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## GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Avril 2008

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

The Shores of Hutchinson Pond  
April 1, 2008

Bonjour mes amis,

With the Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston behind us, the season has begun. Although it was cool, there was no rain or snow and the wind was minimal. With last year as a benchmark, it was nearly balmy for a parade. I would like to thank all of those who made the extra effort to participate. We were met at the end of the parade with sandwiches and hot chocolate and rides back to the Gillette parking lot. I was rather pleased with our performance.

We have the upcoming commemoration ceremonies of Patriots Day this month. Having the 19<sup>th</sup> fall on a Saturday means that there are many activities that overlap. Dave Harris has generously volunteered his home the evening of April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the first rolling party of the season. I hope that we all will find the time to help out with this crucial activity. The powder has been ordered and will be arriving shortly.

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation of the uniqueness of all the members of our regiment. Learning to accept each other, complete with faults and warts, isn't always easy for any individual. In an organization such as ours it is imperative to use our collective talents to build up our regiment for the best results. I've noticed how often we are willing to overlook annoyances to get the best from each other. Someday, I hope that I can repay the favor of having an entire regiment overlook my sometimes all-too-obvious failings.

While we turned down seventeen events at our annual meeting, it still seems that there are plenty of activities for us to look forward to this season. We will need to

work on our drills in anticipation of some competitions that are planned for this year. Matthew Mees has been teaching us French slowly but surely and we may just possibly get tested randomly when we are together.

Once again, I'm asking for everyone to participate in as many activities as possible. And, please, if an e-mail reaches you asking for information, do the sender and the regiment the courtesy of replying. Don't be too quick with the delete button!

Vive le Roi,  
Ellie Hutchinson  
President, 85eme Regiment de Saintonge



*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE,  
Captain's Report*

Fourteen days and counting to the biggest Patriots Day event in yeats. For some of us, the day starts at 3:00am at Wayland Center for the Sudbury Companies of Minute and Militia's march to the North Bridge in Concord. From there we head off to the Hartwell Tavern. If you are among the crazy; errrrr.... brave soles who are joining us on the Sudbury march, there will be a van to take us from the North Bridge to Hartwell Tavern. I have asked Steven to take command of the Militia Troops at Hartwell Tavern. As for Tower Park, Alex Cain has overall command and Steven will be commanding our Company. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the bussing that will be provided to us for the Tower Park event as there is limited parking available near the site.

Thank you everyone who has helped us prepare for this month. Many members of this regiment have spent a lot

of time preparing for this day by attending meetings, rolling parties and the Hartwell Muster Day.

I would also like to remind everyone about Sudbury's Regimental Ball on April 25th. Join our friends at the Wayside Inn for night of Dance, Socializing and Merry Making. Details for this event can be found later in this newsletter.

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



Hi everyone! I just want to give you a brief run-down of what is happening this Patriot's Day. This year will be very special since Battle Road will be on the actual day. There is a lot going on, so I will get to it.

On behalf of Dana and myself, I first want to thank you all for coming out to the Muster Day at the Park. For the organizers (Dana, Bill Rose, and I are part of this group), it gives us the opportunity to work through the scenarios and work through the changes that the Park gives us to improve the event. This year is no exception - the 2nd Division will come across our backside (1st Division), cross the road, and run in front of the crowd (which is now 20 feet back from the stone wall), and finally entering the West Field. The West Field for the last 2 years has not really been "interesting" since the 2nd Division gets held up in the woods. The Park is now working to clear the lower fields to make passage through the woods and walls easier. Other than this small change, the Hartwell Tavern scenario is still the same.

A new change this year is the addition of the Tower Park skirmish. The last time we did this was in 2000. I got Alex Cain's scenario for Tower Park, which is really cool! We harass the Crown Forces almost the entire way and are at the end of the Line to repel flankers. We basically run the entire length of the field until the cannons open up.

We will burn a lot of powder that weekend.

For logistics, it is similar to past years. Parking will be behind the Noah Brooks Tavern as in prior years. For those attending the North Bridge Scenario, we need to be at the Lincoln North parking lot at 7:30 AM to get on the buses. For those who are starting at the Harwell Tavern,

we need to be there at 10:00 AM. We will be in the First Division – as usual. After the Hartwell Tavern scenario, we'll board buses at 2:15 PM to go to Lexington. The Tower Park scenario will start at 4:00 PM and will end at 4:45 PM. We'll be bused back at 5:00 PM – this will be a good, but long day.

