

4<sup>th</sup> Company, Brigade of Guards in America, LTD

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*Season's Greetings!*



### COMPANY BUSINESS: Uniform Matters

#### The "Trouser Question"

After careful consideration, and considerable discussion, 4<sup>th</sup> Coy elected to change the Company's basic field uniform trousers from ones made of nutmeg brown linen to a "New Model", constructed of undyed, unbleached hemp canvas, a.k.a. "Russian drill". The change is supportable, given the available documentation, and the New Model trousers promise to wear better in the field and hold their shape better than linen, resulting in a smarter, more soldierly appearance. Plans call for completing the conversion in time for Under the Redcoat 2007. A bulk order for material has been placed, and the Company has arranged for tailoring services from Sjt. Carl Johnson of the 64<sup>th</sup>. The "retrousing" scheme will allow individual Guardsmen to have their garments made with minimal personal intervention – look for email covering the specifics from Sjt. Rich Manzano, our NCO-in-Charge of the evolution.

#### The "Coat Question"

With the trouser issue decided, it comes for the Company to take up a matter raised by our Master Tailor, Lloyd Morris, who suggests that we change the wool from which our coats are now made to material of more appropriate colour and weight. Lloyd's recommendation echoes what Quartermaster Henry Irving has been urging since he assumed office, and he has located a source of supply for wool that will make regimentals that come as close as possible to accurately recreating the 18<sup>th</sup> C. originals. The proposal is that the Company adopt the new wool for all

future regimentals – our current coats would remain in the field for the rest of their serviceable lives. Individuals wishing to replace their regimentals would be free to do so; we **are** British, after all, and free to choose.

As with the trousers, this proposed change must be decided by the membership. Look for an email discussion – and vote – on this question in the days to come.

## Breeches & Leggings, Cocked Hats

White wool breeches, black wool leggings and cocked hats, like knapsacks, have long been on the list of equipment for a fully outfitted Guardsman. The Company's rate of progress in kitting out with these items has been disappointing. Far from being fanciful additions to the kit lobbied for by a "uniform of the month" club cabal, breeches, leggings and cocked hats are documented uniform items used by the Guards in America during the AWI. With our membership fully supplied, our impression will be more flexible – and for winter events and formal occasions, more appropriate. Therefore, I enjoin all our members to make every possible effort to acquire a full uniform kit during 2007. I acknowledge that the new model trousers must come first, and that hobby expenses must take a back seat to household necessities, but we must make a serious effort to get ourselves fully equipped. As always, consult with Sjt. Manzano before buying a hat or having breeches or leggings made, to ensure uniformity and correctness. Let's make this the year when we finally get it together.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LEGEND:

**RED text indicates a event the Company voted to support – MAJOR EFFORT**

**GREEN text indicates some interest and elements of the Company will support**

**BLUE text indicates an event that is interesting, but no decisions have been made.**

**Bold Black** text indicates either a new listing or one receiving slight interest

(GUARDS!) in any listing indicates that, historically, the Brigade of Guards was in that action.

BAR or BARS, indicates a BAR hosted, sanctioned, or supported event. BB means British Brigade

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National organization web sites have other event listings:

Brigade of the American Revolution: <http://www.brigade.org>

British Brigade's Website at: <http://www.britishbrigade.org>

## 2007

### February 4: Ft. King George, Darien, GA

The Coy is invited to join the Regiment Von Bose for a drill and their School of the Hessian Soldier in Ft. King George, an earth and timber fortress approximately one hour south of Savannah. The site is said to include reconstructed earth and timber walls, firing steps, a blockhouse, and several pieces of artillery. We would have relatively free run of the place for the event. From our experiences at Trenton and elsewhere, we know that our German friends know how to have fun, and participating in their school would lead to better understanding of the exotic maneuvers they go through in the field. Additionally, the site is being evaluated for an event under development for February, 2008. This should be worthwhile and fun for anyone that can make it.

### February 18: Ft. Ward Tactical, Alexandria, VA

The highlight of Alexandria's annual observance of Washington's Birthday, Ft. Ward is the Northern Platoon's only home game. Given the nature of the celebration, we always have to lose, but the organizers

pay us to take the dive. Plans for a Company workday and informal dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> are in the works. We are also invited to march in the city's Presidents Day parade – more to follow as the story develops.

**March 17 - 18, 2007: Guilford Courthouse Annual Commemoration, Greensboro, NC**

Same time; same place; same scenario (maybe a few interesting extras – stay tuned!). If we survive Lord Cornwallis' grapeshot, Natty Greene and the Texas girls will provide refreshment and diversion.

