



# The Fusilier

23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

The Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

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## In Memoriam

Allison Blood Thomson

1951 - 2013

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Battle of Monmouth - 235th Anniversary After Action June 14,15,16

Surprising as it may seem, we actually had really good weather for this usually scorching weekend! Attended by Morgan, Raby, Murphy, Crawford, Reilly, Astle, Passero, Siegel K., Siegel J., Trussell, Delucia D., Parker J. and Parker K., Saturday saw a brisk fast moving battle involving all arms of the service with light infantry and cavalry skirmishing on a grand scale. Inevitably the forces of rebellion moved to block several bridgeheads over the raging stream blocking the advance of the King's Artillery and Regiments of Foot. A sharp cannonade from our numerous batteries soon effected a lapse in Rebel morale, and a crossing was effected with the help of several LI units fording the stream to flank the Rebel defenders on the bridges.

Once the line was breached, Washington's forces fell back to a defensive line on a crest from which they were able to gain a short respite from British harassing fire, but squandered their reprieve by attempting to dislodge our forces with a brave but foolhardy bayonet charge which was cut down by our measured and accurate volleys.

Sunday saw us as the defenders as the Americans swarmed to the attack. Outnumbered greatly through losses of the previous day, and the enemy having recovered numerous of its panic stricken refugees from the previous day, the outcome was never in doubt, but our forces exacted a stiff toll on the attackers before withdrawing in an orderly fashion to our lines.

With the mild temperatures, the new visitor centers and numerous and well executed displays, many in the RWFA remarked as to it being the best Monmouth they had ever attended. Special thanks to those who made the effort and to Ken Siegel for providing the Saturday dinner!

### **Under the Redcoat at Colonial Williamsburg**

By request of the Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia, forces loyal to the Crown were brought to the town of Williamsburg to suppress rebellious behavior on the part of a small minority of the inhabitants. The weather being quite sultry, reports from our correspondent indicate that seditious behavior was dampened somewhat though our men did detain for questioning several of the more prominent inhabitants of the town whose actions suggested their involvement in the lucrative black market trade which inevitably follows such turmoil. ken siegel mary clare joe s. bill lucas & mary jo, sean jan & jim coffey, jeremy brooks, cami clark, hot friday, great time,

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### **Battle of the Hook \*VERY IMPORTANT UPDATE\* 18 - 20 Oct. 2013**

The Major requests maximum attendance at the Battle of the Hook for the express purpose of holding a regimental meeting of all ranks. This will take place Saturday in camp and will be a frank and open discussion of the future of the Regiment, possible recruitment incentives, formal adoption of the late war uniform as a required part of the mandatory kit and several organizational changes which better reflect the nature of the Regiment.

To that end, although the Royal Welch at this time in history (1781) would have been in the late war uniform, I have designated the Battle of the Hook to be EARLY war 1775 uniform so that we may have the maximum attendance possible. It is exactly this contradiction that we will be putting to rest once and for all at the meeting.

While speaking of the late war uniform, I want to pass along a most generous offer by our own Ken Siegel to pick up the tab for anyone who has not yet purchased a late war kit due to financial constraints.

***IF you have your full 1775 kit and require financial assistance in obtaining the late war trousers and tricorne, Ken will pick up the tab.***

***For those who have already purchased the late war kit and feel aggrieved not to have been able to take advantage of this offer, you may make application to Ken for reimbursement.***

***Ken's phone number is (781) 444-2589***

The Major wishes for the good of the regiment to put the seemingly endless bickering and debate over the late war uniform to rest once and for all.

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### **SOME MATTERS OF RECENT CONTROVERSY**

At the Battle of Monmouth recently, a member of RWFA appeared kitted out and fielding with another unit, the 42nd Regiment of Foot without submitting any letter of resignation from the ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS in AMERICA. At Gelston Castle last summer a similar incident had to be dealt with. The members at Gelston have been spoken with and have expressed their remorse.

Aside from the insulting and provocative appearance to fellow Comrades, this sort of behavior is FORBIDDEN in the British Brigade. Recruiting members of another unit is called poaching and we DON'T do it, nor do we expect other to do it to us.

But apparently supposedly allied units in the British Brigade have attempted to indulge in it to our detriment and formal protests have now been lodged against those same units which run the risk of being "sanctioned" by the Brigade. In one case the Major has received a complete and formal apology and explanation from the commander of an allied unit, but several other cases including the one mentioned above are as yet unresolved.

Our Regimental Orders forbid the participation of any of our members in other Revolutionary War period and from this point on the Major will come down as hard as possible on ANY deviations from these regulations. You are all put on notice.

Further, I would ask that any member being approached by other regiments for recruitment purposes quickly and expeditiously inform Headquarters of the same so that proper action may be taken. The Major has been informed that one member was told something to the effect that the 23rd *"was in decline and so normal procedures could be bypassed."*

This is not only gross slander of our regiment, but an overt violation of the rules of the British Brigade. No one from the 23rd is to attempt to recruit any active member of another unit British or American without the express permission of the Major who will have cleared it IN ADVANCE with the commanding officer of said unit.

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FOR SALE

3 Reproduction Brown Bess Muskets. Please contact Captain Tom Pieper for details

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### **Schedule of Events**

- 3-4 August** Old Sturbridge Village -Sturbridge MA - (Invitation Only)
- 3-4 August** Soldiers of the Revolution Old Fort Niagara Youngstown, New York
- 17-18 August** Cricket Tournament: British Brigade. Johnson Hall, New York
- 24-25 August** Battle of Newtown, Elmira, New York
- 24-25 August** Fort at Number Four, Charlestown, New Hampshire
- 14-15 September** Mount Harmon Plantation, Earleville, Maryland
- 14-15 September** Brown's Raid, Fort Ticonderoga, New York
- 21--22 September** Saratoga national Historic Park, Stillwater, New York BAR
- 5 October** Chew House, Germantown, Pennsylvania
- 18-20 October** Battle of the Hook - Gloucester Virginia BB/CL Event Contact \*
- 19-20 October** Victory Weekend, Yorktown, Virginia

**2-3 November Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania**

**9-10 November Siege of Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia, PA**

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**March St Kitts, Caribbean**

**TBD Gunston Hall**

**TBD Cherry Valley, New York**

**TBD Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York**

**July/August Fort Taber/Fort Rodman, New Bedford, Massachusetts**

**TBD Cirt of Worcester, Massachusetts**

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**TBD Mount Harmon Plantation - Earleville MD**