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## Educational Opportunities Abound!

Written by Pte. Shaun Timberlake

The school year is ending in earnest with many members taking the opportunity to speak and give demonstrations at various local schools. Many of our members have driven near and far to aid in one of the core missions of the Regiment: educating the public about life as a British soldier in 1775.

June 2 saw members at the Job Lane School in Bedford, MA. Lincoln Clark, Paul Dooley, Michael Foley, Bill Hough, Rob Lee, Michael McComas, Gary Mezack, Eric Niehaus, Nate Williams and Scott Williams entertained eight fifth grade classes -- about 180 students -- for almost three hours with information on colonial America, the army in America, governmental policy toward the colonies, our uniforms, arms and equipment, Minutemen and militia, linear and irregular tactics and the battles at Lexington and Concord.

According to Jim Hollister of the National Park Service, the members made quite an impression:

*"We hosted the Lt. Job Lane School of Bedford at the park today (June 7). As I ran through our education program with them, it became clear that these students knew a lot more about British soldiers than the vast majority of schools who visit us, and far more excited about the subject than I am used to seeing. It turns out that they were recalling a recent visit to their school by about half a dozen soldiers of HM 10th Reg't of Foot. Apparently you guys made quite an impression on these students, who were jumping out of their seats with excitement to share what they learned about the British soldier in America."*

Pte. Eric Niehaus and his wife Joan stopped by the 3rd and 5th grade classes (about 50 students) at St Leo in Leominster on Wednesday, June 1. It was conducted in the school gym with musket (but no firing) where clothing, weapons, lifestyle of a soldier and economics of the time were covered. Joan also covered what women did, including how they cooked, made fabric and clothing, what they wore and how they conducted themselves.

Events such as these go a long way to furthering our educational goals. A job well-done by all!

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# Battle for Needham at Ridge Hill Reservation

Submitted by Pte. Kelsey Brennan

During the 21st and 22nd of May the 10th participated in the Battle for Needham in the Ridge Hill Reservation in Needham, MA. This was part of the year-long schedule the Town of Needham had planned for their 300th anniversary this year.

The premise behind the fictitious battle was that the British learned that a large amount of newly arrived supplies and equipment provided by French ships has reached Boston, and is currently being moved Southwest toward the Hudson Highlands in New York, where they will greatly aid the American forces guarding the Hudson River North of New York City. The Americans, according to Loyalist spies, are moving these supplies slowly and carefully, with guards provided by the various towns as the caravan moves, along

with an assigned force of Continentals and some artillery. The British command sees an opportunity and believes that a fast moving raiding force might be able to find, capture, and destroy these supplies.

Coming in to the weekend it seemed as though we would never again see sunlight since we had about a week of rain, but all were presently surprised on Saturday when a large, warm, yellow object appeared in the sky. Many thought this was a sign of the rapture. Surprisingly enough, the world did not end and we were able to experience the cool and cloudy atmosphere of Sunday, which made for most comfortable battling conditions.

For the event, the tenth was part of the larger British forces. The lights spent a good deal of the weekend fighting in the



The 10th Lights advance across the battlefield during the battle. *Photo by Stu Gralnik*

woods (in fields of poison ivy). The grenadiers on the other hand, tried their best not to drown in the river. On the whole, let's just say we did a really good job waiting.

Although, there were moments during this event that seemed to drag on forever (with many choruses of "why are we waiting") I always think that the first encampment event of the season is a great time. It gives you a chance to get back into the swing of things, and dust yourself off for the season. Moments like setting up camp, sitting around the fire catching up with friends, running through the woods, etc. always bring back such great memories.



Pte. Dylan Potter enjoys lunch on Sunday.  
*Photo by Pte. Sarah Vedrani*

I would probably do the event again although, I hope that someone would take into consideration the amount of wait time and activity for all groups. I think it is a great location for a battle with some interesting spots. The woods made for an especially good location for firing at some doodles.

The most memorable moment during the event for me was when the light infantry was accused of battling "too quickly." In true light form, at the command of our sergeants, we decided to heed their advice and effectively perform the slowest firing sequence in complete unison, slow motion sound effects and all.