**March 31 - April 1: BAR So. Dept. School of Instruction, Tannenbaum Hist. Pk, Greensboro, NC**

These Brigade schools are generally excellent, the level of scholarship is impressive and the presentations are usually interesting. A wide range of topics are covered. This year will feature a presentation on 18<sup>th</sup> century FENCING techniques – what could be more fun for a group of guys that wear puffy sleeved shirts and pirate hats? Period style practice weapons and protective gear (as well as modern protective gear for more serious work) will be provided. This will be very enlightening and just flat out fun. This would be a quick return to Greensboro after Guilford – but Natty Greene's needs the business.

**May 5- 6: Jerusalem Mills, MD**

About 20 minutes outside of Baltimore, 10 minutes off of I-95. Here is the web link to the event site:  
<http://www.jerusalemill.org/index.html>

**May 19 – 20: Scotchtown (Home of Patrick Henry, just north of Richmond, VA, off I-95 near King's Dominion) (BARS)**

This will be a militia/civilian event – pre-war, but “with tensions growing” - NOT a “redcoat” event. We can come out in civilian attire or maybe get by in smallclothes, but no regimentals. Scotchtown is a really neat site and is close to many of our members. We can portray citizens of loyal leanings and generally make nuisances of ourselves.

**May 19- 20: Cowan's Ford and Weitzell's Mill, NC**

Commemorations at Rural Hill Plantation near Charlotte, NC. Several of us attended the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations there. It's a cool site with some great reconstructed buildings and a good variety of terrain that make for some interesting and intense scenarios.

**May 19-20: Welbourne (Middleburg, VA)**

4<sup>th</sup> Coy is invited to participate in a combined arms (infantry – cavalry) invitational tactical. The correspondence indicates that the planners would like to make this a pretty hardcore, 'round the clock event.

**June 9 and 10: Bordentown, NJ**

**This will be a British Brigade and Continental Line biggie for the '07 season.** The last time that they held an event there, it was the stuff of legends. Mark your calendars! They have a website up and running now:  
[www.battleofbordentown.com](http://www.battleofbordentown.com)

**June 29 – July 1(dates tentative): UTR , Williamsburg, VA**

**Always infernally HOT, but always a good time. As two-time defending champions of the platoon firing competition (and co-champions the year before), we will participate, and defend our title.**

**July 4: Williamsport, MD**

Memorial service for Otho Williams.

**August 25 – 26: 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge, Brandywine State Park**

The BAR National Board voted to make it part of the Main Department schedule for 2007. See [www.battleofcoochsbridge.org](http://www.battleofcoochsbridge.org) for details. Though in the Main Department, the location, just outside of Wilmington, DE, is only about 100 miles from the borders of the Southern Department and Southern troops (Virginia and North Carolina Continentals) participated in the battle.

**September 8-9: 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine**

**May be chosen as a “Big Three” event for '07.** The '07 event may take place on a portion of the actual battlefield, versus the usual site at Brandywine State Park. An easy drive for the Northern Platoon.

### **September 8- 9: Rock Ford Plantation, PA**

Lots of talk – little detail thus far.

**September 14 – 16: A proposal from Todd Post, BARS and 2d VA:** “Some of you may remember that the BAR Main Department used to host an annual "Grand Tactical" that was well attended, and a much smaller "Winter Tactical" in the off-season. Some SD member units have expressed an interest to me in having this sort of event and one of the 2d Virginia Regiment's members recently secured a site for such an event:

[http://mtzioncpa.blogspot.com/2006/03/mosby-run-property\\_27.html](http://mtzioncpa.blogspot.com/2006/03/mosby-run-property_27.html)

The Mt. Zion Church Preservation Association in Aldie, VA (northern Virginia between Washington, DC and Middleburg VA, and south of Leesburg VA) owns 88 acres of undeveloped land that they are willing to make available for a private, "war game" weekend. They can provide a portable tank for potable water, but we would be responsible for all other logistics.

### **October 6-7: Saratoga**

A long haul for us, but a big event .

### **October 6-7: Savannah, GA**

Conflicts with an event scheduled in upstate NY the same weekend.

### **October 5 – 7: Tryon Palace**

Long serving Guardsmen will have fond memories of this event for “home schoolers.” With three events competing for support on the same weekend, we have to decide which we are going to support.

### **November : James Island, SC**

About 100 Guardsmen participated in the James Island action. More information as it becomes available.

