



# GAZETTE FRANÇOISE.

Du Décembre 2010

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

Framingham on the Sudbury  
Fall Camp  
November 2010

Hi Folks,

Our final event for the year has come to pass just like smell of crisp fall leaves and black powder. With the close of this year's events it's time to look towards Fall and Winter camp to replenish, resupply, and rebuild. So, as we look towards growth, it's time to look back at what we did this last month.

We started off October with a very productive rolling party where we rolled 1400 rounds in one evening – quite a feat. We also had a great time doing it as well! Thanks to the team of Dana, Bryon, Adam A, Adam C, Abe, Jess R, Brandon, and Steven (with some help from Anna) for rolling these 1400 rounds and attending the workparty. Special thanks to Dana for rolling the last 6 lbs of powder prior to the Millis event.

The weekend of 15-17 October we attended the “Battle of Richardson’s Farm” in Millis MA. We were joined by our friends from the Regiments Gatinois and Bourbonnais and some long distance friends - Hannah Selig flew in from Michigan just to have one last BIG event with us. The Belsunce Dragoons were very well represented as well. Despite the early rain, the rain abated in enough time to get the canvas up and the folks settled in before the rain and *wind* came back. The site at Richardson’s Farm is perfect for a battle/tactical – the setting is perfect with the right balance of fields and woods. The organizers did let us build fortifications, which really did add to the event, which was perfect to begin with. Carl did a great job keeping us well fed and warm during the entire event, which was very much appreciated by all in attendance. In attendance were Dana, Bryon, Adam A, Adam P, Carl H, Greg M, Greg C, Abe, Jess R, Brandon, Hannah S, Francis, Neil,

Steven, Kate B, Don H, and Gerard – his first event as our drummer (yay!). Rounding out our attendance were Colleen H, Teddy H, Sue, Heather and Anna T who were distaff or supporting the civilian side of life with the Ladies of Refined Taste. The Belsunce Dragoons also had a very good showing with Bill R, Will (Ellie) H, Matt M and the Mees Clan, Myles, Todd B. and Matt Brinkle. We were also joined by Justin B and Bill Stroud of the Gatinois and a variety of folks from the Bourbonnais. As you can see, a large French contingent!

We started off on Saturday getting everyone in the French Line together to work through a combined drill and maneuvers. I was really impressed by how we did as a Line considering that the bulk of the Line was made up of all our newest recruits – kudos to the new folks and the established folks for training them!! We entered the field knowing that we were scripted to lose the day, however we did not fight that way as we made our way across the field. Dana expertly moved us across the field allowing the individual companies room to maneuver and prevent our line from getting flanked. As typical, we were the plugs – where ever there was a hole in the Line, that's where we went. Despite our best efforts and the fact that we outnumbered and out maneuvered our opponent, we were forced to retire from the field. After the battle it was really cool to see all and the new folks get together with the other French regiments and go straight to cleaning the muskets and socializing. Carl then treated us to a fantastic meal to close out the day.

On Sunday, it was pretty much the same scenario as on Saturday, but we reversed our positions on the field and the outcome. During this exercise, there were a couple of memorable events. First, it looked like we were doomed to be overrun by 10<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> lights. The dragoons, like us, were watching what the British lights were doing and then took the initiative to rout them – where we then rushed and cleaned up the scraps. Brilliant! The next memorable event was at the end of the battle where we attacked the redoubt by bayonet point. That was cool – but then it got better when the Crown Forces counter-attacked where we “countered

infantry” by bayonet point, which looked really cool. Again, a fantastic scenario to end a great weekend.

Our last “formal” event was the Battle at Red Horse Tavern in Sudbury. The Sudbury MM outdid themselves as they planned a fantastic tactical event and two really cool set piece battle. The tactical was a blast since we used the land in back of the tavern by the mill pond – an area that we normally do not use. The scenario was simple – find some hidden supplies and bring them back to the field. Since the Crown Forces started first, I thought we were doomed to failure since they would find everything first. However, they had to bring all their “booty” back to the field – which we controlled. So, even though they found most of the booty, they lost it due to overwhelming force thanks to Dana’s maneuvering, resulting in the Provincial Forces winning the tactical. Both set piece battles were very well scripted – though we had more field than troops. During the second battle, it was really cool to watch the liberty pole go up, then be chopped down by the crown forces – nicely done! After the event, everyone retired to the Inn for merriment and socializing. A great way to end the 2010 campaign season.

November has been a quiet month so far. Dana attended the Northern Department Continental Line meeting on 7 November. He has a report on the meeting later on in this newsletter.