Pte. Shaun Timberlake fought the day sporting a new hat that he found in the woods. Pte. Kalid Antar approves!  
*Photo by Pte. Sarah Vedrani*

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

# *The Poacher Profile*

## **Michael Graves**

**Current age:** 47

**City & state residing:** Chelmsford, MA, Married to wife Valerie

**Occupation:** College Professor at University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA

**Present rank and company:** Serjeant, Light Infantry Company



**When and why did you join the Regiment?** I joined (i.e. made my first levy payment) July 2005 and was sworn Patriot's Day 2006. Joining the Regiment was Ian's idea; he actually joined first then talked me into it after a couple of months. I always have had an interest in history myself and am somewhat of an Anglophile. I also thought it would be a good father-son hobby. Ian and I went through recruit training together with Charlie as our RTG and then we were sworn in at the same time, Patriot's Day morning 2006. Somehow though, I ended up with the lower regimental number, 285.

**Name 1 thing that we don't know about you:** In the early 90's I pierced my own ears with an 18 gauge syringe needle and had a mullet; I was a blonde for a couple of years after moving here. I also have a really bad temper that I generally am able to control unless I am tired, which is why I get snippy packing the trailer at the end of a weekend.

**What do you enjoy doing when you're outside the Regiment?** My other interests are carpentry and designing/building things. So, the Regiment does offer me an outlet for that too as I can make things for the Regiment. Other than that, I like being with the family, which is becoming more difficult with Ian off to college and Natasha now a teenager.

**What is your favorite thing about the Regiment?** Two things really, one is the different perspective of American history I have gained by being on the "other side" so to speak. The other is the friendships and camaraderie that I have gained with the people of the 10th, other British regiments, and even a few Colonials.

What is your favorite memory of the Regiment? I think it would be my first Patriot's Day morning standing there in the Lexington Police parking lot; Ian and I being sworn to service together.

Where's the furthest you've traveled and why? The longest trip I ever took probably was the time I traveled to Amsterdam when I was living in Oklahoma. The purpose of the trip was to attend and give a presentation at an international plant biology conference.

What are your likes? Pic (need you ask?). Old movies, British TV (*Monty Python, Black Adder, Dr Who*)

What are your dislikes? I really don't have any strong dislikes other than black walnuts.

What is your favorite movie? *Fiddler on the Roof*

What is your favorite song / style of music? My taste in music is fairly eclectic. I like classical, big band, jazz, classic rock, 80's rock, our marching music, our drinking music... the only types I really don't like are heavy metal, punk, and hip hop.

Are you active in any causes? I used to be involved in Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow (an honor society within Scouting), but haven't been as active in the last year.

What special talents / skills do you have? I can play the saxophone; I was actually the drum major for my high school marching band.

What is the most unusual thing that has happened to you in life? Nothing really that unusual has happened to me, other than the time the transvestite tried to pick me up in a bar in Eugene, Oregon, but that was a long time ago.

What is the best thing that has happened to you so far in life? Getting married and the births of Ian and Natasha.

# The Mad Scientist

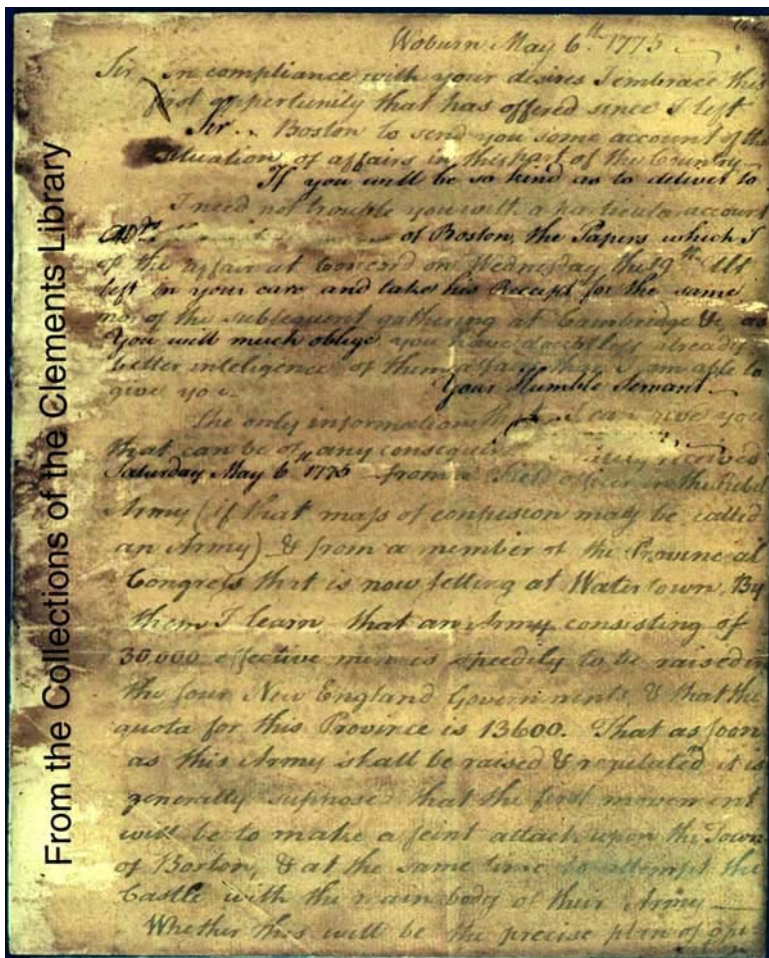
## May 6, 1775 -- Benjamin Thompson to Gage's Staff

