

Excerpt from *Kilts & Courage, Vol. III, The Documentary History of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment in the American War for Independence, 1776 – 1783*

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Detail of “View of the Late Encampment in St James’s Park, August 1780,” by Paul Sandby

Picture Source: *British Museum*, Digital Collection

Appendix K: 42nd Regt. Arms and Uniform Accounts

Enclosure K-5: Camp Equipment

Introduction

The “*General Abstract of the Ordinary and Extra Ordinary Camp Necessaries furnished to the British and Auxiliary Troops for the Campaign 1776 in North America*”¹ listed the below camp equipment needed for the 42nd Highlanders and similar items for other British and Hessian Troops for the upcoming campaign in America. This Enclosure will provide the identified 42nd Regt. specific documents discussing the subject items (including documents predating the American War for Independence) and where the specific 42nd Regt. documents are incomplete will include general army and other regiment’s information to attempt to compleat the record to the extent possible. Also included are associated with the Regimental Flags (then called the King’s and the Regimental Colours).

“*Ordinary Camp Necessaries* [for the 42nd Regt.]...

240 Tents &c compleat
22 Bell Tents
12 Camp Colours
20 Drum Cases
240 Tin Kettles with Bags
480 Hand Hatchets
1,122 Water Flasks
1,122 Haversacks
1,122 Knapsacks
10 Powder Bags...”

“*Extraordinary Camp Necessaries*...

1,200 Blankets

80 Watch Coats
 32 Sunks &c compleat
 32 Waterdecks
 40 Forage Cords
 30 Sythes & Stones...”

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1. TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 16.

Documents

Camp Equipment and Colors (Flags) Listing for the 2nd Battalion, 42nd or Royal Highland Regt., July 8, 1758

... From M^r. Trotter officers Tents and Camp Neccessaries for 7 Companys. Also Camp Neccessaries for the three companys last year, which was neglected...

2 Collours for the Second Battalion bespoke from M^r. William Nicholson in Barbican near Adirgate Street London.

also a Second Collour for the 1st. Batt. & if its necessary a first Collour for D^o.

A Pipers flag for the 1st. Batt.

D^o. for the Second – about £ 7 each.

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7), pp. 32-33.

Camp Equipment Provided for the 42nd Regt by John Trotter, 1758

Camp Necess^{ys} provided for the [Lt. Gen.] R^t. Hon^{ble} Lord John Murray's [42nd] Regiment in the Year 1758

P John Trotter

12 Ticking Bell tents	@ 50 ^s	[in binding]
12 Camp Colours	@ 6/	[in binding]
20 Ticking Drum Cases	@ 9/	[in binding]
10 Leather Powder Bags	@ 10/	[in binding]
17 Hand Hatchetts	@ 1/	[in binding]
1060 Knapsacks	@ 2/	[in binding]
1060 Haversacks	@ 1/	[in binding]
228 Copper Kettles	@ 12/	[in binding]
228 Kettle Bags	@ 8 ^d .	
1060 Canteens and Strings	@ 10 ^d	

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of letters and regimental orders concerning the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment (1756-7), p. 34.

42nd Regt. Camp Equipment References in the Order Book of Capt. James Stewart's

Company During the French and Indian War, North America, Feb. 19, 1759- Oct. 29, 1761

New York 19th Feby. 1759...

Reg^{tl} Orders...

Such Officers as are already provided in tents, to give in their names, at Retreat beating this evening and to have these tents made up forthwith according to the pattern which is to be seen at the tent makers and such Subaltern Officers as choose to lay two in a tent to give in their names at the same time, that tents may be bespoke in proportion.

New York 21st Feby. 1759.

R.O....

The Officers to provide themselves furthwith in tents according to the patern tent which is to be seen at the tent makers, and to have those tents ready to be shown to the Commanding Officer on the tenth of March. No more then one tent will be allow^d for two subalterns, they are therefore to divide themselves and bespeak their tents accordingly as none is to be bespoke for them...

New York 26th April 1759

R. Orders

The stoppages for camp necessities to be remburst the men that were discharged yesterday as they are today no share of the same...

Half Way Brook 4th February 1760.

Gen. Orders given at Fort Edward 31st January 1760.

...After which the mens old tents to be cut down, washed and made into short drawers... The officers who want tents will no doubt provide them and of the same pattern as last year that they maybe all uniform...

Half Way Brook 31st May 1760...

Each officer must take only a small tent, blanket, beaverskin and Portmanteau...

Montreal 20th April 1761.

The Tailors as they have finished the other work are immediately to repair the mens tents, the charge of which will be charged to the camp necessities...

Montreal 1st June 1761...

Cordage for the tents will be delivered to the Companys this day according to the returns given by the different Companys ...

Camp at Watsons Ferry 29th July 1761

All the mens tents and Bells of Arms to be struck tomorrow morning, if fair, at Sun rising, and to be washed at the brook on the right of the encampment. A Serjt. Of each company to attend and be answerable that the tents are made as clean as possible...

Camp at Watsons Ferry 30th July 1761

The Battalion Companys to be completed in 14 tents each, and the Grenadiers & Light Infantry to have 15 tents each, care ought likewise to be taken not to depend on such of the camp kettles as have not been received new this campaign, or such of the Haversacks, or kettle bags, as are not perfectly sufficient.

Camp at Staten Island 17th August 1761...

Reg^{tl} Orders.

During the het of the day the arms are to be put in the Bells of Arms.

Staten Island 11th October 1761

Reg^{tl} Orders.

Two watch coats to be delivered to each company this day for which the companys are to be accountable.

Source and Note: Extracts from the Order books of Capt. James Stewarts Company Royal Highland Regiment, 1759-61, Transcribed by William B. Wilson from originals in The Black Watch Museum, Perth, Scotland, Dec. 23, 1947. Capt. James Stewart was of the Stewarts of Urrard.

Lt. John Grant, 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt., Records Officers Dressed to Resemble Private Soldiers, and Wear of Haversacks, Barbados, Lesser Antilles, West Indies, Approx. Dec. 25, 1761

I was ordered to report to Brigadier [Francis] Grant. We were equipped in jackets without lace to resemble soldiers, with a haversack on one side and a canteen of liquor on the other. Our few change of shirts &c. wrapped in our plaid which was wound round our chest.

We did not cut gay figures. We took off our bonnets in giving our report. The General returned...