Usually about this time we have an end of the year meeting followed by our annual meeting. At this point, our end of the year meeting may be pushed to right after the New Year. By virtue of the polls I’ve taken of a few folks, it looks like everyone is quite busy in preparation for the holiday season or cleaning up work activities. In any event, please look to both the Saintonge chat and official lists for news of upcoming meetings. I will be sending out a poll within the next week to get consensus on a time for our next meeting. Further, in preparation for our Annual Meeting in February, please let Dana, Ellie, or I know if you would be interested in being on the nominating committee for selecting our slate of officers and directors. A notification will be going out soon to see if any folks would be interested in Regimental Offices for the 2011 year.

Finally, it is the end of the year and it is time to plan our work parties for the “off-season”. One of the parties will be to fit the black gaiters – that is a definite. I have heard of two main requests for work parties over the winter – Regimental coats and back packs. To date I think I have over 10 requests for a Regimental coat work party. When we do this work party we’ll most likely use internal resources to do this activity – most likely at Bill’s house on the weekends and a few nights at my place on the weekdays. The other overwhelming request

I’ve received is for backpacks! I need to review two patterns that I have, but I may need some help getting this work party off the ground. In any event, we will have to plan for some dates in the in the near future so we can get these events scheduled.

That’s all I have for now – have a happy holiday and be safe and healthy!!

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

Steven



*Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE*  
*Captain's Report*

What an incredible season, great events and great new friends. Thanks to everyone in the Regiment for making this past season so successful.

Now that the events are done, it’s time to start working on improving our impression for next year. I’d really like for us to concentrate on gaiters and backpacks. I’m asking people to step forward to take on some of these projects. The lead for these projects just needs to setup times for folks to meet, and make sure all the required materials are available for the work party. If this is something you are able to take on, please contact me.

The Regiment is once again is looking for a nomination committee for the upcoming elections. If anyone is looking to help out the regiment this a great way to get to started. The nominations committee usually meets once or twice between now and the elections. Members of the committee are asked to contact members of the Regiment to gather nominations for all of the elected positions within the Regiment. All members are eligible to be on the committee. Please contact me if you are interested.

Pour le Roi et le Regiment!  
Dana Rock



## *ADJUTANT'S REPORT*

Thanks to the new recruits and the musique for helping out in Millis at breaking down the camp. It made things so much easier and the commissary was able to be packed up and home by 6:00. Many, many thanks to the cook Carl Hutchinson, for HOT meals on cold days. They were very much appreciated. I did notice that the chores about camp went more smoothly this time, so it appears that most of you are reading the newsletter and following the rules for camp etiquette. There were no muskets under the dining fly and we didn't end up with any personal belongings with unknown owners to worry about. The cook had to dig the fire pit himself, so perhaps next time we'll have training on the proper way to dig a firepit. The next time we'll remember to bring dish soap.

Your Humble Servant,  
Sgt Will Hutchinson



## *ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events*

On December 18, 2010 we will be holding our annual end of the season meeting. Join us on December 18, to discuss the 2010 season, this will also serve as our first off season drill. We will be meeting at the Battle Road Visitor Center in Concord Ma. The drill will start promptly at 9:30am followed by a quick wrap up meeting.



## *UNIFORMES Uniforms*

From Article 1 - The Uniform

The uniform of the Under-Officers and Soldiers will be composed of a coat in the French (fashion), waistcoat, vest, and breeches.

The coat and waistcoat will be of ordinary cut to the proportions of the waist and size of the man. It will be sufficiently large for the soldier to wear a vest under the waistcoat, buttoned up as far as a third of its length and (be able) to close the lapels of the coat for its length and, in case of need, button the first 2 buttons underneath the lapel. Without which the Soldier is embarrassed by any of his movements, neither exposing or tearing the seam. the result of which the chest will be sufficiently ample, thus the back of the coat will be such, the hooks and buttons of the coat in under the cut, it will arrive at 3-1/2 inches from the bottom of the man's knee.

The sleeves will be lined with good Calendree toile to give the facility to remove and replace the coat without undoing the waistcoat.

The points of the pockets will be placed horizontal and will be applied and sewn in the ordinary place of the pockets. The pockets will have an opening under the skirt of the coat and will be made with good toile. The turn of the points will be marked by the piping in the distinctive color and each will be furnished with 3 large buttons.

The collar will be a stand-up style, 15 lines (1-1/4"), with lining of doubled unbleached toile.

The lapels will have an upper point with the bottom cut square 18" long and 3-1/2" wide with the tall (lapel) being longer. Each side of the lapel will be furnished with 7 small buttons placed at equal distance and 3 large ones (buttons) on the right side.

