



# The Company Informer

The Fifth Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line

Si Recte Facies "Immortal Honor"

July 2005

As those who attended know, most of the **225th Battle of Springfield** was fought on the baseball diamond next to the High School. With that in mind, I submit the following with apologies to Casey and Ernest Lawrence Thayer.

## Fifth at the Bat,

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Continentals that hot day;  
The score stood one to zero, with one more left to play,  
And then the Militia ran from First and the Lights they did the same,  
A pall-like silence fell upon the patrons of the "game".



A straggling few got up to go, in deep despair. The rest Clung to that hope which "springs eternal in every human breast";

They thought, If only the Fifth from Connecticut would show today.  
We'd put even money now, with Connecticut in the fray.

Then New Jersey let a volley fly, to the wonderment of all,  
And Rhode Island troops, the much despised, stood fast and straight and tall;  
And when the smoke had lifted, and the men saw what had occurred,  
There was a Redcoat down at Second and another hugging Third.

Then from five thousand throats and more there rose a lusty sound;  
It rumbled through the valley, off the police cars all around;  
It recoiled off McLynn's Pub, and storefronts old and new;  
For the Fifth, the mighty Fifth was advancing into view.

There was ease in the Sergeants manner as he wheeled them into place;  
With pride they wore their wool coats and a grimace on each face.  
With precision they followed orders, in a straight line as

they passed,  
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas the Fifth here at last.

From the bleachers, black with people, there went up a muffled roar.

Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore.

"Give 'em Watts, Boys!", yelled Newman to the crowd;  
His fevered narration heard over the cannon booming loud.

"Fire!" cried our Sergeant Seven, and the soldiers answered well.

And when ten Redcoats went down at once the audience did yell.

They saw our faces turn black with powder, they saw our fingers fry,

And they knew that the Fifth would hold today and never let them by.

But the swagger was gone now, taken by the heat;  
Seems like Long Island and White Plains this army would repeat.

And now the Crown troops take the field, and now we let it go;

We withdraw to fight again, but give them one last blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favoured land the sun is shining bright,

The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,

And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout,

But there is no joy in Springfield — the mighty Fifth fell out.

A final thought about the Fifth's breeches which can be quite a sight;

The Lady said some appeared too loose and others were too tight.

There was only one man chosen whose clothes were the right size,

And as she left, to her companion said, "Have you ever seen such thighs?"

***Minutemen Encampment  
Vietnam Veterans Park  
Billerica, MA***

**DATE: July 30-31**

**UNIFORM: Militia**

**This is an individual event, contact the Quartermaster if you need equipment.**

This looks like a local event sponsored by the Billerica Minutemen & others from around the country. [www.bcmm.org](http://www.bcmm.org)

**Saturday Events**

- 10:30AM - 4:00PM Artillery demonstrations  
Camp life demonstrations, cooking,  
sewing, soap making, militia drilling
- 2:00PM narrated battle
- 4:30PM camp closes for re-enactor dinner
- 7:00PM - 8:00PM candlelight tours of camps

**Sunday Events**

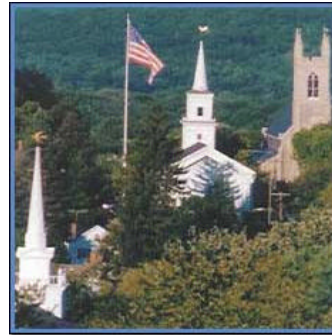
- 10:00AM Camp opens with church service
- 11:00AM - 3:00PM artillery demonstrations,  
Camp life demonstrations, cooking,  
sewing, soap making, militia drilling
- 1:30PM narrated battle
- 3:00PM camp closes

Located on Treble Cove Road, this 200-acre Park offers walking trails through the woods, nature observation, and watching some of the many activities occurring on the site.

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Take **I-84 EAST**
2. Take the **I-90 EAST** exit toward N.H. - **MAINE/BOSTON** - go **27.8** mi
3. Take exit **#11A** onto **I-495 NORTH** toward N.H. - **MAINE** - go **31.6** mi
4. Take exit **#35A-B-C/US-3** onto the highway toward **BURLINGTON** - go **1.0** mi
5. Merge onto **US-3 SOUTH** - go **2.8** mi
6. Take exit **#28/TREBLE COVE RD** onto **TREBLE COVE RD** toward **CARLISLE** - go **0.8** mi
7. Make a Sharp Left Turn on **GOLDENROD LN** - go **0.3** mi
8. Continue on **TREBLE COVE RD** - go **0.3** mi
9. Arrive at **TREBLE COVE RD, BILLERICA**

***300th Anniversary  
Newtown, CT***



**DATE: August 6**

**UNIFORM: Whatever you got.**

**COORDINATOR: Mike Filler**

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As part of the year-long celebration of the its founding, the town is holding an all day Birthday Celebration including a town picnic, live music, games, antique car show, vintage baseball game, fireworks show and us.