Source: *A Dangerous Service...Memoirs of a Black Watch Officer in the French and Indian war – John Grant, 1741 – 1828*, Ed. Earl John Chapman & Ian Macpherson McCulloch, Robin Brass Studio, Montreal, 2017, p. 168.



Detail from original 1815 42nd Regt. King's Color Showing St. Andrew Device and Motto "*Nemo me impune lacessit*"

Picture Source: *Black Watch Castle & Museum blog*

**Camp Equipment Excerpts of the Royal Clothing Warrant for Regiments of Foot,
London, Dec. 19, 1768**

Regulations for the Colours, Clothing, etc. of the Marching Regiments of Foot

George R.

Our will and pleasure is, that the following regulations for the Colours, clothing, etc. of Our marching Regiments of Foot, be duly observed and put in execution, at such times as the particulars are or shall be furnished...

Colours.

The King's, or first Colour of every Regiment, is to be the great Union throughout.

The second Colour to be the colour of the facing of the Regiment, with the Union in the upper canton...

In the center of each Colour is to be painted, or embroidered, in gold Roman characters, the number of the rank of the Regiment, within the wreath of roses and thistles on the same stalk; except those Regiments which are allowed to wear any royal devices, or ancient badges; on whose Colours the rank of the Regiment is to be painted, or embroidered, towards the upper corner. The size of the Colours to be six feet six inches flying, and six feet deep on the pike. The length of the pike (spear and ferril included) to be nine feet ten inches. The cords and tassels of the whole to be crimson and gold mixed...

Bells of Arms.

The bells of arms to be painted in the same manner.

Camp Colours.

The camp colours to be eighteen inches square, and of the colour of the facing of the Regiment, with the number of the Regiment upon them. The poles to be seven feet six inches long, except those of the Quarter and rear guards, which are to be nine feet...

Devices and Badges of the Royal Regiments, and of the Six Old Corps...

XLIIId, or Royal Highlanders.

In the center of their Colours, the King's cypher within the garter, and crown over it. Under it, St. Andrew, with the motto, 'Nemo me impune lacessit [*Let no one provoke me with impunity*].' In the three corners of the second colour, the King's cypher and crown.

On the Grenadiers' caps, the King's crest; also, St. Andrew, as in the Colours.

On the drums, and bells of arms, the same device, with the rank of the Regiment underneath...

Source: TNA, War Office, Miscellaneous reports, Register of Warrants, 1768-1801 at WO30/13B as printed in *British Military Uniforms 1768-1796*, by Hew Strachan, Arms and Armour Press, London, 1975, pp. 171-178. This warrant established the base regulation for the clothing of the foot regiments of the army.



Remnants of Original 2nd Battalion, 42nd Regt. King's Color, c-1779-80, Dunvegan Castle, Scotland

Picture Source: Alexander Good

42nd Regt. Colors Comments in the Regimental Review at Waterford, Ireland, May 14, 1774

Return of the Arms of *His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot Commanded by*
General Lord John Murray *Dublin 14th May 1774...*

Return of Accoutrements Colours. Good 2...Compliment 2...When Received *The Colours at Dublin 13th May 1774...*

Source and Note: TNA, War Office, *Inspection returns, Irish, 1774* at WO27/32.

General Order Requires Payment for Lost Barracks Articles, Boston, Dec. 11, 1774

H, Q^{rs}. Boston 11th. Dec^r. 1774...

The barrack Master during the course of the first week in every Month, is to examine the state of the Barracks & the Barrack furniture, & the Reg^{ts}. are to pay for all things that are broken, Spoiled, or missing, At the following Rates. Sterl^g.

	<i>S</i>	<i>d</i>		<i>S</i>	<i>d</i>
A Bed [Mattress] Case	7..	6	A Shovel	5..	0
A Bolster [pillow] case			A Poker	1..	6
A pair of Sheets	13..	6	Candlestick	1..	0
A Blanckett	9..	0	Wood Axe	4..	8
A Rugg [bed cover]	11..	0	Buckett Iron bound	4..	8
Iron Pott, boiled	5..	0	Wooden Buckett	0..	9
A pair Dog Irons [andirons]	13..	0	Beidle & Slings [?]	4..	0
A pair of Tongs	6..	6			

The Men for the future to Mount Guard with their Ligings...

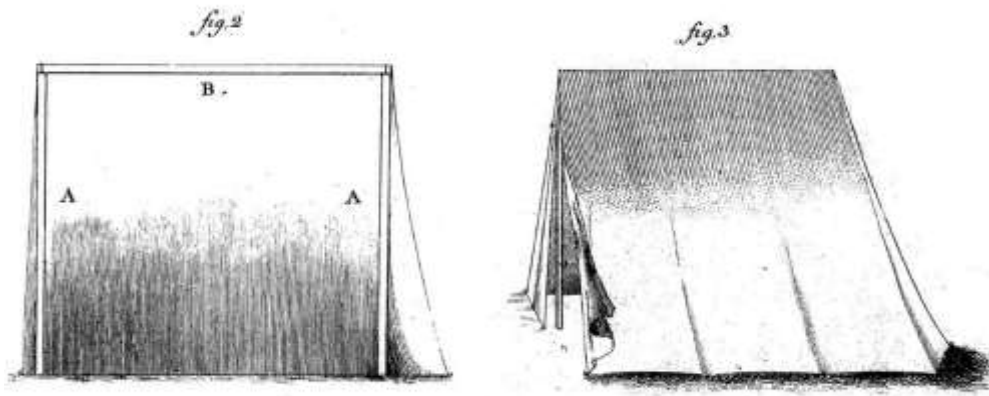
Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.

General Oder Issued to Return Tools to the Engineer, Boston, Mar. 17, 1775

Head Quarters Boston 17th. Mar. 1775...

The Reg^{ts}. will return to the Engineer all the Entrenching & other tools, According to the Receipts they have given.

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.



Soldiers' Tent

Picture Source and Note: *An Essay on Castrametation*, Lewis Lochee, Printed for the Author, London, 1778, Plate 1. Google Books. Lochee described the dimensions of the tents writing "These tents are fixed by means of three poles and 13 pegs: the poles A are called standard poles, and are about 6 feet high; the pole B is called ridge pole, and is about 7 feet long: the ridge and standard poles are held together by two iron pins, fixed in the top of the standard poles (p. 2)".

