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A Letter of Thanks

Submitted by Pte. Shaun Timberlake, Paymaster & Corporate Treasurer

On 6 April 2011, I received the following letter from a teacher at Our Lady of the Angels School in Worcester, MA. The letter is in response to a presentation that was done in early March at the school by Lieut. Col. Winston Stone and Capt. Lincoln Clark, who appeared as "Pte. Casey". They earned \$138 for the Regiment.

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April 4, 2011

Dear Mr. Timberlake:

In early March we were pleased to receive Capt. Winston Stone of the 1st Guards and 10th Regiment, along with his subordinate Private Casey, for an educational presentation to our fifth graders. The children and I collected a small donation, which is enclosed with this letter. We wish it could be more, and we thank all of you again for everything you do to promote historical awareness and education.

Sincerely yours,

John Mistretta
Grade 5 teacher
Our Lady of the Angels School

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The Springer Presents

The Poacher Profile

Mary Thomas Stone

Current age: 49 (oh my!) City & state residing: Middleboro, MA, Married to Winston Stone

Occupation: Project Manager (publishing services house)

Where you work: Plymouth, MA

Present rank and company: Fife Major, Grenadier Company -- and I'm easily the shortest person in the company

Why did you join the Regiment? Thereby hangs a long and boring tale, suffice it to say that the group I had been with for 20 years had a falling out with Winston, who had been its commander for several years, and before he became commander (they pleaded with him to do it, btw), he had been sergeant major, corporal, and all-around go-to/get-it-done person. After they treated him very poorly (IMHO), he retired from their unit, and was asked by Paul if he and I would like to join the 10th. Of course, we jumped at the opportunity, and I can safely say that I've never regretted it for a single instant and I know that I am now in a far better place, not only for me, but also for Winnie. Thanks to all in the 10th for being such all around wonderful people committed to honoring the memory of the British soldiers who served here, by doing all that we can (within reason) to create the correct impression.

Name 1 thing that we don't know about you: OH my, only one??? But seriously I talk so much and at such length about my family and myself, I wonder if there is anything you don't know...Oh wait, there is one thing...I write poetry. There. I said it.

What do you enjoy doing when you're outside the Regiment? Going for long walks and seeing the change in the seasons, reading anything and everything, from soup cans and cereal boxes to the dictionary (just ask Winnie if I ever get my nose fully out of a book), wasting time on Facebook and various crazy blogs.

What is your favorite thing about the Regiment? Wow, I'd say my favorite thing about the regiment is that we present a most impressive unit, while still being a lot of fun to be with. We're sharp, well-turned-out soldiers who know our duty, our civilians are knowledgeable and hard working and go out of their way to explain what we're doing (and what they are doing) to the public, and yet we genuinely enjoy one another's company at the end of the day. The unit as a whole is remarkably free of cliques. May it ever remain thus. We know the difference between onstage and offstage, we're not historically costumed clowns mugging for tourist cameras. We have a genuine interest (individually and collectively) in the history of this period and its people from all walks of life, and in the history of our unit. We care passionately (individually and collectively) about honoring those who came before us and participated in the events that shaped our history, by presenting our impression respectfully and as accurately as we can, given the constraints of time, money, and life in general.

What is your favorite memory of the Regiment? My current favorite moment from this past season is actually kind of sad. Our memorial service for Tom Morrissey at OSV. I was surprised at how hard that turned out to be. I saw spectators getting up and leaving during it, I think because they felt that this outpouring of genuine love, regard, grief and loss was somehow "unseemly" for strangers to witness and felt like they were intruding. We do, really and truly, love and care for one another. I cannot state enough how very rare that is, in this era of limited, shallow interaction with others. We're an anomaly.

Where's the furthest you've traveled and why? *:Runs away and consults map:* Absolute furthest I've ever traveled is to Germany, twice. Once just bumming around during Michaelmas Term break during my junior year abroad at the University of Exeter (I was a broke college student doing the Youth Hostel thing), and again, when I was in graduate school and seriously involved with a microbiology postdoc named Walter (went home to meet the parents ;-). Luckily for me, that did not pan out .

What are your likes? Reading, eating, sleeping, reading, sewing, knitting, fife, flute, music, reading, history, did I mention reading?