The cuffs, cut 4" wide, will have a lining sewn into the sleeve and not showing on the coat more than 3-1/2" when turned up. It will be of larger proportions for a longer arm and fitted around the sleeve which will be attached in the manner so it will be able to fold back. It will be open on the side, 2 seams in the middle and fastened by two small buttons; all 4 buttons will be placed at equal distance on a band of cloth 1" wide (placard), which is added to the lower side of the opening and on which the upper side will meet the buttons, folded without little points.

The lapels and cuffs of cloth on the base of the coat will be unfastened as the pocket flap, with piping of the distinctive color.

The coat of the under-officers (sergeants and corporals) will be furnished with 1 epaulet and 1 contra-epaulet in cloth 2" wide. The piping will be the distinctive color. It (each epaulet) will be sewn at the upper end beginning at the collar and the other end will end in an escutcheon attached by a small button placed close to the seam of the sleeve.

The Grenadiers will wear an epaulet and contra-epaulet of red cloth lined in white cloth.

Chasseurs will wear one and the other but of green cloth lined white.

The turn backs of the Fusilier will be decorated with a fleur-de-lys of the distinctive color. The Grenadiers will have a grenade and the Chasseurs will have a hunting horn.

Each coat will be made with 1-1/3 ells of cloth, lined with 3/4 ell of cadis, and will come to 3/4<sup>th</sup> length and 7/8<sup>th</sup> for pockets and straight thread (????). It will be decorated from the opening, hooked and fastened as necessary. The facings will be made with a 12<sup>th</sup> of cloth or 5/24ths of Pantile (purlin) and will be used in the 5<sup>th</sup> or 1/15<sup>th</sup> of cloth in the cuffs.

(Editor's note: so after reading this, now you know why extent examples are soooo important!!)

“The veste, into which goes one aune of cloth, two aunes one eighth of cadis for lining, & one quarter [aune] of linen of seven eighths [wide], will be sufficiently long to cover over the hips & the lowermost button of which entirely covers the waistband of the breeches: the buttonholes of the front will be made of wool, and overlap on a small band the length of the buttons; those of the pockets, of which only the right side is open, will be of mohair: the length of the skirts, including the lowermost button, will be six pouces [inches] and a half & it will be lined in linen; the sleeves will be sewn to the veste, except around the underarm where there will be a gusset of linen; the cuffs will be two and a half pouces in length and sewn onto the sleeves which will be open on the underside in the ordinary way.

The vestes of Corporals and Soldiers will have small collars and cuffs of the distinctive color, following that they are on the coat the lapels and cuffs of the distinctive color, or only the lapels or the cuffs; the manner that these lapels and cuffs on the coat correspond to the collar and cuffs; where its not found on the lapels, it will not be found on the collar of the veste; & where they are not found embellishing the cuff only so it will be as the cuffs on the coat.

The foreign regiments will continue to wear the veste of white tricot or estame, lined in toile. It will use 1-3/4 ells of heavy tricot 7/12<sup>th</sup> or equivalent of estame and 1-3/16<sup>th</sup> ells of toile and 7/8<sup>th</sup> of the length.

The gilet, single breasted and without sleeves, will be in estamet blanc, of which it will use three quarters [aune]; it will use one sixth [aune] of toile of seven eighths

[aune] wide, for lining the strips for attaching the buttons, which will be of linen.

Finally the breeches, which will be fashioned with 1-1/12 ells of tricot, will have and drop front lined in toile the length of 7/8<sup>th</sup> which will be of 1 ell less 1/8<sup>th</sup>. The buttons will be of the same tricot as the breeches and the waistband will rise highly the manner which the center will be 3-1/2” long and ride high on the hips. The same is necessary that the kneed are covered and the knee band fits well around.

The brass or pewter buttons will be mounted on brass of 2 shanks.

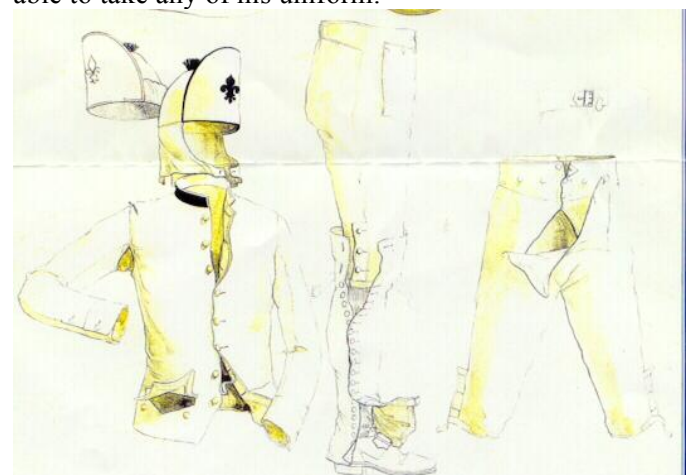
The duration of the coat, veste, and gilet is fixed at 3 years for the French infantry and the replacement of which will be made by a third each year. The breeches will be replaced each year and supplied yearly complete to all regiments. The soldier cannot dispose of his old clothes for profit – after a year has gone by, they must be returned.

