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Recruiting Parties

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Isaac Cruikshank (Scottish, 1756-1811) after George M. Woodward (1760-1809). *A Recruiting Party*. Handcolored etching, 1797. Published by Allen & West, London.

WITH the advent of conflict in the American Revolution, the need to augment the Army to satisfy the need for troops put recruiting into high gear in England. This was made difficult by the fact that, besides the low pay and harsh discipline, the Army, since the days of Cromwell, had been regarded with contempt as an enemy to British liberties and a danger to civil tranquility. A standing army was permitted only by the annual passage in Parliament of the Mutiny Act. The Navy, on the other hand, was looked upon as romantic heroes and the defenders of Britain. This generally made the Army the employer of last resort. It turns out that the theory that recruits were sometimes found in convicted criminals who were given the choice between

enlistment or prison was false. The Army knew better than to take hardened criminals into its ranks. More likely, though, would be recruits drawn from men fleeing debt or other impingements or minor offences, and many were unemployed craftsmen and farm laborers, displaced by the advent of the Industrial Revolution. It is estimated that during the American Revolution, as much as 20 percent of the

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British Army was made up of unemployed weavers and other textile workers.

With the advent of the War, these men were now offered a reduced term of enlistment, as well as a bounty of three guineas or more - no small inducement for a poor man. These men were encouraged to step forward by recruiting parades such as this one led by a Major Boyle Roche in Ireland in August of 1775 as reported in the *Dublin Journal*. It began with a parade led by "Major Roche, bearing a large Purse of Gold; Captain Cowley; A great number of likely recruits; An elegant Band of Music, consisting of French Horns, Hautboys, Clarionets, and Bassoons, playing 'God Save the King'; A large brewers Dray with Five Barrels of Beer, the Horse richly caparisoned and ornamented with ribbons; Two Draymen with Cockades, to serve the Beer; The Recruiting Serjeant; Drums and Fifes; Another Division of Recruits; The Recruiting Soldiers; A prodigious concourse of Spectators. Major Roche then delivered a grandiose speech praising the cause of the King and Country, and promising honour and renown for all who would step forward."

Scotland proved to be a fertile source for recruits. Besides the general warrior-like temperament of the Scots people which made the Army a natural home for many adventurous young men, a number of calamities had accelerated recruitment. Several years of agricultural failure over the century had produced near famine conditions in much of Scotland, plus certain economic restrictions imposed by England on imports and exports had caused widespread unemployment, particularly in the textile trades. Also, many landlords were beginning to replace subsistence tenant farms on their lands with the much more profitable sheep grazing, and the farmers and their families were displaced in what is known as "The Clearances". The enlistment bounty was a matter of survival for many families. In addition to Army enlistment, great waves of emigrants, many to America, left Scotland, beginning in the late 18th century and accelerating rapidly into the 19th.

Rather than the parade with free beer and flowery speeches of Major Roche, the Scots were recruited as more suited their character. The following is an excerpt from a poster: "You who, uncorrupted by the universal depravity of your southern countrymen, have withstood, unmoveable as a rock, all the assaults of Surrounding Luxury and Depravity. You who, while others, effeminated by voluptuous refinements, and irrecoverably lost to honour, lolling in the arms of Pleasure, can see the danger of their country with a criminal indifference . . ."

Sources: A Balanced View on the Highland Clearances, <http://www.electricscotland.com/hiTory/hcbalance.htm>.

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A Report on the Barrett House

Submitted by Lieut. Col. Winston Stone

I beg to report on the 300th Birthday Celebration at Colonel Barrett's House in Concord 31st July. Myself; Pte. Hough, 10th Grenadiers; Captains Kone and Ozelius, 1st Guards with 4 Guardsman; and Pte. J. Hummel, 64th Lights, were in attendance. A number of artisans where there as well as the crew who are doing the structural restoration of the house. Members of the Barrett family descendants were allowed to actually replace a couple of the crossbeams on the new right side addition to the house. Other demonstrations of musket care and feeding, musket drill and firing, sewing, cordwaining, black smithing and the making of moldings with hand planes. We were involved with the re-enactment of the arrival of British troops at the house on the morning of 19th April 1775. We did the little play three times during the day. All went well although no weapons or stores where found save a barrel of feathers -- white feathers. These were deemed appropriate for the rebellious colonies by Captain Kone. As most of the troops had to leave before the final musket demonstration by the attending rebels, the arrival play was not done. We then gave a showing of the differences in the uniforms of the typical minuteman, the remaining British Soldier, Pte. G. Marsden, 1st Guards, and one Continental Line soldier. I gave the talk on the British Army and explanation of Pte. Marsden's uniform which, of course, was well received. A very lovely day, warm but not humid and a lovely breeze now and again.

**IT'S ONLY 215 DAYS
'TIL LEXINGTON GREEN. ARE YOU READY?!**

The Springer's Poacher Profile



Introducing Shaun Timberlake

Current age: 35

Residence: Quincy, MA

Occupation: Insurance Agent, Lit-Flynn Insurance,
Randolph, MA

Status: Married to my lovely wife for 9 years & counting!

Present rank and company: Paymaster; Private in the Light Infantry Co.

Joined the Regiment: January 1994, then left in 2000, only to return in Nov. 2008

Joined because: Originally, a friend of mine that I worked with was a Grenadier and since I liked history, he invited me up to a Drill. I returned because I knew I liked re-enacting. So, when I wanted to get back in to the hobby, I knew where I belonged!

1 thing that we don't know about you: I was an Auxiliary Fire Fighter / EMT in the Milton Fire Department Auxiliary from 2002 to 2007. You're safe though: my EMT license has since expired!