General Order Issued to Draw and Repair Tents, Boston, Mar. 20, 1775

Head Quarters Boston 20th. March 1775 –

The Reg^{ts}. that were encamped last Summer & Delivered their tents to the Q^r. M^r. General will send to the Store for them & repair them immediately.

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.

General Orders for Officers to Obtain Pack Saddles, Boston, Apr. 12 - 15, 1775

Head Quarters Boston 12th. April 1775...

The Officers to provide themselves with baggage Saddles at least three *p* Comp^y. one for the Captain, one for the Comp^{ys}. Tents & one between the two Subalterns...

As Pack Saddles cannot be had in this Country, the best Substitute is Sunks & Sadds, the Patterns of which are to be seen at the D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^{ls}. and to be made up without delay –

The Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. has Purchased by order of the Commander on Chief, proper Stuff for making the Saddles, from whom they will be Supplied if they chuse it. –

Head Quarters Boston 15th. April 1775

The Commanding Officers of the different Corps are Particularly desired to send all the Man Capable of Assisting in making the Sunks & Sodds, to the Q^r. M^r. Gen^{ls}. Office at 8 O'Clock on Monday Morning...

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.

The Journal of Lt. Frederick Mackenzie, 23rd Regt. Lists the Materials Required to makes “Sunks & Sodds,” Boston, Apr. 12, 1775

...As Pack Saddles cannot be had in this Country, Sunks and Sods (a kind of Baggage Saddle used by the troops during the German war) are recommended as the best substitutes

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Materials for Sunks or Sods – a
kind of baggage Saddle

2 yards of Sail Cloth at 1 ^s . 6 ^d	3.0
4 yards of Osnabrucks 1	4.0
Leather	1.6
Twine	<u>6</u>
	9.0

Besides labor

Source: *Diary of [Lt.] Frederick Mackenzie* [23rd Regt.], Vol. I, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1930 (Reprinted by *Eyewitness Accounts of the American Revolution*, New York Times and Arno Press), p. 16.

42nd Regt. Colors Comments in the Regimental Review at Waterford, Ireland, May 5, 1775

Return of the Arms of His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot Commanded by The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray...

Return of Accoutrements Colours. Good 2...Compliment 2...When Received Colours in 1774

Source and Note: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Irish, 1775-1776* at WO 27/35 (page not marked and Sheet Nos. 1 and 4.).

General Order Issued For Officers' Tents, Boston, May 25 and 29, 1775

Head Quarters Boston Thursday 25th. May 1775...

The Field Officers, captains & Subalterns who want Tents, to give in their Names to the D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. The Officers who have Rec^d. Horsemens Tents to Deliver them in...

Head Quarters Boston Monday the 29th May 1775...

The Q^r, Masters of the different Reg^{ts}. who have Rec^d. Tents for their Officers to give Receipts for them to the D^y. Q^r. M^r. Gen^l.

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.

Morning Order for Issuing Blankets and Straw Mattress Covers, Boston, Apr. 25-27, 1775

Morning orders 11 O'Clock 25th. Apr^l 1775...

The Troops who are to Encamp are to Deliver the Barrack Bedding & Furniture to the Barrack Master. The Q^r. M^r. Gen^l. will Deliver to each Reg^t. a Blankett a Man, and three Paliasses for each Tent –

Morning Orders – 27th April 1775

It is the Gen^{ls}. [Thomas Gage's] positive orders that the Men take no Boards from the Barracks, or any part of their Births except the bottom to lay in Camp, And the Off^{rs}. will be Answerable that this order is Punctually obeyed.

The Reg^{ts}. who are or may Encamp are to deliver all the barrack furniture excepting the Beds [straw mattresses], to the barrack Master & t take up their indents.

A Sufficient Number of Blanketts will afterwards be Delivered to each Reg^t. for which they will give Receipts to the Q^r. M^r. Gen^l...

Source: *Gen^l Orders from 10th. Decem^r. 1774 to 6th June 1775*, Maj. Gen. Thomas Gage, (Manuscript), American Revolutionary War Manuscripts Collection, Boston Public Library.



Detail of British Army Blanket found on Bennington Battlefield, New York

Picture Source: Fort Ticonderoga

Camp Equipment Supplied to British and German Troops for the Campaign in North America, London, 1776

General Abstract of the Ordinary and Extra Ordinary Camp Necessaries furnished to the British and Auxiliary Troops for the Campaign 1776 in North America	
	Ordinary Camp Necessaries

British and Foreign Infantry		Tents &c compleat	Bell Tents	Camp Colours	Drum Cases	Tin Kettles with Bags	Hand Hatchets	Water Flasks	Haversacks	Knapsacks	Powder Bags
Batt ⁿ .											
1	of Foot Guards	224	22	12	20	224	448	1,062	1,062	1,062	10
1	of Foot	140	12	12	20	140	280	642	642	642	10
38	more	5320	456	5320	760	10,640	24,396	24,396	24,396	24,396	380
1	42 ^d Regim ^t .	240	22	12	20	240	480	1,122	1,122	1,122	10
2	71 st Reg ^t .	470	44	24	40	470	940	2,204	2,204	2,204	20
1	Maclean	130	12	12	20	130	260	580	580	580	10
1	Goreham	90	8	8	6	90	180	402	402	402	6
45	Total British Foot	6,614	576	536	886	6,614	13,228	30,408	30,408	30,408	446
9	Brunswickers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Hessians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Reg ^t . of Hanau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Total for the Infantry	6,614	576	536	886	6,614	13,228	30,408	30,408	30,408	446

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British and Foreign Infantry		Extraordinary Camp Necessaries					
		Blankets	Watch Coats	Sunks &c compleat	Waterdecks	Forage Cords	Sythes & Stones
Batt ⁿ .							
1	of Foot Guards	1120	80	32	32	40	30
1	of Foot	700	60	22	22	30	20
38	more	26,600	2,280	836	836	1140	760
1	42 ^d Regim ^t .	1,200	80	32	32	40	30
2	71 st Reg ^t .	2,350	160	64	64	80	60
1	Maclean	650	60	22	22	30	20
1	Goreham	450	36	14	14	18	12
45	Total British Foot	33,070	2,756	1,022	1,022	1,378	932
9	Brunswickers	4,550	390	143	143	195	135
19	Hessians	13,550	1,170	428	428	585	390
1	Reg ^t . of Hanau	700	60	22	22	30	20

74	Total for the Infantry	51,870	4,376	1,615	1,615	2,188	1,477
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Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 16. Format altered to fit on page. Only one listing of battalions in original.