From the Collections of the Clements Library, University of Michigan

Benjamin Thompson, one of the earliest and most famous American scientists, did not believe in the American rebellion. In this letter, Thompson did not hide his leanings towards the loyalist cause, but he did use invisible ink to include secret text within the body of his letter. The secret letter is proof of Thompson's previously suspected intelligence work for the British Army. Thompson wrote this letter from Woburn, Massachusetts because he had been run out of his hometown in New Hampshire for sending British deserters back to Gage's headquarters in Boston. In the beginning of the letter, Thompson briefly mentioned the Battle of Lexington and Concord that had happened two weeks prior, stating that Gage has "already better intelligence of them affairs than I am able to give." Instead he concentrated on explaining the movements of the "Rebel Army (if that mass of confusion may be called an Army)."

Within the visible text of the letter, Thompson reported on the actions of the Continental Congress' resolution to raise 30,000 men against the British which he had learned from a member of

the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, possibly Benjamin Church. He also detailed the Rebel Army's plan to attack the "Castle," or the Castle William Fort at Castle Rock. Instead the Continental Army, led by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, attacked Fort Ticonderoga in Lake Champlain. In invisible ink Thompson wrote of a secret cache of papers, unfortunately the name of the courier has been erased and nothing is known of the Thompson's papers. In October 1775, around the same time Benjamin Church was tried for treason by Washington, Thompson left Boston and returned home to New Hampshire to his wife for a short time. On November 4, 1775, Thompson was back in Boston writing a



detailed report on the conditions in the American camp for Sir William Howe, General Gage's replacement. In March of 1776, when Howe evacuated Boston, Thompson sailed to England to

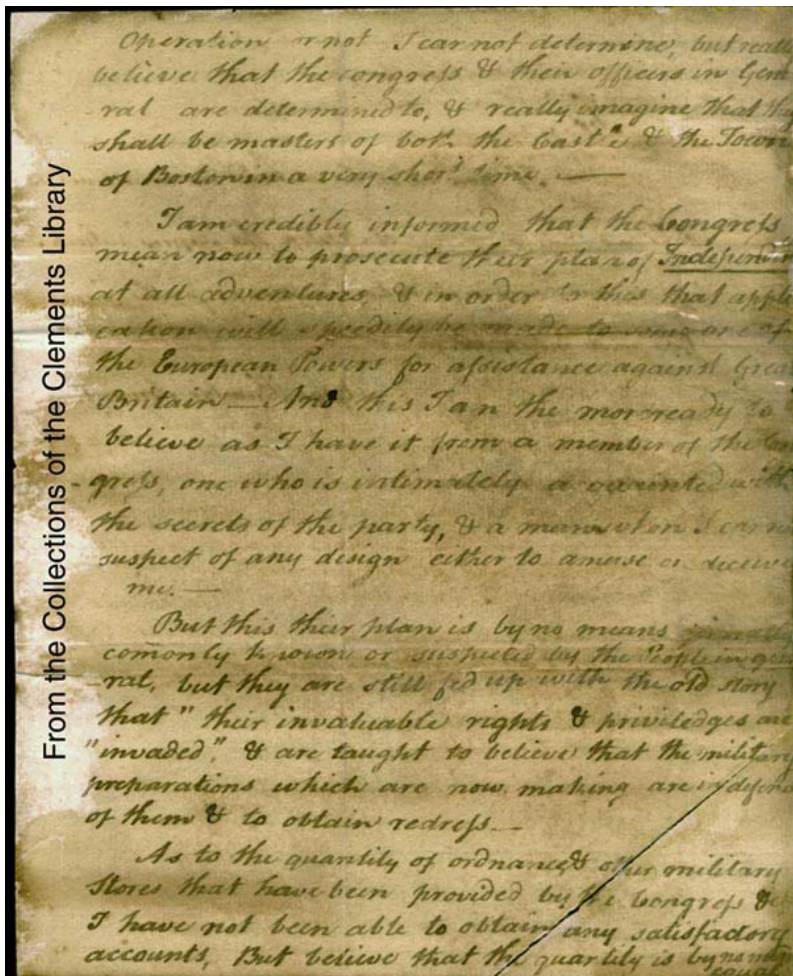
assist Lord George Germain who ran the British troops from England. Thompson failed to notify his wife and small daughter in Concord, New Hampshire of his plans and they never saw him again.