We also have some interesting things going on for West Boylston. We are getting some significant responses from our brethren in the Northern Department and our Loyal Opposition from the Boston Garrison. The site is turning out better than expected – I am still working through the tight quarters in the Center of West Boylston for the encampment. It is only a small setback when compared to all the good things. The town is really charged for this event; they have raised the money, got the community engaged, and never balked at any of our requests. One of the major changes we are working on is to add the Strawberry Banke Cup competition on Sunday. So, all Sergeants are on notice to start drilling your sections and polishing up on tactics...game on!!

See you on the field!

Steven Taskovics



*Battle Road*  
*Saturday, April 19th, 2008*

Hartwell Tavern historical area, Minute Man National Park, Route 2A, Lincoln

**Arrival:** Please plan on arriving no later than 7:00 am for those participating at North Bridge – 10:00 am for those starting at Hartwell Tavern. We are picking up buses at 7:30 am for the North Bridge event at Lincoln North Parking Area.

**Details:** This is a full day event with three major events planned - a great way to start the Patriots Weekend off. The uniform for this event is 4th Middlesex. The unit will be providing the powder. Each member is responsible for their own meal. So for those in line, a trail lunch might be suggested. Meat, cheese, bread, and dried fruit are always acceptable choices. Please make certain that you have a full canteen or bring plenty of water.

**Directions:** 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 past the Hartwell Tavern, Parking will be on

## ***BATTLE ROAD, Saturday, April 19***

the left at, 33 North Great Road Lincoln. This is the lot we used last year behind the Noah Brooks house. As we did last year we will run two vans continuously between Noah and Hartwell Lot through the day. The shuttle will start running at 7:00 am and will stop running at about 6pm.

### **Event Summary**

The Battle Road Event is shaping up quite nicely. We have planned a full day of activities this year (see full schedule on p.6). The day will start off with a Tactical Demonstration at the Old North Bridge, generally referred to as Concord Commemorative Celebration (CCC). Following the CCC we move on to the Hartwell Tavern where we will conduct a second tactical demonstration during the early afternoon. From there, we move on to Tower Park where we will have a good old shoot 'em up. It has been several years since we've been at this site, so we are excited to be able to use it this year.

The CCC will be sponsored by the Concord Minutemen, lead by Mark Daly. Steven Taskovics will be assisting Mark at this event as we try out a brand new scenario. Due to the limited space at the bridge, this will be a small engagement where we will have approximately 30 to 40 men on each side.

Shortly after the CCC the event we will move on to the Hartwell Tavern. The tactical demonstration at the tavern will be similar to what we have done in the past. We plan on having approximately 150 troops on the Provincials side, which will be commanded by Dana Rock.

At around 2:00pm, troops will be loaded up on buses and brought to Tower Park in Lexington. He we are planning on the same number of troops under the command of Alex Cain.

These events are being put together in order to change things up a little bit and get people excited about the event again. This year will also be a trial run for a potentially larger event next year in Celebration of Minute Man National Historical Park's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This year's event has limited space, so we will be taking registration of a first come first serve basis. Please contact either Alex Cain or Dana Rock for registration information.

### **Command Staff**

Command	CCC	Hartwell	Tower Park
Over All Command	Mark Daly	Steven Taskovics	Alex Cain
Second in Command	Steven Taskovics	TBD	Bill Rose
1 <sup>st</sup> Co. Commander	TBD	Eric Workmen	Ron Barry
2 <sup>nd</sup> Co. Commander	TBD	Bill Rose	Henry Rutkowski
3 <sup>rd</sup> Co. Commander	TBD	Alex Cain	Bill Delay
4 <sup>th</sup> Co. Commander	TBD	Dwight Dixion	Steven Taskovics

### **Important Dates**

March 22	Muster Day (Each unit must be represented in order to participate on April 19 <sup>th</sup> ) Walkthrough with Command Staff Drilling and Dry Run of Scenario
March 30	Rain Date for Muster Day

### **Camping**

Units participating in Battle Road will be welcome to camp at the Hartwell Tavern and Smith House areas on Friday and Saturday nights. Camp setup will be allowed from 4:00pm April 18<sup>th</sup> to 9:00am April 19<sup>th</sup>. Cars will not be allowed in camp from 9:00am April 19<sup>th</sup> to 2:30pm April 19<sup>th</sup>. All campers must be off the site at noon on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Weapons**

Only reproduction firearms may be used at this event. The use of original firearms is prohibited. Reproduction small arms that will be allowed for this event are:

Early to mid-18th century flintlock muskets, fusils, or fowling pieces:

- British Long Land Pattern
- British Short Land Pattern
- French Charleville

Reproduction small arms that will **not be allowed** for this event are:

- Pistols
- Blunderbusses
- Rifles
- Percussion-cap weapons
- “Belgian Bombs”

### **Parking**

Reenactor parking will be in the Lincoln North Parking Lot at 55 Old Bedford Rd. Lincoln MA

### **Clothing**

Battle Road clothing regulations will be in effect.