What are your dislikes? Dishonest people top my list. Hands down. Other dislikes: Arrogance, smugness, and cruelty.

What is your favorite movie? The all time favorite that I want to see every time it's on, is (kid you not) ZULU, with Gunga Din a close second...Sad, I know.

What is your favorite song / style of music? Can't pick one favorite song, I cycle through them. Favorite styles of music: Classic Rock, some Hard Rock (AC/DC!!!), Alternative Rock, some New Age (Blackmore's Knight, but that also ties into classic rock, since Richie Blackmore was the lead guitarist in Deep Purple), Celtic Music (Bear, bust out the earplugs): Charles Guard, Clannad especially.

Are you active in any causes? I fight against casinos in Massachusetts, and will continue to do so. It started when the powers that be in my little town decided that the solution to all their problems great and small was to cram a reservation "resort" casino monstrosity up our collective you-know-what. That has not worked out for them as they had hoped and I am quite happy to watch the unfolding comedy of errors. Now the powers that be in our commonwealth want to make the same atrociously bad decision, I will fight them too. How has it worked out as the budgetary panacea for Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maine, and Connecticut, by the way? I simply love it when proponents of expanding gambling say that they cannot come up with an accurate estimate of the costs vs the "benefits" of expanding gambling to include casinos and slots, when there is better than a half-century of nationwide experience with casinos/slots as "revenue generators" for state budgets. They don't want to create that estimate because the result will not support their "casinos are a wonderful revenue generating opportunity" argument. Well, you asked...

What special talents / skills do you have? I can kinda play the fife. And I sew pretty well, I guess...I kin rite...

What is the most unusual thing that has happened to you in life? Oh my, "unusual" is not the word. Challenging perhaps. Dealing with the fallout from Winston's daughter Alexandria's suicide at 18. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done, and I have to say that I was gratified (to tears) to see how much love and support for us there was among our friends, many of whom are in the 10th. I think that Winnie and I both wish that we'd "fought" harder for her, but I tell him often, that we tried to do what was best for her, always, no matter how we may have felt about it at the time. One case in point in this regard was when she asked him at 13 if she could change her last name to match her mother's married name. He consented without argument, and signed the official paperwork, despite how much that request of hers had hurt him. That's who he is.

What is the best thing that has happened to you so far in life? Having my son Thomas. He's been a joy at all ages, and a challenge at all ages too (in a good way). He keeps me sharp (I've got to be, or God help me), but seriously, I enjoy him as a person and hope that he can always look up to me. Very close second is finding Winston and throwing in with him in the great enterprise of life. Yeah, we've hit some lovely economic speed-bumps and we're currently limping along in the breakdown lane, but I know that he loves me the way I know my own name and I know that if it's us against the world, we will ultimately win. I wouldn't trade that for the world.

What is the one thing that you would like to accomplish before you die? Oh geez. Write ONE book, fer-goodnesssake. Honestly, I just can't think of anything I want to say...