### Invisible Letter

Sir / If you will be so kind as to deliver to / Mr. of Boston, the Papers which I / left in your care, and take his Receipt for the same, / You will much oblige / Your Humble Servant / (erased) / Saturday May 6th 1775

### Visible Letter

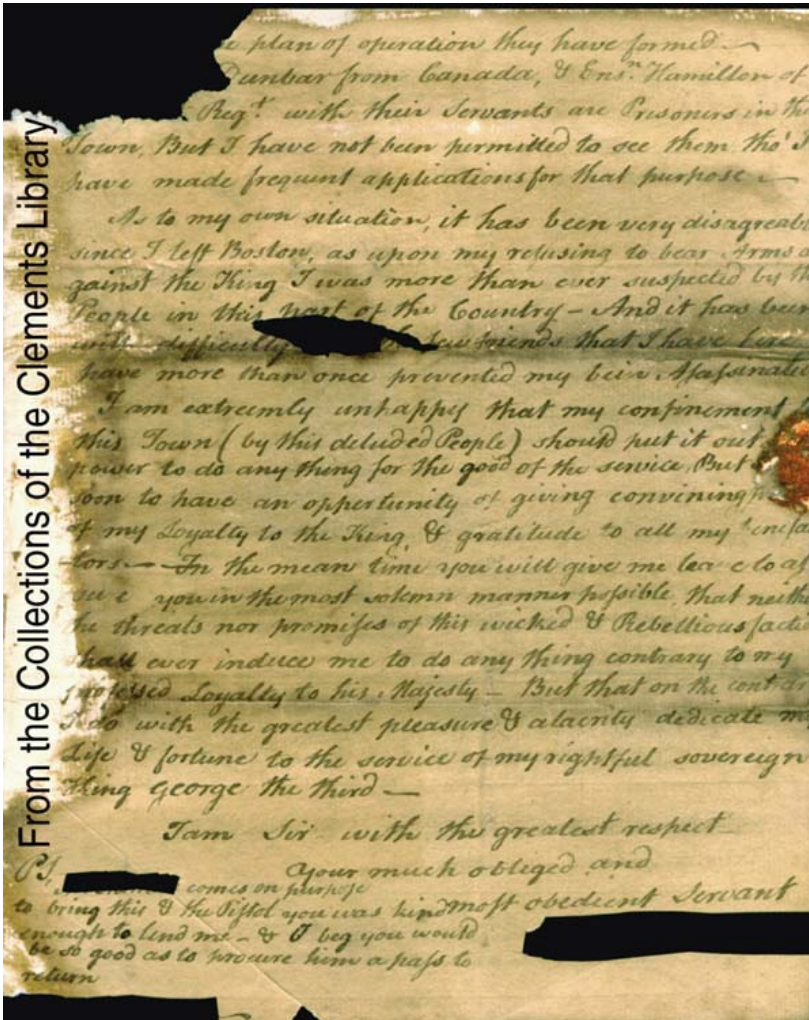
Woburn May 6th 1775 / Sir, In compliance with your desires I embrace this / first opportunity that has offered since I left / Boston to send you some account of the / Situation of affairs in this part of the Country- / I need not trouble you with a particular account / of the affair at Concord on Wednesday the 19th / nor of the subsequent gathering at Cambridge, as / you have doubtless already / better intelligence of them affairs than I am able to / give you.