British Army Baggage Wagon and escort, c. 1800, by Thomas Rowlandson

Picture Source: Prints, Drawings and Watercolors from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection

**Listing of Wagons and Camp Supplies Necessary for British Regiments,
Including the 42nd and 71st Regiments, London, Jan. 6, 1776**

Proportion of Waggon and other Necessaries, for such British Regiments, as are destined to act on the Coast of the Atlantick the ensuing Campaign
Jan^y 6. 1776. –

Waggon for every Batt ⁿ of 677 with Horses compleat for four	}	4
Horses to each Waggon	}	
Blankets 5 p ^r Tent for 140 Tents		700
Watch Coats p ^r Comp ^y . 6		60
Sunks for the Bat. Horses of each Batt ⁿ . Viz ^t		
2 p ^r Comp ^y for the mens Tents and Blankets	}	
2 for the Medicine Chests with Collars and	}	22
Wanties compleat	}	
Water Decks of painted Oil Cloth		22
Forage Cords p ^r Comp ^y 3		30
Sythes with Whetstones p ^r Comp ^y 2		20

For the 42^d. Reg^t. Establishment 1168

Waggon	6
Blankets	1200
Watch Coats	80

Sunks	32
Water Decks	32
Forage Cords	40
Sythes, &c	30

For the 71st. Reg^t. of 2 Batt^{ns} Establishment 2298

Waggons	12
Blankets	2350
Watch Coats	160
Sunks	64
Water Decks	64
Forage Cords	80
Sythes, &c	60

Source: TNA, *War Office: Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890 (no page no.). Transcribed by Alexander John Good.



Detail showing large haversack from "The Filbert Merchant in Hyde Park 1780," by Paul Sandby

Picture Source: British Museum

Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., to Provide Camp Equipment, London, Jan. 9, 1776

W: O: 9th Janry 1776

My Lord

I am to signify to your Lordship H: M: P: [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you give Directions that a compleat Set of Camp Necessaries be provided for the Men of the 42^d. /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t. under your Command agreeable to the annexed List; and that they be ready for shipping by the 20th of Febry next.

General Lord John Murray
Colonel of the 42^d. /or Royal
Highland/ Reg^t. of Foot

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Barrington

List of Camp Necessaries

12 Bell Tents
 12 Silk Camp Colours
 20 Drum Cases
 240 Tin Kettles with Canvas Bags
 240 Hand Hatchets
 1,122 Water Flasks with Strings
 1,122 Haversacks
 1,122 Knapsacks
 10 Powder Bags

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters* at WO 4/95, p. 344. The Highlanders sailed from Greenock in late Apr. 1776. “Bell tents” were conical tents placed at the head of camp streets to hold the soldiers’ muskets. “Water flasks” were tin-plated iron canteens.



Detail of “A Military Encampment in Hyde Park” 1785, by James Malton

Picture Source: Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Principal Secretary of State Thomas Thynne, Viscount Weymouth, to Order the Ordnance Dept. to Issue 240 Tents to the 42nd Regt., London, Jan. 11, 1776

W: O: 11th Janry 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to desire your Lordship will be pleased to receive H: M: [His Majesty's] Command, and signify the Same to the Master General of the Ordnance that Tents may be delivered out of H: M: Stores for the use of the several Reg^{ts} mentioned in the annexed List, agreeable to the Number Specified therein, to the Colonels of the said Reg^{ts}., or to their respective Assigns, & the Expense thereof charged to the Estimate of Ordnance for Parliament.

See p. 394.
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Lord Visc^t Weymouth
 &c &c &c

I have the honor to be
 My Lord &c
 Barrington

Regiments

Tents...

See L ^r B 1776	42 ^d L ^d J: Murray's	240
N ^o 19 p. 14	71 st Fraser's	470

Source and Note: TNA, Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, WO 4/95, pp. 366-367 (2nd page stamped 183)]. Each tent was sized to shelter five soldiers.

**Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lord George Germain,
Secretary of State for the American Dept., to Obtain Transports from the
Admiralty for the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, London, Jan. 13, 1776**

W.O. 13th Janry 1776

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship it is intended that the 42^d Reg^t of Foot (or Royal Highlanders) Murray's consisting of 1,160 Men Officer included, and the two Batt^{ns} of the 71st Reg^t Fraser's, consisting of 2,298 men, Officers included, shall embark early in the Spring from Scotland for N^o America.

Your Lordship will therefore be pleased to receive & transmit H: M: Commands to the R^t Honble the Lords Comm^{ns} of the Admiralty that the proper Vessels may be provided for embarking & carrying over the said Corps to the places of their destinations [as] also H: M: Commands relative to the disembarkation, & the future disposition of the Reg^{ts} on their arrival in N^o America.

Each Reg^t is to embark with their Tents & Camp Equipage compleat.

The Number of Women, Servants, & baggage for each is underneath.

	Women	Servants	Tons of Baggage
42 ^d Murray's	80	16	140
71 st Fraser's, 2 Batt ^{ns}	160	32	280

I have the honor to be My Lord &c
Barrington

R^t Honble Lord G: Germain

Source: TNA, War Office Out-Letters, WO 4/95 p. 379.



British Hatchet Marked with the Government Broad Arrow c-1760-80 (Estate of Tom Wnuck)

Picture Source: *Tools – Axes, Hatchets, & Tomahawks*, by the 18th Century Material Culture Resource Center, May 9, 2015

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Regimental Agents, Including

Anderson & Richardson, 42nd Regt., to Supply Second Hand Hatchet per Tent, Jan. 31, 1776

War Office 31st January 1776

Gentlemen

4th Foot – Hodgson's
47th d^o – Carleton

It being proposed that two Hand Hatchets per Tent should be provided for the Regiments of Foot serving in North America, I am to desire you will communicate the same to the Colonels of the Regiments mentioned in the Margin, to which you are Agent, that they may be pleased to cause 140 Hand Hatchets to be provided for the use of their respective Corps in addition to those mentioned in the List of Camp Necessaries lately transmitted.

Mess^s Adair & Bullock

I am Gentlemen &c
Barrington...

240 Hand Hatchets
470 Hand Hatchets

Like Letter of same date to Mess^s Anderson & Richardson for the 42^d
Like letter to Mess^s Ross & Grey for the 71st Regiment

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 3.