The replacement of the coats and vestes will be made like done in the past by 1/2 each year for the Foreign infantry considering the lesser quality of the materials which they are made of. But the gilet will only be replaced by thirds considering they do not have to be used in all regiments whether French or Foreign using the months of November, December, January, and February as dates for replacement.

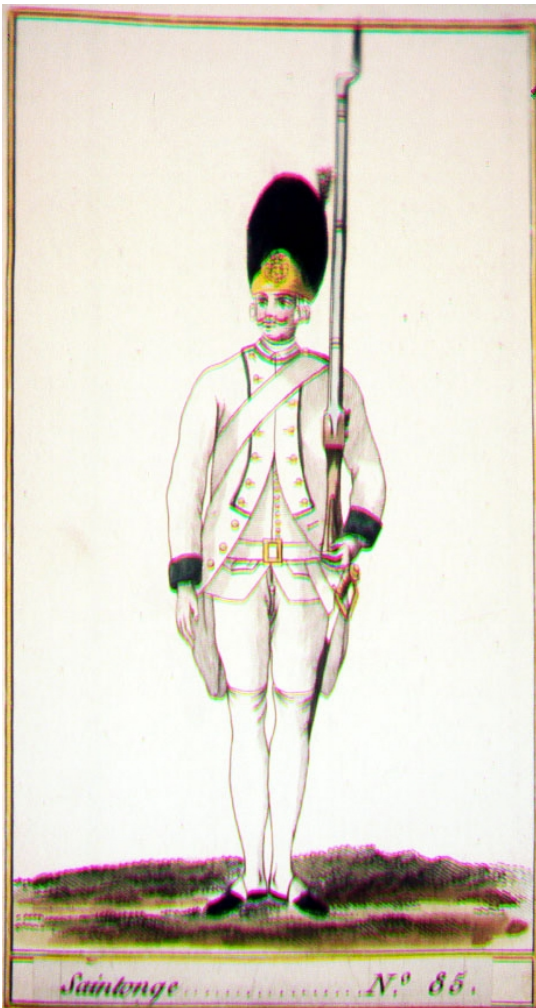
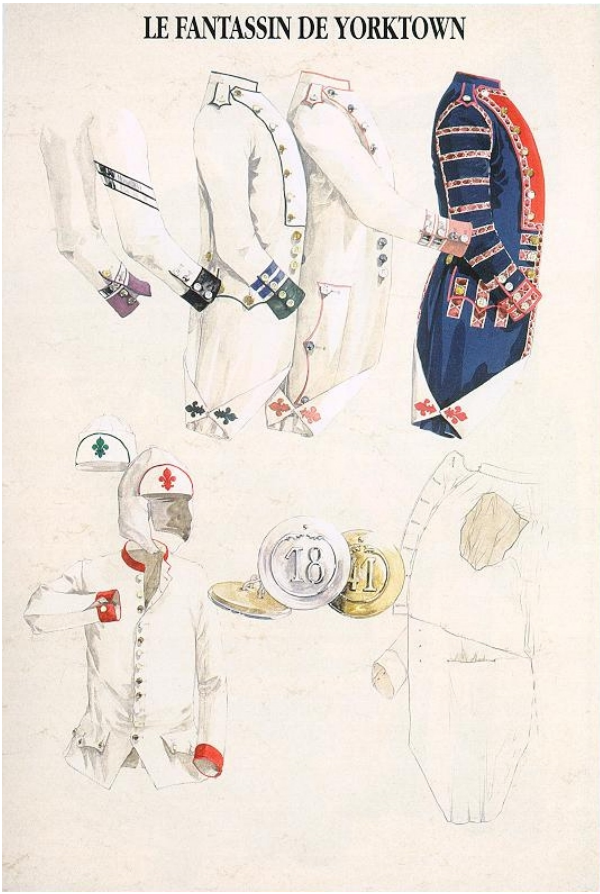
Upon release, the Soldiers who are discharged will have enjoyed the military reward of nine uniforms consisting of coat, veste, breeches, and hat, all with the particular uniform which they have been previously regulated.

He who obtains his final discharge will will have 1 coat and 1 veste, the best of which would have been the last year of service, as well as 1 pair of breeches and 1 hat.

