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I beg leave to remark that, from the well-known character of the regiment, any observations emanating from those whose interest it is to cast a direct or indirect reflection upon its conduct, cannot be received with too much distrust.

Captain Richard Bullock, 41st Regiment in a letter to Major Richard Frende, 41st Regiment, 6th December, 1813

2009 SEASON IS UPON US!

After a winter of cleaning, repair and preparation; the new season arrives in a rush!

At the time of this writing, we have already hosted our annual dinner, attended the Officer/NCO School, the All Ranks Training Day, Longwoods and the 9th Talk in our ongoing Lecture Series.

The busy spring time will continue with Fort Meigs, Stoney Creek and Port Dover all in the books before the official onset of summer.

Our summer season will actually slacken considerably this year, particu-

larly due to the absence of a Fort Niagara event. July has us at the Grand Tactical at Crysler's Farm and August at the recreated Siege of Fort Erie.

September has the final Crown Forces event of the season at Backus Mills and then wraps up with the event at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

An exciting development this year will be the qualification of a number of recruit candidates, with possibly as many as 6 recruits having expressed an interest in becoming members of the 41st Regiment.

Important to the

character of the recreated 41st Regiment has been our efforts around community education and outreach—it is this work that allows us to be qualified to do fundraising under the auspices of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission.

This work is not just our lecture series, but also the school day programs, museum open houses and lectures given at the Dundas Historical Society.

All in all, it should prove to be a not excessively busy schedule but it should still be a very satisfying campaign season!



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2009 DINNER A ROUSING SUCCESS!

The change in venue for our annual dinner proved to be quite successful. The Pines in Cambridge proved to be a lovely setting that provided excellent food.

Based on the positive feedback received, we have already secured a date and the space for 2010.

Mark in your calendar the date of **March 27, 2010!**



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2009 DRILL COMPETITION AT LONGWOODS

“The 41st is the only unit to have entered every year of the competition”

The 41st Regiment once again competed in the annual drill competition held at the season opening Longwoods event just outside of London, Ontario.

While we could not field the required minimum number of soldiers and we had minimal opportunity to practice in advance of the competition, we still conducted ourselves in an outstanding fashion.

This is a testament to the high level of drill and skill that we have established but some attention and focus through the off season could have improved our result.

We should take pride in the fact that we are the only unit to have gone in every year of the competition.

Congratulations to the Royal Scots Light Com-

pany and the Royal Scots Grenadier Company for running through the competition in such impressive numbers.

A further congratulations to Captain Dennison and the Royal Scots Grenadiers for their fine win!

Representing the 41st were Tom Fournier, Andrew Bateman, Dale Whitney, Marc and Nate Bertrand and Marc Howard.

The 41st
Regiment of Foot
Military Living History Group
Lecture Series

**A HANDFUL OF
FIR BUILT FRIGATES**
The US Navy and the War of 1812

DATE: Friday May 8, 2009
TIME: 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
LOCATION: Iron Duke House:
Wellington Brewery
950 Woodlawn Road West
Guelph, Ontario
COST: \$10 per person
TICKET INFO: www.fortyfirst.org
or E-MAIL: register@fortyfirst.org

FEATURING
Ed Bolla
SAILOR/HISTORIAN/RE-ENACTOR

SPRING LECTURE—ED BOLLA ON THE U.S. NAVY

Once again the 41st Regiment hosted an edition of its lecture series.

This was the ninth talk, leading off our fifth year. My how the time does fly!

Ed Bolla re-enactor and volunteer for the U.S. Brig Niagara, delighted our audience with his description of the U.S. Navy during the War of 1812.

Ed covered off the nature of the U.S. fleet, some of their his-

tory, their strategy coming into the war and many of their successful ship to ship actions on the open seas in contest with the Royal Navy.

The 41st Regiment continues to draw accolades for their efforts to explore in detail, many diverse aspects of the War of 1812.

Stay tuned for further details around our fall date, speaker and topic.