From the Collections of the Clements Library

The only information that I can give you / that can be of any consequence lately received / from a Field officer in the Rebel / Army (if that mass of confusion may be called / an Army) & from a member of the Provincial / Congress that is now setting at Watertown.

By / them I learn that an Army consisting of / 30,000 effective men is speedily to be raised in / the four New England Governments, & that the / quota for this Province is 13600. That as soon / as this Army shall be raised & regulated, it is / generally supposed that the first movement / will be to make a feint attack upon the Town / of Boston & at the same time to attempt the / Castle with the main body of the Army- / Whether this will be the precise plan of operation or not I cannot determine, but really / believe that the congress & their officers in Gene- / ral are determined to, & really imagine that they / shall be masters of both the Castle & the Town / of Boston in a very short time- / I am credibly informed that the Congress / mean now to prosecute their plan of Independence / at all adventures & in order to this that appli- / cation will speedily be made to someone of / the European Powers for assistance against Great / Britain- And this I am the



more ready to / believe as  
 I have it from a member  
 of the congress, / one  
 who is intimately ac-  
 quainted with / the se-  
 crets of the party, & a  
 man whom I can not /  
 suspect of any design  
 either to amuse or de-  
 ceive / me. / But this  
 their plan is by no means  
 generally- / commonly  
 known or suspected by the  
 People in gene- / -ral, but  
 they are still fed up with  
 the old story / that "their  
 invaluable rights & priv-  
 ileges are / "invaded". &  
 are taught to believe that  
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 tions which are now  
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 tity of ordnances other  
 military / stores that  
 have been provided by

the Congress & / I have not been able to obtain any satisfactory / accounts. But believe that the quantity is by no means equal.

plan of operation they have formed / Dunbar from Canada, & Ens. Hamilton of / Reg with their servants are Prisoners in this / Town, But I have not permitted to see them tho I / have made frequent applications for that purpose / As to my own situation, it has been very disagreeable / since I left Boston, as upon my refusing to bear Arms a- / gainst the king I was more than ever suspected by the / People in this part of the Country And it has been / with difficulty few friends that I have here / have more than once prevented my bein assassinated. / I am extremely unhappy that my confinement to / this Town (by this deluded people) should put it out / power to do any thing for the good of the service But / soon to have an opportunity of giving convincing / of my Loyalty to the King, & gratitude to all my benefac- / tors in the mean time you will give me leave to as- / sure you in the most solemn manner possible, that neither / the threats nor promises of this wicked & Rebellious faction / shall ever induce me to do any thing contrary to my / professed loyalty to his Majesty But that on the contrary / I do with the greatest pleasure & alacrity dedicate my / Life & fortune to the service of my rightful sovereign / King George the third - / I am Sir with the greatest respect / Your much obliged and / Most obedient Servant / (name cut out) / P.S. (name cut out) comes on purpose / to bring this & the Pistol you was kind / enough to lend me I beg you would / be so good as to procure him a pass to / return

# The Paymaster's Report

By Pte. Shaun Timberlake, Paymaster & Corporate Treasurer

## Statement of Financial Income and Expense - 01/01/2011 - 05/31/2011

CLEARED BANK BALANCES AS OF 05/31/2011:	CHECKING: \$ 3,164.94	SAVINGS: \$3,763.54	TOTAL
Income			
45000 · Investments			
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.31		2.31
Total 45000 · Investments	2.31		2.31
46400 · Other Types of Income			
46420 · Inventory Sales	4,756.25		4,756.25
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	4,756.25		4,756.25
49000 · Special Events Income			
49010 · Special Events Contributions	100.00		100.00
49020 · Special Events Sales (Nongift)	2,950.00		2,950.00
Total 49000 · Special Events Income	3,050.00		3,050.00
80001 · Non-Tax Deductible Donation	135.00		135.00
Total Income	7,943.56		7,943.56
Cost of Goods Sold			
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
50001 · Wool/Fabric	736.80		736.80
50002 · Leather	672.58		672.58
50003 · Metals/Brass/Etc	958.35		958.35
50005 · Headgear	566.00		566.00
50006 · Item Buy-Backs	0.00		0.00
50007 · Tailoring/Fabrication	770.00		770.00
50008 · Guns/Gunsmithing	2,106.85		2,106.85
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	5,810.58		5,810.58
Total COGS	5,810.58		5,810.58
Gross Profit	2,132.98		2,132.98
Expense			
60900 · Business Expenses			
60902 · Credit Card Fees	16.07		16.07
60910 · Bad Debts	596.00		596.00
60940 · Sales Tax	51.47		51.47
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	663.54		663.54
62800 · Facilities and Equipment			
62830 · Donated Facilities	300.00		300.00
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	27.47		27.47
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	550.00		550.00
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	877.47		877.47
62810 · Vehicles/Trailers	293.46		293.46
65000 · Operations			
65001 · Gun Powder / Cartridges	750.00		750.00
65005 · Music Equipment	857.90		857.90
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	209.57		209.57
65030 · Printing and Copying	118.15		118.15
65040 · Supplies	124.69		124.69
Total 65000 · Operations	2,060.31		2,060.31
65100 · Other Types of Expenses			
65110 · Advertising Expenses			
65111 · Internet/Website/Elec Media	269.43		269.43
Total 65110 · Advertising Expenses	269.43		269.43
65150 · Memberships and Dues	51.00		51.00
65160 · Other Costs	10.00		10.00
65170 · Staff Development	140.00		140.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	470.43		470.43
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	450.00		450.00
Total Expense	4,870.21		4,870.21
Net Income	(2,737.23)		(2,737.23)