The Paymaster's Report

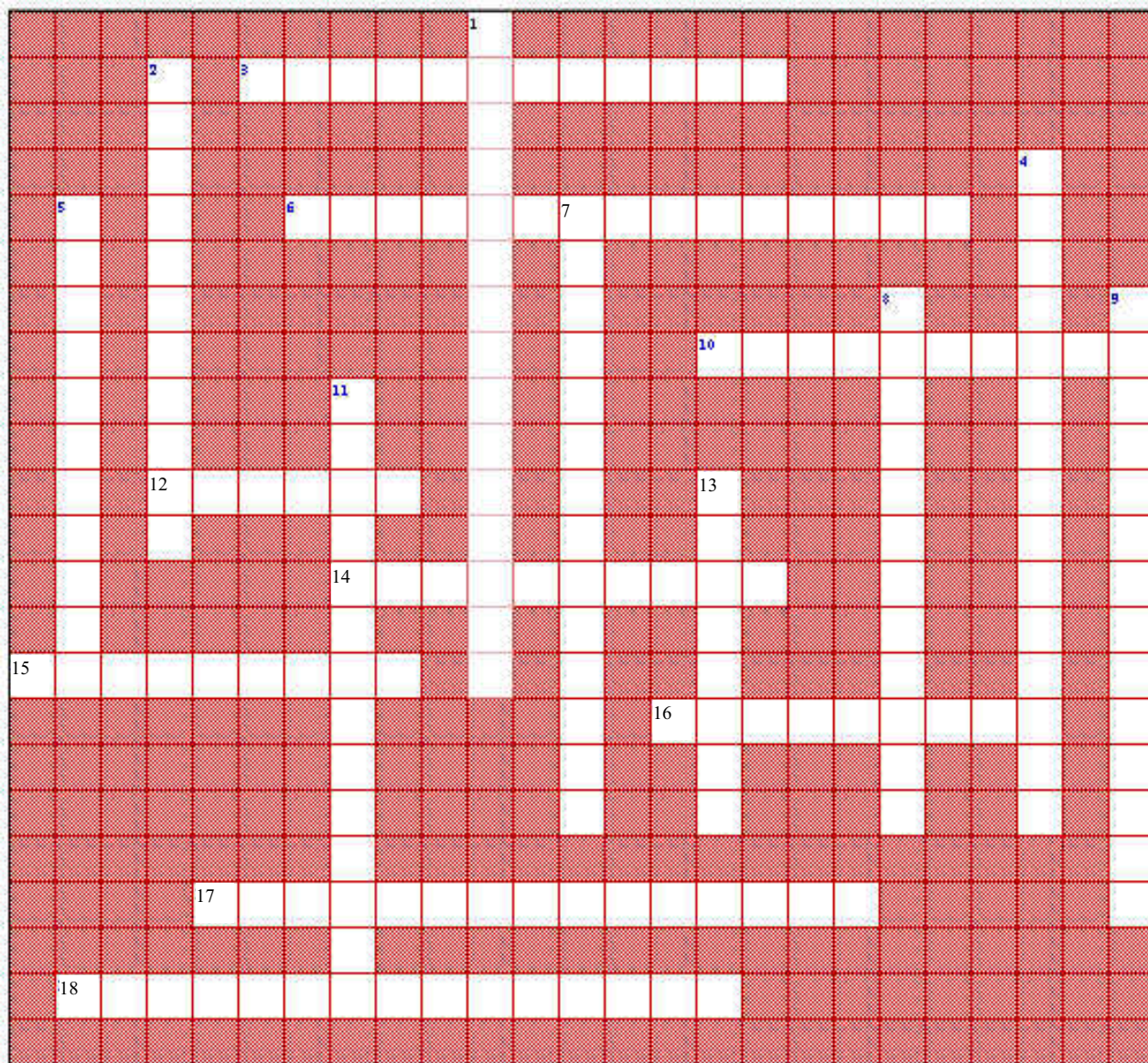
By Pte. Shaun Timberlake, Paymaster & Corporate Treasurer

Statement of Financial Income and Expense - 01/01/2011 - 03/31/2011

	Unclassified	TOTAL
Income		
45000 · Investments		
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.89	0.89
Total 45000 · Investments	0.89	0.89
46400 · Other Types of Income		
46420 · Inventory Sales	4,097.25	4,097.25
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	4,097.25	4,097.25
49000 · Special Events Income		
49020 · Special Events Sales (Nongift)	-	-
Total 49000 · Special Events Income	-	-
80001 · Non-Tax Deductible Donation	35.00	35.00
Total Income	4,133.14	4,133.14
Cost of Goods Sold		
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold		
50001 · Wool/Fabric	163.00	163.00
50002 · Leather	672.58	672.58
50003 · Metals/Brass/Etc	376.35	376.35
50005 · Headgear	526.00	526.00
50007 · Tailoring/Fabrication	655.00	655.00
50008 · Guns/Gunsmithing	2,106.85	2,106.85
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,499.78	4,499.78
Total COGS	4,499.78	4,499.78
Gross Profit	-366.64	-366.64
Expense		
60900 · Business Expenses		
60902 · Credit Card Fees	8.02	8.02
60910 · Bad Debts	596.00	596.00
60940 · Sales Tax	31.31	31.31
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	635.33	635.33
62800 · Facilities and Equipment		
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	450.00	450.00
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	450.00	450.00
62810 · Vehicles/Trailers	293.46	293.46
65000 · Operations		
65001 · Gun Powder / Cartridges	375.00	375.00
65005 · Music Equipment	521.90	521.90
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	105.10	105.10
65030 · Printing and Copying	34.00	34.00
65040 · Supplies	90.19	90.19
Total 65000 · Operations	1,126.19	1,126.19
65100 · Other Types of Expenses		
65110 · Advertising Expenses		
65111 · Internet/Website/Elec Media	229.43	229.43
Total 65110 · Advertising Expenses	229.43	229.43
65150 · Memberships and Dues	51.00	51.00
65170 · Staff Development	140.00	140.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	420.43	420.43
68300 · Travel and Meetings		
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	55.00	55.00
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	55.00	55.00
80000 · Donations/Gifts Given	250.00	250.00
Total Expense	3,230.41	3,230.41
Net Income	-3597.05	-3597.05