We and the Delancey's have been asked to provide some historical color. We will establish a small camp with camp activities. We hope to patrol the streets and keep the Crown forces from running amok through the town.

This should provide a good opportunity for drill, good food and recruiting. You are encouraged to stay for the fireworks.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Route 84 (East and West). Get off on Exit 11. At the end of a long ramp you will come to a light. Take a LEFT up the hill. At the top of the hill you will come to another light. Take a LEFT and enter the old Fairfield Hill Hospital complex. Take the first LEFT onto Cochman Road and follow to the end past the athletic fields. We will be setting up in the woods.**

## Stratford Historical Society

**DATE: Sat. Aug. 14**

**TIME: 8:00 to 5:00**

**UNIFORM: Regimentals**

**COORDINATOR: Tom Traue**

**\*Paid Event\***

The Judson House is excited to have the Fifth as the participate in their annual festival. On the grounds there will be other crafters and displays. Civil War types will also be present. Soldiers should come prepared to drill and shoot. Stratford is always under the threat of British raid and we must be prepared to protect this fine old town and its citizenry.

This year there will be ceremonies in the park to dedicate a new World War Two memorial.

For those who have not been to the house it should be noted that it is a very good example of the clapboard-sheathed post-and-beam construction that was typical of 18th-century New England. The current house was built in the 1750's and is furnished in the period. The cellar dates back to the 1600's. The house even has a ghost which made contact with some folks last year.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

From Route I 95 South from New Haven. Exit 32 to Linden Avenue. Turn Left on Linden Ave. Left again at the first light and continue under I-95 on West Broad Street to Main Street. Turn Right at Main Street and Left up Academy Hill at the Christ Episcopal Church.

Stratford Historical Society Phone: (203) 378-0630

## Battle of Camden



**DATE: Aug. 20—21**

**PLACE:** Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site is located in Camden, SC, the oldest existing inland town in the state. It is located 1.4 miles from Exit 98/I-20 on US Highway 521 North heading towards Camden.

**This event is considered optional for individual members. Please contact the Quartermaster if you need equipment.**

### **SCHEDULE:**

Friday August 19th

9:00 a.m. Friday through 9:00 a.m. Saturday Registration Open

Saturday August 20th - Two Public Battles

10:00 a.m. Camps open to public

11:00 a.m. Night Skirmish of Battle of Camden

3:00 p.m. dawn battle of Battle of Camden

5:00 p.m. Site Closes to Public

8:00 p.m. Jollification at the Tavern

8:00 p.m. Ball at Kershaw House Gardens

Sunday August 21st

6:00 a.m. Morning Gun(s)

7:00 a.m. Signed-up Troops board buses to original battlefield

7:20 a.m. Troops arrive at Original Battlefield, and form.

7:30 a.m. Scripted Battle Commences

8:30 Troops board buses and return to Historic Camden

10:00 a.m. Site opens to Public

Throughout day various dramatic skits, demonstrations, etc., pertaining to historic events surrounding Battle of Camden

5:00 p.m. Site Closes to Public

**DIRECTIONS: From I-95 South:** Take I-95 South to Florence, SC. From Florence, take I-20 West. Go about 45 miles to Exit 98. Off ramp, bear right onto Hwy 521 North towards Camden. Historic Camden's main entrance is 1.4 miles on the right.

## Muster Rolls for the first 8 events of 2005

### Gold Star (4 or more events)

Tom Castrovinci \*  
Albin Weber

Keith Jones \*  
Mike Zap

Tom Traue \*

### Silver Star (2 or more events)

John Ahrens  
Jeannette Dussel  
James Freebairn  
Tom Linskey  
Linda Stevens

Francine Ahrens  
Phil Dinello  
Gene Frechette  
Cam Nadler  
Ed Wittkofski

Tony Bruno  
Mike Filler  
Dan Kinley  
Jack Schaefer  
Mike Zap “the younger”

### Bronze Star (one event)

Tom Angels  
Sal Carmasino  
Alan Goldfinger  
Mark Stevens

Dale Bennett  
Paul Carmen  
Joe Hukill

Jill Bennett  
Joy Filler \*  
Kathy Sierakowsky

We need the support of every member, especially at the paid shows.