# His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot American Contingent

## Regimental Return 31 May 2011

**Commanding Officer**

Lieutenant Colonel Paul O'Shaughnessy

**Staff & Additional**

4 wanting 3 for 7 + 4  
additional = 8

Officers 7  
Warrants 1  
**Staff 8**

**Staff**

**2IC** Major Richard Amsterdam  
**Adjutant** Major Richard Amsterdam  
**Quartermaster** --vacant--  
**Surgeon** Lloyd Klickstein  
**Chaplain** Scott Williams, Gentleman Volunteer  
**Surgeon's Mate** --vacant--

**Additional**

**ADC** Lieut Col & Capt Winston Stone  
**ADC** Michael Coppe, Gentleman Volunteer  
**Paymaster\*** Pte. Shaun Timberlake (Light Infantry Co'y)  
**Quartermaster\*** Serj Edward Scull (Grenadier Co'y)  
**Colour Ensign** Capt William Desmond  
**Colour Ensign** Capt Lincoln Clark III

*\* Counted in their respective companies*

**Light Infantry Company**

23 wanting 6 for 29

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

**Captain**

Robert Falotico

**Lieutenants**

---vacant---

---vacant---

**Serjeants**

Charles Ziniti (RSM)  
Michael Graves

**Drummers**

Anthony Jenkins (DM)(SDOC)  
James Banatoski  
Matthew Lee (Rct)

**Musicians**

**#1 Platoon**

Corp Charles Federico (OC)  
Ptes Dylan Potter  
Michael Federico  
Shaun Timberlake  
Khalid Antar  
David Driscoll  
Kelsey Brennan  
David Parker  
Bugler Nicolas Federico

**#2 Platoon**

Corp Ken Mental  
L/Corp Noah Martin  
Ptes Eric Westerberg (OC)  
Christopher Migala  
Anthony Federico  
Sarah Vedrani  
Timothy Lee  
Jacob Gruber

**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

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**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 (OC)  
 Ptes Paul Dooley  
 Robert Edmonds  
 Michael Foley  
 Jack Ryan Dallmeyer  
 Eric Niehaus  
 Pwdr Ian Banatoski

**Regimental Return Summary**

51 wanting 44 for 95

	Effectives	Re-enlist	Recruits	OC	CL	SDOC	DS	HP	Totals
<b>Grenadiers</b>	19	0	0	1	0	1	-	-	<b>21</b>
<b>Light Infantry</b>	17	3	0	2	0	1	-	-	<b>23</b>
<b>Staff</b>	8	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	<b>8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Additional Co'y</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Civilian Re-enactors</b>	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>18</b>

**Changes** *Changes since last return [effective 4 May unless otherwise noted.]*

		Staff	
Officers	10	none	
Serjeants/Warrants	5	Grenadier Co'y	Corp. Ian Graves On Command
R&F	32	Light Infantry Co'y	none
Music	6	Civilian Re-enactors	none
<b>Now</b>	<b>53</b>	Additional Co'y	none

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

**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

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Captain Bob Folatico heralding the new kitchen set-up  
in Needham.

*Photo by Pte. Sarah Vedrani*



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