Detail of Army Wagon Train and Watchcoat, circa 1808, by William Henry Pyne

Picture Source: *The Costume of Great Britain*. Designed, Engraved, and Written by W. H. Pyne. Published by William Miller, London, 1808

Account of Outstanding Extraordinary Camp Equipment Required for Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis' Charleston Expedition and Other British Regiments (Including the 42nd Regt.), London, Feb. 1776

The Seven Reg^{ts} now about to sail under the Command of [Lt. Gen. Charles] Earl Cornwallis, have only received the following proportion of Necessaries Viz^t –

Waggons with Harness compleat for three Horses to each Viz ^t .	1
Waggons for the use of their Hospital	2
Blankets <i>p</i> Tent 2	186
Watch Coats <i>p</i> Comp ^y 4	40
Sunks for Bat Horses	22
Water Decks	22

Forage Cords <i>p</i> Comp ^y 2	20
Sythes &c <i>p</i> Comp ^y 1	10

Therefore there wants to compleat to their proportion of Necessaries *p* Battⁿ. as follows –

Waggons	3
Blankets	514
Watch Coats <i>p</i> Comp ^y 2	20
Sets of Harness for Waggons & the two Hospital Waggons	15
Forage Cords <i>p</i> Comp ^y 1	10
Sythes <i>p</i> Comp ^y 1	10

It is understood, that the Treasury mean to order a number of Draught and Bat Horses, to be bought up for the Service in North America: And that the Ordnance are to send over, such proportion of Horses, as may be judged requisite for drawing the Artillery: That the Waggons and Harness, would be most conveniently provided by the Ordnance; That the Treasury are to give Directions for supplying the Blankets and Watch Coats; and that the War Office, is to order the Sunks, Water Decks &c, along with the ordinary Camp Necessaries.

It is supposed, that, exclusive of the two Regiments now Prisoners there will be in North America next Campaign, 43 British Batt^{ns}. Viz^t. 42 Regiments of one Battalion each, and the 71st Regiment of two Batt^{ns}. of this number it is probable that there may be 5 Batt^{ns}. in Detached Garrisons, which [^]may not immediately require Waggons, so that there will remain 38 Batt^{ns}. to be provided

Waggons with 4 Sets of Harness –

	Wag ^s	Harness
For 35 Batt ^{ns} . at 4 each	140	560
1 D ^o 42 Reg ^t .	6	24
<u>2 D^o 71 Reg^t.</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>48</u>
38 Total	158	632
Of this number the 7 Reg ^{ts} under Earl Cornwallis } have received }	<u>9</u>	<u>27</u>
There remains to be provided for the Infantry	149	605
And for the two Reg ^{ts} . of Light Dragoons 4 each	<u>8</u>	<u>32</u>
	<u>157</u>	<u>637</u>

Blankets

For 40 Batt ^{ns} . of 700 each	28,000
1 D ^o 42 Reg ^t .	1,200
<u>2 D^o 71 Reg^t.</u>	<u>2,350</u>
<u>43 Total</u>	31,550

Of this number the 7 Reg ^{ts} under Earl Cornwallis } have already received 186 each }	<u>1,302</u>
There remains to be provided	<u>30,248</u>

Watch Coats

For 40 Batt ^{ns} . of 60 each	2,400
1 D ^o 42 Reg ^t .	80
<u>2 D^o 71 Reg^t.</u>	<u>160</u>
<u>43 Total</u>	2,640

Of this number the 7 Reg ^{ts} under Earl Cornwallis }	280
have received 40 each }	
There remains to be provided	<u>2,360</u>

Sunks & Water Decks

	Sunks	Waterdecks
The 33 Batt ^{ns} at 22 each, the 7 Reg ^{ts} . with Earl Cornwallis }	726	726
being already provided }		
1 D ^o . 42 Reg ^t .	32	32
<u>2 D^o. 71 Reg^t.</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>64</u>
36 Total	<u>822</u>	<u>822</u>

Scythes with Whetstones.

For 40 Batt ^{ns} . at 20 each	800.
1 D ^o . 42 Reg ^t .	30.
<u>2 D^o. 71 Reg^t.</u>	<u>60.</u>
43 Total	890

Of this number the Reg ^{ts} with Lord Cornwallis }	<u>70</u>
have received each 20 }	
There remains to be provided	<u>820</u>

Forage Cords

For 40 Batt ^{ns} . at 30 each	1200.
1 D ^o . 42 Reg ^t .	40.
<u>2 D^o. 71 Reg^t.</u>	<u>80.</u>
43 Total	1,320

Of this number the Reg ^{ts} with Lord Cornwallis }	<u>140</u>
have received each 20 }	
There remains to be provided	<u>1,180</u>

According to the above Calculation, the Articles to be supplied for the use of the Troops in America will appear as follows –

By the Ordnance	{ Waggon	157
	{ Sets of Harness	637
By the Treasury	{ Blankets	30, 248
	{ Watch Coats	2,360
By the War Office	{ Sunks	822
exclusive of the Ordinary	{ Water Decks	822
Camp Necessaries	{ Sythes with Whetstones	820
	{ Forage Cords	1,180

NB The 16th and 17th Light Dragoons, being now of a mixed Establishment, will require a new Allotment of Camp Necessaries. As each Dragoon has his Cloak, they certainly have no use for Watch Coats, neither has it been usual for them to receive any Blankets. The Colonels may however be consulted; whether any proportion of these last might be necessary?

The 30 Batt^{ns}. of Foreign Auxiliaries, are to serve in America, they will require at least 120 Waggon; 17,000 Blankets, and 1,800 Watch Coats. —

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890 (no page nos.). This letter is dated prior to Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis' sailing from Cork, Ireland on Feb. 10, 1776 with seven regiments (15th, 31st, 35th, 37th, 54th, 55th, and 57th) to attack Charleston, South Carolina in conjunction with Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton.

General Orders Define Winter Quarters Bedding Requirements and Issue of Sauerkraut, Boston, Feb. 12, 1776

Head Quarters Boston 12th Feb. 1776...

The Barrack Master to Complete the Bedding of Each Regiment, so that with what has already been Delivered, each Double Berth may have 3 Blankets, or 2 Blankets and a Rug...The sheets delivered are to be returned ...at the Wash-house...and the money paid for washing them...

Head Quarters Boston 27th Feb. 1776....

Sour Crout will be delivered to the Troops at the rate of half a pound per week; The Commanding Officer to deliver to the Officers of their Corps in such quantities as they shall think proper.