### **Additional Information**

The above topics and many more will be available in the Battle Road Regulations packet provided by NHP.



### *After Action Report: Muster at the Minuteman National Historical Park*

This year’s prep for Battle Road was a little bit different than last year’s. There was no rehearsal of the North Bridge battle. We did, however, have a very informative briefing from Park Ranger Jim Hollister to start the day and earn us our “star” card. We also had a very interesting demo of what happens when you fire a musket at a soda can. Nobody who saw that will ever step in front of a pointed musket.

We ran through the battle scenario (ok, only a few of us marched slightly faster). No firing this year, but everyone shook the cobwebs out of their clothes, their muskets, and the colonial sides of their brains.

A good time was had by all.

Frances Wentworth

*The Sudbury Companies of Militia and  
Minute  
cordially invites you and your guests to our  
Regimental Ball  
at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury,  
Massachusetts  
Friday, April 25 at 8:00 pm*



*Music and contra dance calling by Yankee  
Ingenuity*

*Join us as we honor Colonel Keith Downer  
for all of his service to the Sudbury  
Companies especially his term as Colonel  
from 2006-2007*

*\$36 per couple/ \$18.00 per person at the  
door*

*\$32.00 per couple/ \$16.00 per person if you  
prepay before*

*April 22, 2008 by sending a check to:  
Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute  
P.O. Box 187*

*Sudbury, MA 01776*

*Reservations for dinner at the Inn may be made  
separately by calling (978) 443-1776*

*If you have any questions, please contact Col.*

*Mark Lamkin at*

*(508) 788-9912 or*

*colonel@sudburyminutemen.org*



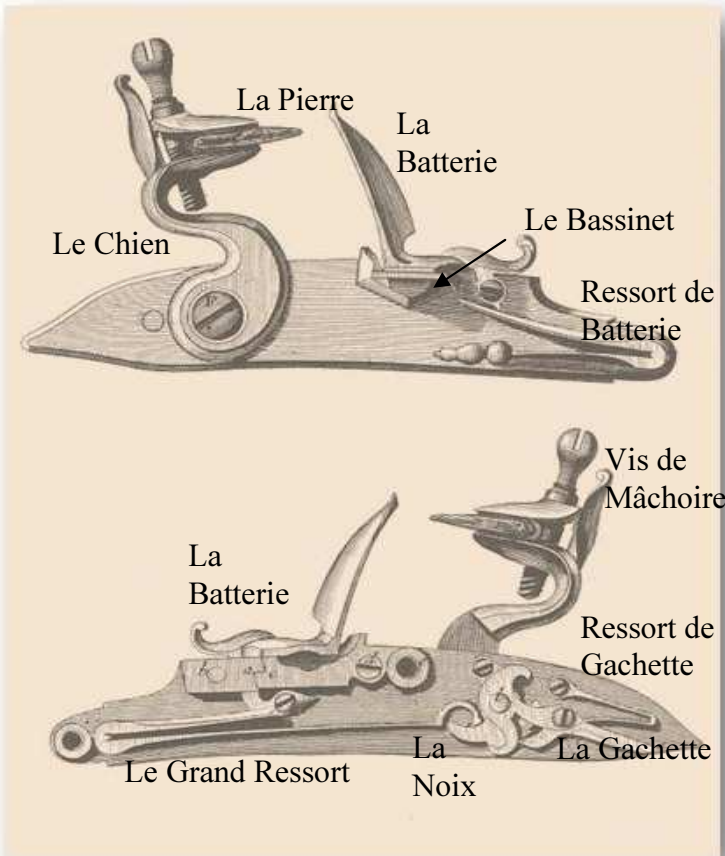
*Le Mot Juste*  
The Correct Word

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With Campaign Season in the offing, I thought that it would be good to review La Platine.

YHS,  
Matthew Mees

LA PLATINE, vûe en dehors et en dedans.



