



# Loyal American Regiment

Captain Joshua Barns' Company of Marksmen Semi-Regular Newsletter  
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God Save the King!

Useless trivia about the Revolutionary War:

- Today, we seem to only remember one challenge issued by sentries, "Who goes there?" Another has been forgotten. In the 18th century, "Who comes there?" is what a sentry would say to an unknown person approaching.
- The Loyal American Regiment is rumored to have begun life as a tight-knit collection of spies and partisans before Bev Robinson sought a commission for an actual regiment.

## After-Action Report: Monmouth 225th



From the desk of the  
company commander

**Tom Briggs**

This was the best reenactment at Monmouth that I've ever been to. Though the organizers went out of their way to exhaust everyone before the battles, the weather



Only a dazed and confused Tom (left) completed the entire route. Thanks to everyone who took part.

was quite pleasant (by Monmouth standards) and our turnout was good. Both battles were exhausting but in the Sunday battle, we had the benefit of watching the rebels run. I didn't camp, but the local hotel had a certain interest.

I hate to say it but I am not the biggest fan of the annual Mon-

mouth event, but I helped my outlook on this event. The usually hot and impossibly humid weather was absent. It was in the mid-80s throughout the weekend and the humidity was present but certainly not oppressive. In terms of great events, It doesn't come close to Saratoga, White Plains or even Whitpain Township, but was a good event nonetheless.

There was the obligatory colour ceremony on the first day, which for some reason lasted for well over an hour. Brigade officers have managed to make this ceremony longer and more boring than before. Several officers have found it in their best interest to exhaust the army in the sun even before the battle started. On Sunday, only about 1/3 of the army

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### For Sale:

Trousers: fustian, never worn. Correct for our impression. Unhemmed length. Waist 31-33. \$35.

Contact: Serjeant Chris

## Monmouth 225th (continued)

showed up for the colour ceremony. I hope that this sent a message to the organizers. We'll see.

The battles were more scripted than I generally enjoy, but the green-coated Provincials opened the battle both days and fought on both sides of the middle brook. It may be of interest to you to know that when we were in the corn-

field beyond the middle brook, we crossed the same ground that Livingston's rebel New York Regiment gave up to the Guards and 16th Light Dragoons.

The highlight for me, other than leaping over the fence and spraining my ankle, was charging the rebel forces and watching them run. Also, there was the beginning

of Sunday's battle where we pushed the rebels back with a great show of force, probably due to frustration from Saturday's debacle with the Carolina people (see *the Serjeant's Report below*). Our shouts of "Go! Go!" were so threatening that we noticed a few worried looks from the rebels as they fell back. That's always nice.

## God Save the King!

### Monmouth 225th (continued)

For only the fifth time in ten years, I slept in a hotel while most of the unit camped. I mention my accommodations only because the entire hotel was infested with re-enactors that weekend. When I looked out over the parking lot on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, I noticed Monmouth parking stickers in the window of every car. Additionally, when I checked out Sunday morning, there wasn't anyone wearing 21st century clothes in the hotel restaurant.

Even if I never go to Monmouth again, I came away with some very good memories of this one.

Look for a detailed account of the March to Monmouth on the LAR web page on historical treks.

**The march to Monmouth captured at the beginning (above) and end of the march (below). Tom looks haggard at Freehold!**



### Serjeant's Report: Oh, the insanity!

Saturday's battle opened the way we wish all the battles would open with no pauses, no waiting. Things happened fast and furious. I'm usually not a fan of the really big battles because invariably somebody forgets what they are supposed to do and the whole thing grinds to a halt (kind of like a rehearsal for a stage play).

On Saturday, the battle went off without a hitch until we crossed the creek and came up against a Carolina regiment that believed

this was the Civil War rather than the Revolutionary War. Ignoring the script which called for them to give ground and let the Provincials take the hill behind them, they decided to play games by standing their ground and firing at us at an unsafe distance. The King's Rangers noticed one of them was swinging his musket threateningly at the Provincials. How brilliant! Safety first, eh lads?

These people were completely surrounded yet refused to follow

the scenario. It was indeed unfortunate to see a regiment act so unprofessionally and spoil an otherwise fantastic tactical.

This was a complete disregard for safety and something the LAR would never do. If we ever encounter it again, we will leave the area immediately – with or without the brigade commander's permission.



### Various Matters

**Red Coats:** We have identified a vendor for red coats, faced blue for the late-war LAR impression we have been considering doing for some time. The price is very, very good if we order in bulk. Talk to Tom for details.

**Marching:** Upon observation of video shot at Monmouth, one member of the LAR was caught displaying non-period British marching steps after Saturday's battle. This isn't the 19th British Military we are portraying!

**Songbook:** An LAR Songbook will be posted to the website soon. It contains mostly period-correct songs with a few notable exceptions. It can easily be bound with thread. Hint: make the holes with a drill, it's a lot easier!