It is recommended that the soldiers should eat the Sour Crout sliced raw with Vinegar...

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books

Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lord George Germain Regarding Additional Camp Equipment for Battalions in America, Feb. 29, 1776

War Office 29th February 1776

My Lord

		I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that in addition to the Tentage already arrived for the Troops specified in the Margin, Tentage will be wanted for camping once the Recruits for completing the Regiments now in America, to their augmented Establishment, added at 200 Men, per Regiment for 29 Battalions, will amount to 5800 Men.	
		The following Tonnage will also be wanted for carrying over the Tents and Camp necessities of the said regiments.	
		For the Tents and Camp Equipage compleat/ including blankets/ of	
<u>Regiments</u>	<u>Tons</u>		
4 th	18 Battalions at forty Tons per Battalion		
20 th	720		
24 th	For 1 Battalion of M ^c Lean's Corps		
24 th	40		
53 ^d	For Grahams Corps		
62 ^d	40		
21 st	For 11 Battalions now in, or in their passage to, North		
31 st	America who have already received part of their Camp		
42 ^d	330		
71 st	Necessaries, at 30 Tons per Battalion		
Light Dragoons			
Detachment of }			
Foot Guards }			
Foreign Troops			
		Total	
1.130			

The Tents and camp Necessaries being necessary for the opening of the campaign, I beg leave to submit to your Lordship whether Tonnage should not be immediately provided for that purpose, in order that they may be sent out with the first Embarkation for Boston.

As it is understood that the Regiments on the American Service, are to be completed to the present Establishment, the only reduction that can, in my opinion be made in the Tonnage above specified will arise from Parties of recruits being sent out, from time to time on board the Victualling and Store Ships

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Barrington

Lord George Germaine
&c &c &c

Source and Note: TNA, War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776 at WO 4/96, p. 206. “*Grahams Corps*” is a best guess at the name of the above unit due to unclear lettering. The 24th Regt. was repeated in the original.



Sir James Adolphus Oughton, 1778, by John Downman

Picture Source: *National Galleries of Scotland*: Given by Captain L.T. Ross 1957 (Creative Commons Lic.)

**Excerpt of a Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy
Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington,
Regarding the Status of Equipment for the 42nd Regt., Edinburgh, Mar. 21, 1776**

My Lord,

Colonel [Robert] Skene writes me... the 42^d Regiment... The Camp Equipage of that Regiment has likewise been detained by contrary Winds and is not yet arrived...

I have the Honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Caroline Park, March 21, 1776

Ja^s: Adol^f: Oughton

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO1/865, p. 391.



Original 7th or Royal Fusiliers Regt. "King's Colour"

Picture Source: West Point Museum

**Journal of Ens. Thomas Hughes, 53rd Regt., Indicates Regimental Flags
or "Colours" Carried by the Senior Most Ensigns, Canada, Apr. 1776**

In April three German drafts of our Reg^t were shot for desertion at the head of the Colours, which being eldest Ensign I carried.

Source: *A Journal by Thos. Hughes, for His Amusement & Designed Only for His Perusal by the Time He Attains the Age of 50 If He Lives So Long. (1778-1789)*. Ed. E. A. Benians and Richard David, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England, 1947, p. i.

**Tent Article from Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson's Popular Manual
for the Management of an Infantry Battalion, Bristol, England, 1776**

[Chapter IX]

XIX.

In the field, five men being the usual proportion for each Tent, as many as possible should be always kept complete with that number, but on account of messing, and for the greater ease to the men, in carrying the Tent-poles and camp-equipage, on a march, which they are obliged to do: the appointment of the Soldiers to the tents by Squads, and fixing a good old Soldier to superintend each of them, is all required from an Officer, as the street which a Company is to occupy an encampment, must be determined, according to the post that Company holds in the Battalion, when under arms.

Source and Note: *Cuthbertson's System, for the Complete Interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry*, Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson, Printed by Rouths and Nelson, Bristol, 1776, Google Books, p.38. Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson served in the 5th Regt. as Adj. (Aug. 23, 1755), Lt. and Adj. (Oct. 2, 1755) and Capt., (Sept. 2, 1767). He retired from the Army around 1771-1772.

News Account of Arrival of 42nd Regt. Ammunition and Tents, Carron, Scotland, Apr. 1, 1776

Edinburgh, April 3...

Upon Monday [Apr. 1], a party likewise marched for Carron shore, in order to escort to Glasgow, the ammunition, tents, &c. of the 42^d regiment, which is arrived there from London.

Source and Note: *North British Intelligencer; or Constitutional Miscellany*, Vol. I, Edinburgh, Wednesday, April 3, 1776, Google Books, p. 30. Carron is about 25 miles NW of Glasgow near the Firth of Forth.

**Report from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief,
North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Regarding Preparations
for Embarkation of the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, Edinburgh, Apr. 4, 1776**

My Lord...

I have acquainted [Gen.] Lord John Murray [Col., 42nd Regt.] and [Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser [Col., 71st Regt.] that their Regiments are to sail together under convoy of the [*HMS*] Flora Frigate... Lord John Murray has written me that...that he is in hourly expeditions of the ship from London with the remainder of Camp necessities. His Lordship complains that the Powder and Flints which his Regiment received from the stores here are extremely bad and that no medicine chest has been furnished to his Regiment... I have the Honour to be, My Lord Your Lordships

Most humble and most obedient Servant

Ja^s. Adol^s Oughton

Caroline Park April 4. 1776

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters, WO 1/865, f.423.

**Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief,
North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington Reporting Problems with
Preparations for Embarking the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments, Edinburgh, Apr. 6, 1776**

My Lord,

I was honoured with your Lordship's by last nights post, and immediately issued the necessary Orders for embarking the 42^d & 71st Regiments by the 15th of this month, agreeable to His Majesty's Commands.

As I have diligently reported to your Lordship every circumstance which came to my knowledge, and strictly obeyed every order I received relative to there Regiments, I trust no Blame can be imputable to me, should the 42nd embark without their Belts, Caps, and part of their Camp Equipage and the 71st without their full Compliment of Men.

I have the Honour to be, My Lord Your Lordships

Most humble and devoted Servant

Ja^s. Adol^s Oughton

Caroline Park April 6. 1776

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters, WO 1/865, p. 427.