A Revolutionary Crossword!

Answers on Page 8!



Across

3. Who wrote a letter using the words "remember the ladies?"
6. He wrote the first draft of The Declaration of Independence.
10. He went behind enemy lines to try and recover information for the Continental Army.
12. George Washington married Martha Danridge _____ in 1759.
14. He rode through the town shouting "The Regulars are coming!"
15. Who made the first American flag?
16. Who helped Benedict Arnold try to capture George Washington?
17. She wrote plays and other writings to insult Loyalists and Red-coats.
18. She was the first African-American poet in America.

Down

1. He said "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."
2. He was the first man to sign the Declaration of Independence.
4. He was born into a Quaker family but became a patriot later in his life.
5. He wrote the pamphlet, Common Sense.
7. In the Stamp Act protests, a doll was hung of the stamp distributor _____.
8. He said these words: "I am not a Virginian but an American."
9. Who took out her own bullet?
11. He died in the Boston Massacre.
13. Where did Cornwallis's army surrender?

Take the Money and Run

April/May 1775 -- Rachel Revere to Paul Revere

From *Spy Letters of the American Revolution*

From the Collections of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan

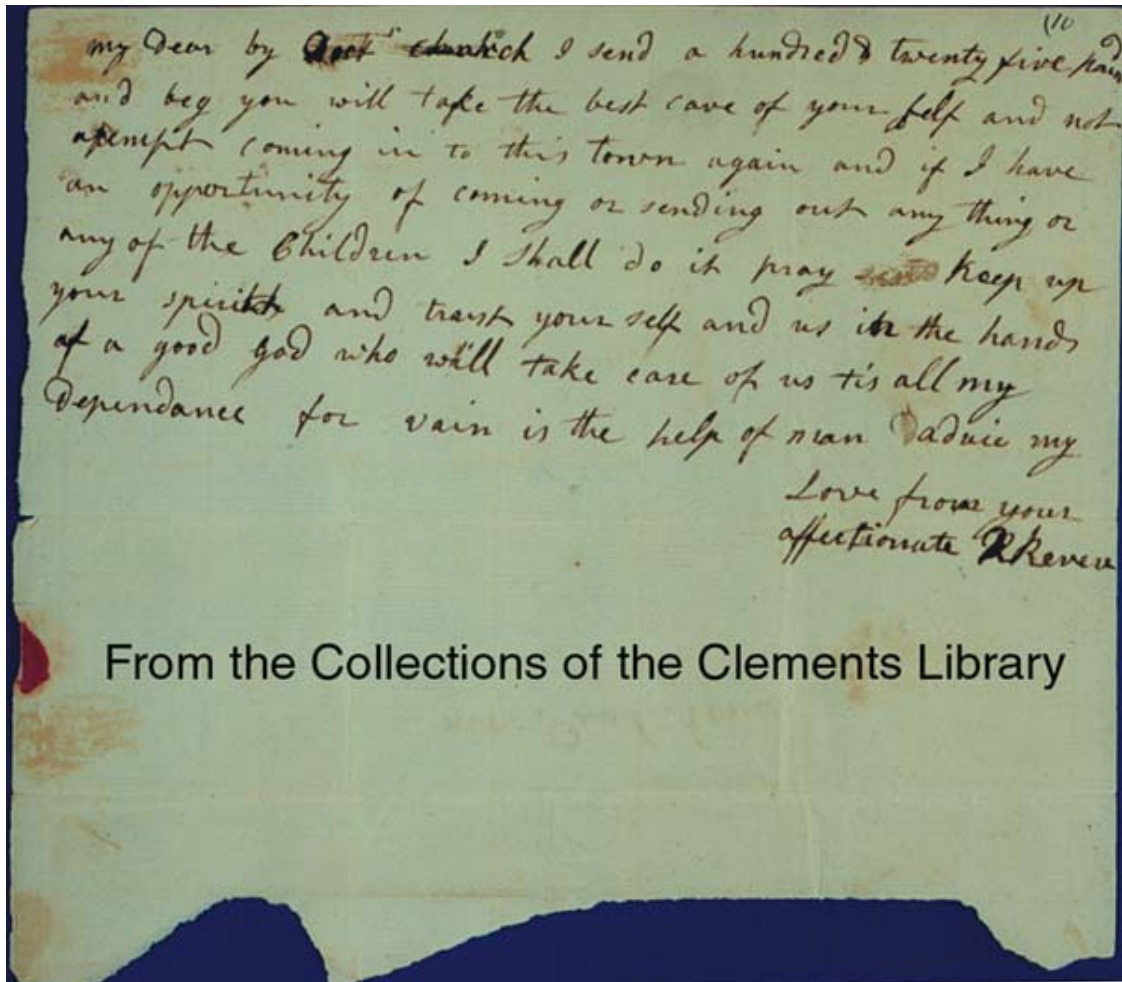
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Submitted by Pte. Shaun Timberlake