He who obtains a dishonorable discharge will not be able to take any of his uniform.



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# *Le PROGRAMME, Schedule for 2010*

## *Work Partiesf*

| Date      | Event                  |
|-----------|------------------------|
| June 19th | Taskovics House @ Noon |
| July 10th | Taskovics House @ Noon |

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)

## *Exercifef et RENDEVOUS, Drills & Distaff Gatherings*

| Date                  | Unit  | Event  |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| June 19 <sup>th</sup> | 85eme | Drill and Muster<br>Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (9:00AM)                           |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup> | 85eme | Drill and Muster<br>Wayside Inn Sudbury, MA (9:00AM)                           |
| Aug 6-8               | 85eme | This month's drill will be at OSV.   |
| Dec 18                | All   | Drill and Meeting (9:30am – 11:00am)<br>Battle Road Visitor Center Lincoln, MA |

## *Propofed 2010 Event Schedule*

*Recommend Events are indicated by bold text*

| Date               | Unit                    | Event   |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>March 14</b>    | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Evacuation Day Parade<br/>Boston, MA</b>           |
| <b>April 17</b>    | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Battle Road/Tower Park<br/>Lincoln, MA</b>         |
| <b>April 19</b>    | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>March to Concord<br/>Sudbury, MA</b>               |
| <b>April 23</b>    | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Grand Ball at Red Horse Tavern<br/>Sudbury, MA</b> |
| <b>April 23-24</b> | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Siege of San Juan<br/>San Juan</b>                 |
| <b>May 8-9</b>     | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Artillery/Infantry School<br/>Danvers, MA</b>      |
| <b>May 15</b>      | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Society of the Cincinnati<br/>New Haven, CT</b>    |
| <b>May 20</b>      | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Lafayette Day<br/>Boston, MA</b>                   |
| <b>May 22</b>      | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Action at Borderland<br/>No. Easton, MA</b>        |
| <b>May 30</b>      | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Memorial Day Parade<br/>Somerville, MA</b>         |
| <b>May 31</b>      | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b> | <b>Memorial Day Parade<br/>Andover, MA</b>            |

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| <b>June 12-13</b>            | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Minute Cubs<br/>Newburyport, MA</b>                                 |
| <b>June 14</b>               | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Taste of Downtown Marlborough<br/>Marlborough MA</b>                |
| <del><b>June 25-27</b></del> | <del><b>85<sup>eme</sup></b></del> | <del><b>La Kermesse<br/>Biddeford, ME</b></del>                        |
| <b>July 24</b>               | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>              | <b>Market Day &amp; Militia Drill<br/>Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln, MA</b> |
| <b>July 30-Aug 1</b>         | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Fort George<br/>Niagara on the Lake, Ontario</b>                    |
| <b>Aug 6-8</b>               | <b>85eme</b>                       | <b>Redcoats to Rebels<br/>Sturbridge, MA</b>                           |
| <b>Aug 27-29</b>             | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Grand Encampment (Fort Taber)<br/>New Bedford, MA</b>               |
| <b>Sept 6</b>                | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Labor Day Parade<br/>Marlborough, MA</b>                            |
| Sept 11-12                   |                                    | Fort Ticonderoga<br>Ticonderoga, NY                                    |
| Sept 25-26                   |                                    | Philadelphia '77 Campaign<br>Wilmington, DE                            |
| <b>Sept 25</b>               | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Sudbury Faire<br/>Sudbury, MA</b>                                   |
| Oct 2-3                      |                                    | Governor Trumbell 300th<br>Lebanon, CT                                 |
| Oct 2                        |                                    | Battle of Germantown<br>Philadelphia, PA                               |
| Oct 8-10                     |                                    | Arnolds Expedition<br>Bingham, ME                                      |
| <b>Oct 16-18</b>             | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Richardson's Tavern<br/>Millis, MA</b>                              |
| Oct 17                       |                                    | Assault on Fort Mercer<br>Mount Holly, PA                              |
| Oct 22-24                    |                                    | Mount Harmon Plantation<br>Earleville, MD                              |
| <b>Oct 30</b>                | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>              | <b>Battle of Red Horse Tavern,<br/>Sudbury MA</b>                      |
| Nov 6-7                      |                                    | Putnam's Encampment<br><del><b>Redding, CT</b></del>                   |
| Nov 6-7                      |                                    | Storm the Redoubt<br>Washington, PA                                    |
| <b>Nov 20</b>                | <b>85<sup>eme</sup></b>            | <b>Thanksgiving Day Parade<br/>Plymouth, MA</b>                        |



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