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**Battle Road Schedule**  
**Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2008**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Provincial Location</b>		<b>Brit Location</b>
7:00am	Powder Depot Opens	Hartwell Tavern		Smith House
7:30am	Board Buses for North Bridge		Lincoln North Parking Lot	
8:00am	Arrive at North Bridge		Monument Street Parking Lot	
8:30am	Formation & Inspection	Buttrick Mansion		Minuteman Monument
9:00am	Concord Commemorative Celebration		Old North Bridge	
9:30am	CCC Ends, Load Buses		Monument Street Parking Lot	
10:00am	Arrive at Hartwell Tavern		Lincoln North Parking Lot	
	SCMM Arrive @ North Bridge	Old North Bridge		N/A
10:30am	Powder Depot Closes	Hartwell Tavern		Smith House
	SCMM Salute @ North Bridge	Old North Bridge		N/A
	LTB Firearms Inspection	Parkers Revenge Site		
11:00am	Firearms Inspection	Hartwell Tavern		Smith House
	Parkers Revenge (LTB)	Parkers Revenge Site		
11:30am	Nooning	Hartwell Tavern		Smith House
12:00pm	Formation	Hartwell Tavern		Smith House
	LTB Arrives @ Hartwell			
12:15pm	Powder Distribution	Hartwell Tavern		Smith House
12:30pm	Brits Deploy	N/A		Smith House
1:00pm	Tactical Demonstration Starts		Bloody Angle	
1:45pm	Tactical Demonstration Ends		West Field	
2:00pm	Interpreters Load Buses		Lincoln North Parking Lot	
2:15pm	Brits and Provincials Load Buses		Lincoln North Parking Lot	
3:00pm	Arrive at Tower Park	Heritage Museum		Monroe Tavern
4:00pm	Tower Park Scenario Starts		Tower Park	
4:45pm	Tower Park Scenario Ends			
5:00pm	Load Buses	Heritage Museum		Heritage Museum



*Le PROGRAMME,  
The Official schedule for 2008*

*WORK PARTIES*

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 13	All	Waistcoats & Gaiters S. Taskovics' house – Framingham, MA

Apr 2	All	Rolling Party Dave Harris' house – Lancaster, MA
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If you would like to take lead on a work party, please contact either Dana Rock: [stonge85@comcast.net](mailto:stonge85@comcast.net) or Ellie Hutchinson: [ehutchinson@webconverting.com](mailto:ehutchinson@webconverting.com)

*EXERCICES et RENDEVOUS,  
Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

Date	Unit	Event
	N/A	

*2008 EVENT SCHEDULE*

Recommend Events are indicated by bold text

Date	Unit	Event
Mar 16	85eme	<b>Evacuation Day Parade</b> Boston, MA
Mar 22	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Muster Day</b> Lexington, MA
April 19	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle Road</b> Lexington, MA
May 3	85eme	<b>Rebecca Nurse Homestead</b> Danvers, MA
May 10	85eme	<b>French Drill</b>

		Berkley, MA
May 17 & 18	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Daniel Boone Homestead</b> Birdsboro, PA
May 25	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Somerville, MA
May 26	85eme	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Andover, MA
May 31–June 1	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle of Schoharie</b> Blenheim, NY
June 6, 7 & 8	85eme	<b>Camp Woodhaven</b> West Boylston, MA
Jun 20 - 22	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle of Monmouth</b> Monmouth, NJ
Jun 27 -29	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fort Carillion</b> Fort Ticonderoga, NY
Jun 27 – 29	85eme	<b>LaKermesse Festival</b> Biddeford, ME
Aug 2 & 3	85eme	<b>From Redcoats to Rebels</b> Strubridge, MA
Aug 23-24	85eme	<b>Heritage Days</b> Fall River, MA
Sept 1	85eme	<b>Labor Day Parade</b> Marlborough, MA
Sept 1	All	<b>Regimental Birthday Party</b> Taskovics' House
Sept 5,6 & 7	???	<b>Fort Ticonderoga</b> Fort Ticonderoga, NY
Sept 13	85eme	<b>Rebecca Nurse Homestead</b> Danvers, MA
Sept 13 – 14	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Battle of Rhode Island</b> Newport, RI
Sept 27	85eme	<b>Sudbury Muster</b> Sudbury, MA
Oct 17 – 19	85eme	<b>Battle of the Hook</b> Gloucester, VA
Nov 22	85eme	<b>Plymouth Encampment</b> Plymouth, MA



Evacuation Day Parade March 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 – Boston MA

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