Paul Revere was one of the original members of the Sons of Liberty rebel organization and played a large role in popularizing resistance to the Stamp Act and the Boston Massacre through his widely circulated engravings of the events. In addition to his silversmith and engraving skills, Revere was also an accomplished horse rider and frequently rode as a courier between rebel leaders.

On April 18, 1775, Revere learned of General Gage's plans for a midnight raid on the town of Concord to seize the rebel colonists' store of weapons. Revere immediately set out on horseback to warn patriot leaders John Hancock and Sam Adams in Lexington that the British were marching to seize rebel leaders and weapons. After delivering his message in Lexington, Revere continued on to Concord where he was captured and questioned by British troops. In their hurry to return to Concord, the British officers decided to release Revere. However, they took his horse, forcing him to return to Lexington on foot.

Paul Revere's wife, Rachel, sent this concerned letter to her husband as he tried to make his way home, horseless and without funds. Rachel entrusted the letter and 125 pounds to Benjamin Church to deliver to her husband. Church was a member of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts and the surgeon general of Washington's troops. Rachel and the rebel leaders did not know that Church was also a spy for the British and reported to General Gage the movements and strategies of the rebel forces. Instead of giving the letter to Paul Revere, Church delivered this letter to General Gage. No mention was ever made of the money Rachel sent in Church's report to Gage and it is presumed that he kept the money. Church was eventually apprehended in October of 1775 when his mistress was captured secreting one of Church's cipher letters to General Gage. Church was imprisoned until 1777 when he was allowed to set sail to the West Indies. His ship was declared lost at sea.



The letter reads:

My Dear by Doctor Church I send a hundred & twenty five pounds and beg you will take the best care of yourself and not attempt coming in to this town again and if I have an opportunity of coming or sending out anything or any of the Children I shall do it pray **** keep up your spirits and trust your self and us in the hands of a good God who will take care of us tis all my Dependance for vain is the help of man aduie my

Love from your
affectionate R. Revere

Colbert's Raid on Arkansas Post: Westernmost Action of the Revolution

by Bob Blythe at

http://www.nps.gov/revwar/about_the_revolution/colberts_raid.html

Submitted by Pte. Shaun Timberlake

At the time of the American Revolution, the lower Mississippi River Valley had only scattered white settlements, and its control was disputed among the Spanish, the British, and various Indian tribes. At the end of the Seven Years War (French & Indian War) in 1763, Great Britain had taken over East and West Florida. The boundary of West Florida extended to the Mississippi River, and the province included Pensacola, Mobile, and the Natchez district of present-day Mississippi. The capital of Spanish Louisiana was New Orleans, and Spain largely controlled the traffic up and down the Mississippi. Although white settlement was just beginning, many understood the great potential for agriculture in the Mississippi Valley. Control of the river and its vast hinterlands was one of the prizes up for grabs in the war between American patriots and the British government.