CORRECTING ARTICLE ON PROCTER'S FAMILY CONNECTIONS

In the November/December 2004 edition of the 41st Regiment Journal, Tom Fournier had written an article around Henry Procter and various interesting personal connections surrounding his family.

The internet is a vast and interesting space! Someone wrote to say that they had read the article and were offering some corrections.

In the original article, it was suggested that William

Procter was married to Jean Crooks, daughter of James Crooks. A correction has been offered that it was in fact Joan Crooks, sister of James Crooks that William Procter married.

Further, William Shortt, an officer of the 41st Regiment had married a Janet Crooks, daughter of James Crooks. Here too a correction has been offered, suggesting that it was Jane Crooks, daughter of Francis Crooks and niece of James Crooks.

Thank you to James Bateman for his suggested corrections.

While the exact nature of the marriages were not correct, the fact remains that familial connections existed between Procter and Shortt, this coupled with the animosity between Procter and Crowther may have been contributing factors to the rift within the Officers's Corps for the 41st Regiment of Foot.



Correction incorporating updated information offered!

41ST REGIMENT HISTORY—PROCTER & CROWTHER

In the above article, referenced is animosity between Lt. Col. Henry Procter of the 41st Regiment and Lt. Crowther of the same.

Procter had long tried to transfer his brother, William into the 41st Regiment. He thought he had an opportunity with an exchange with Lt. Crowther. This purchase fell through and Crowther complained about Procter to Lt. Governor Gore in charge of Upper Canada.

Crowther continued to serve with the 41st Regiment until he went on half pay as a Captain in 1815.

Here is a transcription of Crowther's letter to Gore:

York, 6th January 1809

Sir

Nearly three years since, I agreed to Exchange to half pay, with Lieutenant Procter of the New Brunswick Fencibles, by taking the difference between full & half pay, and so great a length of time having elapsed, I wrote to my Agent to say, that a considerable alteration having taken place in my private affairs for the better, that I did not wish the exchange should take place. In reply they informed me, no money had been lodged but a Bill on India had been sent them by Lieutenant Colonel Procter 41st Regiment, but no remittance had as yet been sent to it. In

consequence of this information, I sent a Memorial to my commanding officer, Colonel Procter to request he would lay it, before His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief, praying him to appoint me to another Regiment by Exchange, otherwise, instead of retiring on half pay, wish to be on more active service then this country allows. My commanding officer refused to send it, and unless the Exchange to take place between his Brother and me immediately; although no money is Lodged or brought forward. Which induces me to solicit, you would be kind to obtain Leave of Absence for me to return to England, that I may obtain an Exchange out of the 41st Regiment, as I conceive my Commanding Officer has a Total dislike to me.

“I conceive my Commanding Officer has a Total dislike to me.”

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency

Most Obedient

Very Humble Serv.t

W. Crowther

Lieu.t 41st Reg.t



THE 41ST REGIMENT OF FOOT MILITARY LIVING HISTORY GROUP

We strive to publish this newsletter on a quarterly basis. Contributions are welcome!

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The 41st Regiment of Foot Military Living History Group was founded in 1987. Our membership is primarily based in Southern Ontario but we also have membership in Michigan and Manitoba as well as a member on leave to serve with the modern Canadian Armed Forces.

It is our honour to recreate the Regiment which earned the most battle honours during the War of 1812: Detroit, Queenstown, Miami and Niagara.

CANADA AT WAR!

The 41st Regiment were thrilled to support the joint project "Canada at War" offered by McCrae House in Guelph and the Wellington County Museum.

We had the opportunity to do a presentation on the War of 1812 to 8 different classes throughout the course of the day.

In attendance for the 41st Regiment were our delightful "women" Carole Love and Meagan Jarrell along with Sergeant Ray Hobbs, Pioneer Nate Bertrand, Private Marc Howard and Private "Trash" Fournier.



A visit to the Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue (1811)

In the fine tradition
of Jim Yaworsky

Nightingale:

A soldier who, as term has it, sings out at the halberts. It is a point of honour in some regiments, to never cry out, or become nightingales, whilst under the discipline of the cat of nine tails; to avoid which, they chew a bullet.

