuing narrative.

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I'd like to thank Ellie and Matthew for their contributions to the Newsletter. Please continue to send articles and pictures. All articles and pictures should be sent to stonge85@comcast.net



Le PROGRAMME, the schedule for 2006

Remaining events for the year.

Oct 13 -16	85eme	Prelude to Victory <i>Williamsburg, VA</i>
Oct 20 - 22	85eme	225th Victory at Yorktown <i>Yorktown, VA</i>
Nov 18	85eme	Plymouth Time Line <i>Plymouth, MA</i>



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