Even before Spain formally entered the war on the patriot side in June 1779, the Spanish in New Orleans had given secret aid to the Americans. The Spanish governor at New Orleans, Jose de Galvez, had helped supply George Rogers Clark's 1778-1779 campaign against the British posts in the Northwest. After Spanish entry into the war, the contest for Florida and the lower Mississippi began in earnest.

Galvez immediately made plans to attack British outposts. With a force composed of regular army troops as well as black and white militias, the Spanish took Baton Rouge and Natchez by early October 1779. Having secured the great river, Galvez then moved on to the British garrison at Mobile, which fell in May 1780. Alarmed by the Spanish gains, the British commander at Pensacola roused British supporters to retake Fort Panmure at Natchez. A British and Choctaw force under Captain John Blommart held the fort for about six weeks, until the Spanish recaptured it and took Blommart and others captive on June 22. In the meantime, Galvez had taken Pensacola, capital of West Florida.

A Revolutionary Crossword!

Answers

Across

3. Abigail Adams
6. Thomas Jefferson
10. Nathan Hale
12. Custis
14. Paul Revere
15. Betsy Ross
16. John Andre
17. Mercy Otis Warren
18. Phyllis Wheatley

Down

1. Richard Henry Lee
2. John Hancock
4. Nathaneal Greene
5. Thomas Paine
7. Jared Ingersoll
8. Patrick Henry
9. Debra Sampson
11. Crispus Attucks
13. Saratoga

British citizens and Chickasaw Indians who had fled Natchez before the Spanish retook it then formed a partisan band under the leadership of James Logan Colbert. Colbert had been a captain in the British army at Pensacola. Instead of surrendering to the Spanish, he sought



refuge in the Chickasaw Nation and fought on. From late 1781 through early 1783, Colbert's band raided Spanish and American shipping on the Mississippi. Aiming to get Blommart and other British prisoners released, Colbert took hostages in hopes of arranging a prisoner exchange.

Throughout 1782, Colbert proclaimed an intention to attack

the vulnerable Spanish garrison at Arkansas Post. Located about 35 miles up the Arkansas River from its confluence with the Mississippi, this small outpost was protected by 40 Spanish troops in a stockade known as Fort Carlos III. In April 1783, Colbert, with a force of about 100 whites and Indians, made his way up the Arkansas River toward Fort Carlos. In the early morning of April 17, the British force took several prisoners in the village outside the fort's walls, and then went after the fort. For about six hours, the battle raged. The Spanish garrison fired about 300 cannon balls at the attackers, but did little damage because Colbert's men lay protected in a ravine. At about 9:00 am, the Spanish commander, Captain Jacobo Du Breuil, ordered a sortie that sent the British force running for its boats. A pursuit by Du Breuil's Quapaw Indian allies forced Colbert to release his remaining prisoners. Later in 1783, after making a final report to his British superiors in St. Augustine, Colbert was thrown from his horse and killed.

Word of the preliminary peace treaty concluded among France, Spain, and Britain in January 1783 reached the Mississippi Valley shortly after Colbert's Raid. Hostilities ceased, and Spain prepared to reoccupy the Floridas. Spain remained in possession of New Orleans, and the right of the new United States to send cargo down the Mississippi and deposit goods at New Orleans would remain a disputed issue until New Orleans and all of Louisiana was purchased by the U.S. in 1803. By this time, France had forced Spain to return Louisiana to her, and the \$15 million sale was arranged between President Thomas Jefferson and France's Napoleon Bonaparte.

Most of the battleground now lies beneath the Post Bend, but the site of Fort Carlos III and the history of Colbert's Raid, the final battle of the Revolutionary War, can be explored through exhibits at Arkansas Post National Memorial.

