



# The Flash

Col's Co, RWF in America

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## After Action report, Wyoming.

Set in a very nice site where there was a disappointingly low turn out for the RWF and many regiments in general. This was a shame because the owners of the land went out of their way to make sure we had what we needed. The crown camp was just across the road from the suttlers, the colonials were way the heck out of it, and except for the guys from Ohio who turned up, most of us had a drive of only 2-3 hours to reach it. Friday evening, looking at a ridge of the Poconos just south of the camp we agreed that view had been unchanged for centuries.

There were two set battles on Saturday and one on Sunday with various small raids audible during the day from the woods. There was also a night action on Saturday that was purely voluntary and looked great even at a distance. The weather was hot but much of the fighting was among the trees and what little drilling we did was kept carefully in the shade. We had only 2 heat casualties, myself, and on Sunday Rob Price. We both had the sense to sit down before we fell down.

One thing that needs to be mentioned. It was brought up that if there was a 'beat to arms' sounded you were to grab musket and cartridge box and come running, not bothering to get "properly dressed" with extras. On Sunday morning this happened as the colonials launched an early attack on the camp. The visitors to the camp loved it as people scrambled to follow the order.

Right before I trampled him into the tent lines, I heard one person happily say "this is what it would have been like in the army back then." When the dust settled from that action, I was a little disappointed that several members of the

23<sup>rd</sup> had not responded to the call and when I asked why one said “Well the guys at the next fly didn’t go.”

To that I have two things to say:

Firstly we are the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, one of the finest heavy infantry regiments in North America and I for one would be embarrassed to say I let fashion and behavior for me be set by another unit. Secondly, if you didn’t respond you missed out on a heck of a good time. It was *fun* running through the woods in just small clothes armed with only a musket and cartridge box and nothing else encumbering me. Personally I would have preferred something like that on a larger scale in stead of one of the two set piece battles on Saturday where we steadily pushed the rebels back through the site.

The Colonel’s company was represented by myself (your beloved Sergeant,) Rob Price, Dennis Murphy, John Crawford and Major Morgan. I rather hope we’ll see a better company turn out for the second British Brigade event in September.

### **Old Sturbridge Village**

The weekend of August 6-7 will see an event at Old Sturbridge Village. About two hours from Westchester, New York. We were on this site a couple of years ago. It is a recreated colonial/federalist period village that is a little cramped, but surrounded by very nice park land with rolling hills and trees. It has wonderful fields of fire with little in the way of farbie artifacts to break up the effect.

This is an invitation only event and we have been invited because of Ken Siegel’s involvement with us and the site.

This will be a two day event with a battle each day so bring at least a full box of ammo for each day you plan to attend. There will not be an organized regimental kitchen at the event so either bring your own supplies or plan to forage at the numerous local eateries. If someone wants to offer up their culinary skills please contact either myself, Rob Price or Ken Seigal for details.

To get there follow either I-95 or the Hutchinson River Parkway East into Connecticut to **91 North**. Follow that up to **84E in Hartford**. Stay on 84E until just over the Massachusetts border. The signs to the site are quite literally just past the border.

### **Upcoming Events**

The weekend of **Sept 24-25** will see the second British Brigade event at Mount Harmon Plantation in Earlvile MD just below Elkton. Let's plan now to make this a nig turn out.

Saturday **October 1** has the battle of Germantown in Philadelphia., Kingston has been pushed back a couple of weeks so they don't over lap.

**Oct 8-9** is a BAR event set up by Ken Seigal at the Hale Homestead in Coventry Connecticut. Because the 23<sup>rd</sup> is a member of the BAR you do not need to be a member of the BAR to attend, just a paid up member of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you notice we're getting a lot of action in western New England. This is pretty virgin territory for Crown Forces and I think we need to really look at getting to these- they're just a couple of hours drive from Westchester, and really try to recruit in the region.