### **Ft. Frederick, MD**

There is a possibility that we could use the F&I era fort on Maryland state property, just off a major highway but seemingly miles from civilization when you're there, for a private weekend. Those who have attended the annual Market Fair can attest to the unspoiled feel of the place. We would have the opportunity to live in the barracks and **shoot ball** on the range. This could be a terrific opportunity for us to enjoy life in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century with minimal modern intrusion. **Did I mention that we could shoot live ball?** If we can entice Mr. Lewis to accompany us, we can lift our voices in song before the fire, while Pte. Grumpy Pants roasts huge portions of red meat (and BACON) for gluttonous feasting. Let's get this on the calendar!

## **2008**

### **February: Ft. King George, Darien GA**

Still in the early planning stages; more information as it becomes available.

### **Whitpain, Blue Bell, PA**

The “dry” sequel to 2005's washout?

## **British Soldiers' Memorial**

Ted Sahlin contributed the article below, describing some work he and Jay Callaham have engaged in on behalf of an effort to recognize the British men-at-arms that fought at Guildford Courthouse, and in a larger sense, to honor the special bond that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom – but let's let Ted speak for himself:

“Some members of 4th Company have been advising Mr. Jim Plyler of the Guilford Battleground Company in

Greensboro on his efforts to erect a permanent stone monument to the British Forces who died in service to the King at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Captain Callaham and Pvt Grumpy Pants helped Jim with the wording on the below announcement. Our friend Colonel Jonathan Lloyd, late Grenadier Guards, has been very active in contacting the associations of the regiments. He has had great success in getting funding from them. Jim has asked 4<sup>th</sup> Company to help in the funding cause as well. Recently, Jim has reported the receipt of \$453.28 today from the Coldstream Guards. Nice of them to donate so close to St Andrews Day! This brings the funding to a current total of just over \$5,200. We have a long way to reach the desired amount. As the gentleman on the TV advertisement says during his lecture to the chimpanzees about financial planning – " Lottery tickets are not a good long term plan for retirement." Pvt Punishment & I have been buying lottery tickets for a while now and we're still waiting. So dreaming about winning the lottery will not get this job done! Speaking only for myself, I suggest we individually put some money into this project if we can, each to our own ability, AND consider more than a token contribution from 4<sup>th</sup> Company coffers.

The dead Soldiers of the King, those who we represent, those who are now at Guilford for eternity, deserve this recognition.

Below is the text Jay and I helped wordsmith to explain the project. This is in use in the UK and here to help garner funding.

## BRITISH MEMORIAL MONUMENT

### GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

### GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

On March 15, 1781 a hard-fought battle occurred between a British army led by Lord Cornwallis and the American army commanded by General Nathaniel Greene. Today, on the grounds of the **Guilford Court House National Military Park**, only a single monument recognizes the British involvement in this under-recognized, but decisive battle. A prominent Member of Parliament at the time, when told the Army had won a victory at Guilford, but at a high cost in casualties, exclaimed, "*...another such victory will ruin the British Army!*" The severe damage inflicted on the British at this site was a primary factor influencing the Parliament and King George to accept their army's isolation and encirclement at Yorktown later in the year as the military end of the war.

The British soldiers who fought and died at Guilford bravely did their duty, fighting to preserve a British way of life in the colonies, a status quo of law and order based on old concepts, accepted in Europe, but unacceptable to those who were forging a new country in a new world.

The Guilford Battleground Company proposes to construct a monument to recognize all of the British soldiers who died in the battle. The only monument to any British soldier at Guilford marks the place where one officer is supposed to have fallen, while the graves of many more British soldiers remain unmarked. The new monument will recognize the historic British regiments that fought here. The Guilford Battleground Company believes that such a monument, although acknowledging sacrifice in war, will also commemorate our common bonds of language, culture, history and values, which now make us the strongest of Allies.

Through the efforts of Colonel Jonathan Lloyd, representing the British Army on duty as Counselor and Military Advisor to the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations, we have received generous donations from the following British Regimental Associations in memory of their service in the battle.