His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot American Contingent

Regimental Return 31 March 2011

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Paul O'Shaughnessy

Staff & Additional

<p>4 wanting 3 for 7 + 4 additional = 8</p> <p>Officers 7 Warrants 1 Staff 8</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>2IC Major Richard Amsterdam</p> <p>Adjutant Major Richard Amsterdam</p> <p>Quartermaster --vacant--</p> <p>Surgeon Lloyd Klickstein</p> <p>Chaplain Scott Williams, Gentleman Volunteer</p> <p>Surgeon's Mate --vacant--</p> <p>Additional</p> <p>ADC Lieut Col & Capt Winston Stone</p> <p>ADC Michael Coppe, Gentleman Volunteer</p> <p>Paymaster* Pte. Shaun Timberlake (Light Infantry Co'y)</p> <p>Quartermaster* Serj Edward Scull (Grenadier Co'y)</p> <p>Colour Ensign Capt William Desmond</p> <p>Colour Ensign Capt Lincoln Clark III</p> <p><i>* Counted in their respective companies</i></p>
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Light Infantry Company

23 wanting 6 for 29

Officers 4
Serjeants 2
R&F 20
Music 3
Co'y 29

<p>Captain Robert Falotico</p> <p>Lieutenants ---vacant--- ---vacant---</p> <p>Serjeants Charles Ziniti (RSM) Michael Graves</p> <p>Drummers Anthony Jenkins (DM)(SDOC) James Banatoski Matthew Lee (Rct)</p> <p>Musicians</p> <p>#1 Platoon Corp Charles Federico (OC) Ptes Dylan Potter Michael Federico Shaun Timberlake Khalid Antar (Rct) David Driscoll (Re-enlist) Kelsey Brennan (Re-enlist) David Parker (Re-enlist) Bugler Nicolas Federico</p> <p>#2 Platoon Corp Ken Mental L/Corp Noah Martin Ptes Eric Westerberg (OC) Christopher Migala Anthony Federico Sarah Vedrani Timothy Lee Jacob Gruber (Rct)</p>
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Grenadier Company

21 wanting 8 for 29

Officers 3
 Serjeants 2
 R&F 21
 Music 3
 Co'y 29

Captain
Lieutenants

David Kinghorn

---vacant---

---vacant---

Serjeants

Ed Scull

Drummers

Evan Hodges-LeClaire (SDOC)

Thomas Stone

Fife-Major

Mary Stone

Fifers

Nathaniel Williams

Johaness Wesselhoeft

#1 Platoon Corp Jeffrey Meriwether
 Ptes Mike McComas
 Scott Smith
 John Fitzpatrick
 William Hough
 Gary Mezack
 Robert Lee

#2 Platoon Corp Ian Graves
 Ptes Paul Dooley
 Robert Edmonds
 Michael Foley
 Jack Ryan Dallmeyer (Rct)
 Eric Niehaus (Rct)
 Pwdr Ian Banatoski

Regimental Return Summary

51 wanting 44 for 95

	Effectives	Re-enlist	Recruits	OC	CL	SDOC	DS	HP	Totals
Grenadiers	18	0	2	0	0	1	-	-	21
Light Infantry	15	3	2	2	0	1	-	-	23
Staff	8	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	8
Totals	41	3	4	2	0	2	0	0	52
Additional Co'y	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Civilian Re-enactors	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18

Changes *Changes since last return [effective 16 March unless otherwise noted.]*

		Staff	
Officers	10	Grenadier Co'y	none
Serjeants/Warrants	5	Light Infantry Co'y	Rct J. Strezo discharged.
R&F	31	Civilian Re-enactors	none
Music	6	Additional Co'y	none
Now	52		

Co'ys	4	3
Officers	17	16
Serjeants/Warrants	10	8
R&F	84	63
Music	9	8
Full	120	95

Regimental Women & Civilian Re-enactors

Kira Bailey (Lieut)	Steve, Doris & Sarah Banatoski	Edmund & Tammy Bressler
Deb, Margot & Claire Fate-Mental	Joan Federico	Susan Feist
Stuart Gralnik & Ann Swartzell	Valerie & Natasha Graves	Richard Kaskeski
Diane O'Shaughnessy	Darlene Wigton	

The Back Page

*Lieutenant Nesti and
Serjeant Driscoll!!!!*

Let's check the Returns!



Oldies but goodies!

Here we have a picture of the Poacher's "Back Page" from September 1998 which featured "Serjeant" Driscoll and "Lieutenant" Nesti. . . I guess if the coat fits. . .?

**IT'S ONLY 362 DAYS
'TIL LEXINGTON GREEN. ARE YOU READY?!**



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