We have already had an unprecedented four school shows.

(\* ) Members who found and coordinated paid events for the Regiment– HUZDAH !

## C A R T R I D G E S

**Please review these regulations from the Continental Line with regards to black powder. As a unit I think that we do well by these. “Dragon” loads do not belong in your cartridge box. I have known some soldiers to carried “special” loads that they can have that extra bang when firing individually. Please don’t.**

Members will observe the following rules for the transportation and storage of blank ammunition.

1. Blank ammunition will be prepared off-site before the demonstration is held.
2. Loads shall not exceed the loads specified in the appended Table of Maximum Loads for the particular weapon to be fired.
3. Cartridges will be paper-wrapped, rolled on a former of the proper caliber for the weapon being fired, and secured with glue or string. METAL CLOSURES ARE NOT PERMITTED.
4. Ammunition should be transported in bulk, in secure, non-sparking boxes. Demonstrators must carry rolled cartridges in cartridge boxes that are in good repair, have secure leather flaps, and are kept clean of loose powder granules.
5. Member Units are required to store ammunition in a safe fire-free area and out of the reach of the public.

**CARTRIDGES WILL NOT BE GIVEN AWAY TO THE PUBLIC.**

Maximum Load Table

Brown Bess Musket  
Charleville Musket

100 grains ffg  
100 grains ffg

**Mike Filler, Adjutant**



## Remaining 2005 Campaign

<b>July 8-10</b>	<b>Rochambeau Arrival, Newport, RI</b>	
<b>July 30-31</b>	<b>Billerica, MA</b>	
<b>Aug. 6</b>	<b>300th Anniversary, Newtown, CT</b>	
<b>Aug. 14</b>	<b>Historical Society, Stratford, CT</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Aug. 20-21</b>	<b>Battle of Camden, Camden, S.C.</b>	
<b>Sept. 3-4</b>	<b>East Village, NY “Walk In”</b>	
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Fifth Encampment, New Caanan, CT</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Sept. 23-24</b>	<b>Battle of Redway Plain, Rehoboth, MA</b>	
<b>Oct. 1-2</b>	<b>Lauzon’s Legion, Lebanon, CT</b>	
<b>Oct. 9-10</b>	<b>Chelmsford, Ma &lt;note the change&gt;</b>	
<b>Oct. 29-30</b>	<b>Long Island Raids, Brookhaven, NY</b>	
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Walk In, Putnam Park, Redding, CT</b>	

### Bullets and Balls:

- Congratulations to Jack Schaefer and Jeannette Dussel who were wed on June 18th.
- Thanks to Albin Weber for all his hard work on the W3R committee and a major Brigade event in Southbury next June. He has been working with several state agencies and was last seen under a pile of forms, contracts and policy statements.
- And don't forget Keith Jones who also has also been working hard to stage an event in Ridgefield on June 30—July 2 to commemorate the “March to Victory”
- Thanks to James Freebairn for introducing us to the Friend of Putnam Park.. Tom 7 and Mike Filler were able to meet with the Board to discuss our involvement with the park. We agreed on a “march in” event on December 3– the actual anniversary date. Longer term, we discussed the possibility of working together to build an reproduction hut in the park.. They were very supportive.
- Thanks to Tony Bruno and Tom Traue for driving the van to Charleston. Speaking of the van, Tony repaired a broken windshield and reports that there may need to be some additional work but drivers don't worry, it's just something under the hood.
- We heard that the Fifth was invited back to New Canaan for a school show, we just have to provide our own EMT's.
- If you haven't seen much of Surgeon Ed Wittkofski, it is because he is spending his time as Lucius Victricius Eleriuson on the frontier fighting the Germanic tribes.
- Mike and Joy Filler are working with the Newtown, CT 300th Committee to present Tableaux Vivants on October 1. Some “actors” have already committed but we need more. If you have ever wanted to act but not move or speak, here is your chance. Call (203) 426-7933 or email us at filler2@charter.net for more information.

Rebellion to Tyrant < I < Obedience to God