Enjoys outside the Regiment: Family times, when my parents visit from Florida, watching football, and just hanging out

Favorite thing about the Regiment: Hmmmm. . . the comraderie, our history and our reputation and knowing that in some small way, each of us contribute to it

Favorite memory of the Regiment: The Regiment's Bermuda trip in 1995 was a good one. Then there was the group of us that flew over to the UK for the 2nd Battalion's Colours Ceremony at Duxford Airfield in 1995 -- I even showed those Officers how to ride a mechanical bull they had set up at the Colours Ball the Battalion had in their Officers' Mess! Recently, I'd have to say wading upstream at OSV -- and I don't care what those Rebels said: there's no way they saw us coming through the water; otherwise they'd have been waiting for us!

Where's the furthest you've traveled and why? The UK for the Colours Ceremony

What are your likes? Anything outdoors, the Fall, good meals, and laughing!

What are your dislikes? Political Correctness, beating-around-the-bush, dishonesty

What is your favorite movie? Well, they're all old war movies: Zulu; Tora! Tora! Tora!; Patton; The Dirty Dozen; Bridge Over the River Kwai

What is your favorite song / style of music? My wife has gotten me into Country; anything 80's; Classic Rock

Are you active in any causes? Which ones and why? Not really active; I try to give to the Salvation Army and any Veterans groups when possible. I volunteered extensively with the Salvation Army when I was in college, so I guess I'm just partial to them. As for the Veterans groups, who better to donate your money to than people that went off somewhere to protect the ideals that we sometimes don't even think about here at home.

What special talents / skills do you have? I try to listen more than talk. I find I'm better off keeping quiet sometimes than opening my big mouth! (That doesn't always work. . .)

What is the most unusual thing that has happened to you in life? Describe: I lived in Orange Park, Florida, briefly when I was in the 6th grade. At the house we were renting we had the little geckos that liked to hang out on the side of the house. My father taught us how to put them to sleep by rubbing their bellies, and then gently put them in the grass. After a few days of this, all of the geckos would come find us and let us pick them up. It was like a whole backyard full of pets! My mother was not pleased as they always scared the you-know-what out of her!

What is the best thing that has happened to you so far in life? Getting married, definitely!

What is the one thing that you would like to accomplish before you die? Become more outgoing!

Coming Up . . .

September / October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	15 Drill	16 Munroe Tav- ern Move	17 Munroe Tav- ern Move	18 Munroe Tav- ern Move
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Wayside Inn
26	27	28	29	30	<u>Oct 1</u>	2
3 Duxbury	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 ----- 17 - Millis	11	12	13	14	15 Millis	16 Millis

His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot American Contingent

Regimental Return 31 August 2010

**Colonel of The Regiment
Commanding Officer**

Maj Gen R Gerrard-Wright CB CBE DL
Lieutenant Colonel Paul O'Shaughnessy

Staff

3 wanting 4 for 7 + 5
additional = 8

Officers 7
Warrants 1
Staff 8

2IC & Adjutant Major Richard Amsterdam
ADC Lieut Col & Capt Winston Stone
ADC Michael Coppe, Gentleman Volunteer
Paymaster Pte. Shaun Timberlake
Quartermaster Serj Edward Scull
Surgeon Lloyd Klickstein
Chaplain Scott Williams, Gentleman
Colour Ensign Capt William Desmond
Colour Ensign Capt Lincoln Clark III
Surgeon's Mate -----

Light Infantry Company

19 wanting 9 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
Ptes Aaron Gralnik
Daniel Sousa (SDOC)
Dylan Potter
Michael Federico
Shaun Timberlake
Bugler Nicolas Federico

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

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---
 Ed Scull
 ---vacant---
 Evan Hodges-LeClaire (SDOC)
 Thomas Stone
 Mary Stone
 Nathaniel Williams

Serjeants**Drummers****Fife-Major****Fifers**

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

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

Regimental Return Summary

48 wanting 47 for 95

	Effectives	Recruits	OC	CL	SDOC	DS	HP	Totals
Grenadiers	18	2	0	0	1	-	-	21
Light Infantry	17	0	1	0	1	-	-	19
Staff	8	0	0	0	0	-	-	8
Totals	43	2	1	0	2	0	0	48
Additional Co'y	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1
Civilian Re-enactors	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21

Changes *Changes since last return [effective 7 July unless otherwise noted.]*

		Staff	None
Officers	10	Grenadier Co'y	None
Serjeants/Warrants	5	Light Infantry Co'y	None
R&F	35	Civilian Re-enactors	None
Music	7	Additional Co'y	None
Now	57		

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

Additional Company**Regimental Women & Civilian Re-enactors**

Susan Feist - Leader	Valerie & Natasha Graves	Stuart Galnik & Ann Swartzell
Diane O'Shaughnessy	Susan Lester & Naomi Klickstein	Kira Bailey
Steve, Doris & Sarah Banatoski	Ruth Hodges & John LeClaire	Deb, Margot & Claire Fate-Mental
Darlene Wigton	John Michael Dubis	Joan Federico
Richard Kaskeski		

The Back Page



By Michael Foley of Plymouth, Mass.
On board the schooner *Liberty* Harborfest, July 3, 2010

Congratulations to the South Shore's Dynamic Duo!

This picture of Pte. Bill Hough was shot by Pte. Mike Foley while they were at Harborfest in Boston. Pte. Foley's photographic skills earned him and Pte. Hough some great props: Pte. Hough will be featured on WGBH Channel 2's digital mural on their building along the Mass Pike. Look for Pte. Hough when you're on your drive through town! Talk about a recruiting poster!

The picture is also on WGBH's website at:

http://www.wgbh.org/lifeliving/0710_photo_contest_winners.cfm



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