*The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment*

*The Black Watch*

*The Royal Artillery*

*The Royal Welch Fusiliers*

Men of these historic regiments have fought for freedom alongside American Soldiers in both World Wars, Korea and in the Middle East. To date, \$4,800 has been received, but an additional \$20,000.00 is needed to complete the project. We ask you to join us in honoring the service of the British regiments that fought at Guilford and celebrating the long-standing friendship of our two great nations by contributing to the British Memorial Monument fund. Checks, payable to the Guilford Battleground Company, should be mailed to:

Guilford Battleground Company  
P.O. Box 39508  
Greensboro, NC  
27438  
USA

Please note on the check that it is for the British Memorial Monument. The Guilford Battleground Company is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible, and each will be acknowledged in writing. Any questions about this project may be addressed to:

[jdply1781@hotmail.com](mailto:jdply1781@hotmail.com)

[www.gbcpatriots.org](http://www.gbcpatriots.org)

*Thank You Most Sincerely !"*

Well done, Ted and Jay. I will discuss this project with the Company leadership, and suggest that we ought to contribute something to the effort as an organization. Meantime, please consider making a personal contribution, and help put the Memorial on the field at Guilford, where so many Guardsmen lay in anonymity.

*Yr. Most Humble Svnt., & etc.*

*Geoff*

## 18<sup>th</sup> Century Songbook

In continuation of Jay Callaham's attempt to cultivate you rabble by teaching you some proper music – here are two more drinking songs of the period (see below).

Let foldiers fight for pay and praise. Johnson.



Let foldiers fight for pay and praise, And



money be the mi—fers wish; Poor scholars stu—dy



all their days, And gluttons glory in their dish.

CHORUS.



'Tis wine, pure wine re—vives sad souls,



Therefore give me the cheer—ing bowls.

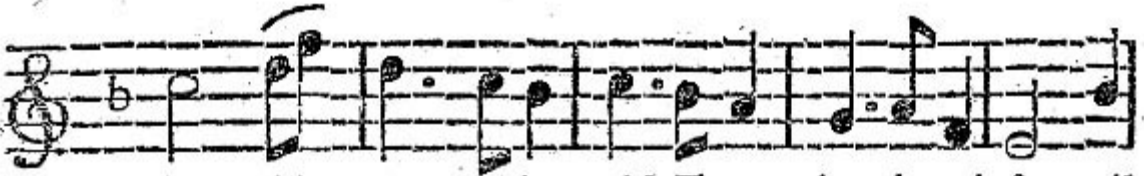
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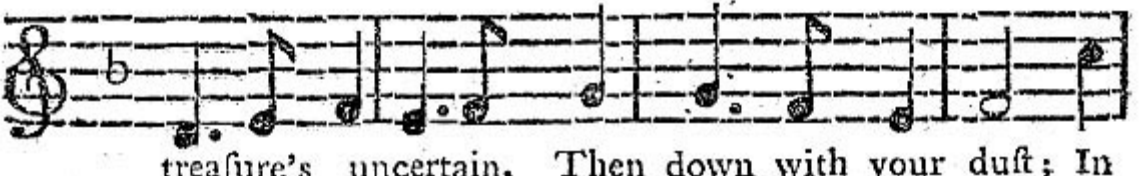
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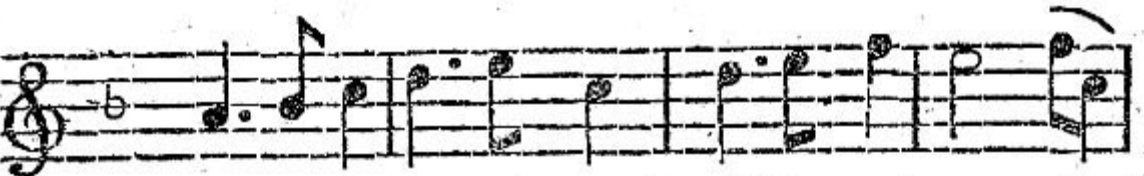
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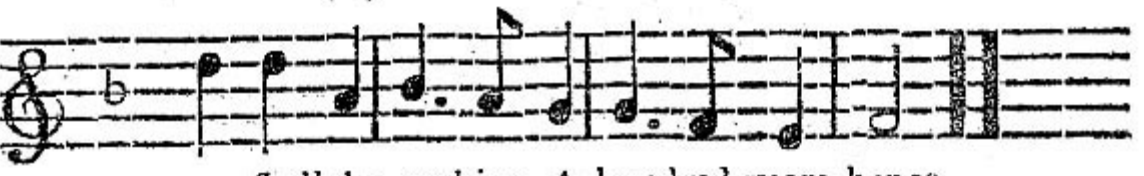
voice. The changeable world To our joy is unjust. All



treasure's uncertain, Then down with your dust; In



frolics dispose Your pounds, shillings and pence; For



we shall be nothing A hundred years hence.