Medicine Chest of Sir Stuart Threipland, Physician in Chief to Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Young Pretender)

Picture Source: Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

**Report from Deputy Secretary at War Matthew Lewis to Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton,
Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, Regarding Shipment of Medicine Chests,
London, Apr. 8, 1776**

W. O. 8th April 1776

Sir,

In the Absence of the Secretary at War who is at present in the Country, I have the honor to acknowledge the rec^t of your letter of the 4th instant, & to acquaint you, that Medicine Chests for the two Highland Reg^{ts}, are shipped in a Vessel, which has on board a great part of the Clothing &c of the 71st Reg^t, & will Sail in a day or two for the Clyde

I have the honor to be

Sir Adolphus Oughton
&c &c &c
Edinburgh

Sir &c
M Lewis

Source: TNA, War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776 at WO 4/96, p. 472 (f. 237).

**Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North
Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Shipment of Medicine Chests,
Edinburgh, Apr. 15, 1776**

My Lord...

Agreeable to the Advices transmitted to me by M^r Lewis in his Letter of the 8th, I acquainted the Commanding Officers of the 42nd and the 71st Regiment that medicine chests were shipped in a Vessel which had on board great part of the Cloathing and of the 71st Regiment, and which was to sail in a day or two for the Clyde. The Convoy was not arrived yesterday in the Forenoon. I have the honour to be,

My Lord Your Lordship's most humble
and most obedient Servant

Ja^s. Adol^o Oughton

Caroline Park April 15. 1776

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters at WO1/865, f.455.

**Excerpt of Paymaster General Accounts Book, Shows Payment to Gen. Lord John Murray,
Col., 42nd Regt., for Camp Equipment, London, Apr. 16, 1776**

1776 April 15...					
April...16	Paid Lord John Murray for Ditto [diverse Camp Necessaries] for the 42 ^d D ^o [Regiment of Foot]	[£] 448	13	—	

Source: TNA, *Pay Master General's Office: Accounts of Extraordinary Expenses* at PMG 14/69, p. 108.

**Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Reporting Arrival of the Medicine Chests for the 42nd Regt.,
Glasgow, Apr. 25, 1776**

My Lord

It is with pleasure I have the honor to Acquaint your Lordship, the ship Forth arrived the 25th.
Inst: at Carron, with... the two Medicine Chests, & will be here this night.

Glasgow 25th April 1776 Your Lo:ps most humble and most obed^t Serv *John Murray*

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993.

**Description of Medical Supplies for the Transport *Globe*, Used as a
Hospital Ship in the Highland Convoy, Greenock, Scotland, Apr. 25, 1776**

War Office 21st March 1777

Gentlemen

The Adjutant General in N^o Britain having transmitted to me an Account of sundry Stores which
M^r Patrick Colquhoun of Greenock furnish'd by his order to the Globe Transport appointed for an
Hospital Ship for the 42^d & 71st Regiments of Foot, on their Embarkation in April last, I am desirous you
will pay the said M^r Patrick Colquhoun, or his order, the Amount thereof being forty three pounds twelve
shillings and a penny, which Sum You are to charge in the next Contingent Bill of the 71st Regiment
where it will be admitted.

I am Gentlemen &c

Mess^{rs} Ross & Gray

Barrington

[Enclosure]

Invoice of sundry provisions & Stores shipt by Patrick Colquhoun embarked His Majesty's hired
Transport the Globe, in consequence of an order from Col^o Skene dated the 25th day of April, which
Stores & provisions are for the use of the Sick Troops on board the said Transport which was as an
Hospital Ship for the 42^d & 71st Regiments embarked at Greenwich for America – April 26th 1776

Sugar –	2 hundred w ^t or 224 pounds at 46/ <i>pCw</i> ^t	46/	4..12.	
	1 Barrel for d ^o Cost	1/	<u>1</u>	4..13.
Barley –	5 Cw ^t fine pearl Barley at 16/ <i>pCw</i> ^t	16/	4...	
	5 Cw ^t common D ^o a 11/6	11/6	2..17.6	
	6 Barrels for D ^o Cost	1/ 2	<u>7</u>	7..4.6
Oatmeal –	40 Bushels or 1760 lbs a 3/10 p ^r Bus.	3/10	7..13.4	

	8 Barrels for D ^o Cost	2/9	<u>1..2</u>	8..15.4
Rice –	2 Cw ^t or 224 lbs – at 20/ pCw ^t	20/	2..	
	2 Barrels for D ^o – Cost	2/	<u>.. 4.</u>	2..4.
Raisins –	5 hundred Suttlepounds best			
	Smyrna Raisins at 4 ^d p lb	4 ^d	8..16.8	
	1 Hogshead for D ^o	7/6	<u>7.6</u>	9..4.2
Wine	{ 3 Doz. white portugal Wine at 18 p doz.	18/	2..14.	
	{ 3 Doz. red d ^o at 18 p doz.	18/	2..14.	
	2 barrels for D ^o	2/	<u>.. 4</u>	5..12.
Vinegar	63 Gallons Vinegar at 1 /3 p Gall.	1 /3	3..18.9	
	1 hhd for D ^o with iron hoops		<u>10.</u>	<u>4..8.9</u>
				42..1.9
	Charges of Shipping, packing & Agency		9.4.	
	Commission at 2 ½ p Cent		<u>1..1.</u>	<u>1..10.4</u>
	Glasgow 26 th April 1776			£ <u>43..12.1</u>

Edin^r June 7th 1776 Errors Excepted
The above Stores were ship'd *Pat Colquhoun*
by order of
Rob^t Skene
Adj^t Gen^l

Source and Note: TNA, War Office General Letters, WO 4/99 pp. 403-404(f. 148). “*Suttle pounds*” measures the weight without the packaging.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Status of 42nd Regt. Arms, Clothing, Accoutrements and Medicine Chest, Edinburgh, Apr. 26, 1776

My Lord,

I have just received Advice from Colonel [Robert] Skene that the 71st Regiment was embarked Yesterday, and that the Wind was fair. The Escorts with part of the Cloathing, Arms, Accoutrements and medicine Chests for that Regiment and the 42^d, were on the Road but not arrived when I left Glasgow Yesterday.

I have the Honour to be My Lord, Your Lordship's
most humble and most obedient Ser^l:

Caroline Park April 26th, 1776

Ja^s: Adol^s: Oughton

Source: TNA, War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776 at WO 1/865, p. 471.

Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Reporting the Sailing of the 42nd and 71st Highland Regiments Complete in Clothing and Camp Equipment, Edinburgh, Apr. 30, 1776

My Lord

I have the Pleasure of informing your Lordship that, after the most troublesome Piece of Business we have ever had to conduct since I belonged to this Establishment, the two Highland Regiments sailed yesterday Morning with a fair Wind, compleat in Men, Cloathing, Camp necessities &c.

I have the Honour to be My Lord, Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Ja^s Adol^s Oughton

Caroline Park, April 30th 1776

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters* at WO 1/865, p.487.



"William Pitt addressing the House of Commons on the outbreak of war with Austria," 1793, by Karl Anton Hickel

Picture Source: Wikipedia

British House of Commons Warrants for Payment of Providers of Food and Supplies to Forces in North America, London, May 15, 1776 – Jan. 22, 1777

13^o Februarii A. 1777...

The Lord *Barrington* presented to the House, pursuant to their Order...

The Lord *Barrington*, also presented to the House, pursuant to their Address to His Majesty,

An Account of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right honourable *Richard Rigby*, Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, between the 31st of *January* 1776 and the 1st of *February* 1777, and not provided for by Parliament.

And the Titles of the said Accounts were read.

The said Accounts are as followeth; viz...

Accounts
presented:
Army

An ACCOUNT of Extraordinary Services incurred, and paid by the Right honourable *Richard Rigby*, Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, between the 31st of *January* 1776 and the 1st of *February* 1777, and not provided for by Parliament.

Dates of Warrants...

1776

Oct. 16... To *John Henniker*, *Edward Wheler*, *William Devaynes*, and *Geo. Wombwell*, Esquires, in full Warrant
Nov. 21 ...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke* [Ireland], for the Use of the Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in America...

May 15. To *John Amyand* Esquire...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the
 July 11... Use of the Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Aug. 1...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 12...
 June 26. To *John Durand*...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of the
 July 11... Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Aug. 1...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 21...
 1776
 June 28. To *Robert Mayne*...for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of
 July 11... the Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Aug. 1...
 Sept. 25...
 June 28. To *Ant^y Bacon*... for Provisions delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of the
 July 11... Troops Serving under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 21...
 April 26. To *Arnold Nesbitt*, *Adam Drummond*, and *Moses Franks*, Esquire, for Provisions exported from *Corke*
 May 15... to *America*, for the Use of the Troops Serving there under General Sir *William Howe*, in *America*...

 1776... To Ditto for Ditto delivered into His Majesty's Storehouses at *Corke*, for the Use of Ditto...
 June 26.
 July 11...
 Sept. 25...
 Nov. 1...
 1776... To Ditto [*Messrs. Mure*, Son, and *Atkinson*], for Sundry Stores shipped by them for the Service of the
 Dec. 12 Army in *North America*...
 To Ditto, for Coals, Sour Krout, Clothing, and Sundry other Stores for the Service of D^o. in D^o...
 May ... 31 To Ditto [*Richard Atkinson*], for Provisions supplied to Recruits on their passage to *America*, by Order
 of the Lords of the Treasury...
 Dec. 10. To Ditto, for Oats shipped for the Service of the Forces in *North America*...
 To Ditto, for sundry Stores sent to *North America*, for the Service of Ditto...
 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 Dec. 12. To *John Dalston*, for Barrack Furniture, and sundry other Stores, shipped for the Forces in *North*
America...
 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 1776 To *Messrs. Walter Humphry's* and *Henry Darby*, Merchants, in full Satisfaction for the like Sum due
 Apr. 3. to them for 3,000 Pair of Blankets, provided for the Service of the Army in *America*...
 May 1. To *Geo. Field*, for Blankets delivered to the Agents of sundry Regiments, by Order of the Lords
 Commissioners of the Treasury...
 June 1. To *Tho^s Harley*, Esquire for sundry Blankets and Watch Coats provided by him for the Use of the
 Army in *North America*...
 Oct. 19. To *Rich^d Atkinson*, Esquire, for Rum delivered in *America* for the Use of the Forces there...
 1777 To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 Jan. 22
 1776 To Sir *Ja^s Cockburn*, Baronet, for 40,296 Gallons of *Grenada* Rum, delivered for the Use of the
 Dec. 18. Forces on Service in *America*...
 1777. To *Ja^s Bogle French*, Esquire, for 48,680 Gallons of Rum, delivered for the Use of the D^o. Forces...
 Jan. 16 To *John Blackburn*, Esquire, for 22, 970 Gallons of Rum, delivered for the Use of the D^o. Forces...
 To *Tho^s Burfoot*, Esquire, to be applied in the purchasing a Quantity of Rum, for the Use of the D^o.
 Forces...
 23. To Ditto, for Ditto Service...
 1776. To Ditto [*Ant^y Merry*], by way of Imprest, and upon Account of Monies advanced by him for Cost and
 May 31. Freight of Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs, sent to *America*, for the Service of the Army there...
 1776... To *John Trotter*, Esquire, in full Satisfaction of the like Sum expended by him in providing Hospital
 Apr. 22. Bedding, &c. for the Use of the Forces in *North America*

- May 17. To Ditto, for providing Hospital Tents, &c. for the Use of the Forces in Ditto...
To Ditto, for Hospital Bedding provided for Ditto...
- Aug. 19. To Ditto, for providing D^o. [divers extraordinary Camp necessities] for the Use of the Forces in North America...
To Ditto, for Ditto Service...

Source: *Journals of the House of Commons. From October the 31st, 1776, In the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, To October the 1st, 1778, In the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King George the Third*, Printed by Order of the House of Commons, London, 1803, Google Books, pp. 162-170.

42nd Regt. Order Limiting Items to be Carried by Officers when Embarking on Transports, Staten Island, New York, Aug. 12, 1776

Dykers ferry 12th Aug^t 1776...

R: O:) The 7 companies to Embark on board the [Transports] Brilliant Thames Glasgow & Houston – The officers are to carry nothing with them but their Tents bedding & a Portmanteau

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

Highland Grenadier Battalion Morning Order Describes Marching Equipment, Staten Island, Aug. 9, 1776

Morn^g Orders, 19th Aug^t

The Battⁿ to Parade, Arm’d & Accoutred at with their Packs, haversacks & Canteens and every thing else as for a March at 12 o’Clock at the Exercising Ground. all the officers to attend –

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

General Order to Return Excess Camp Equipment and Highland Grenadier Officers Ordered to Load their Baggage on the Transports, Staten Island, Aug. 19, 1776

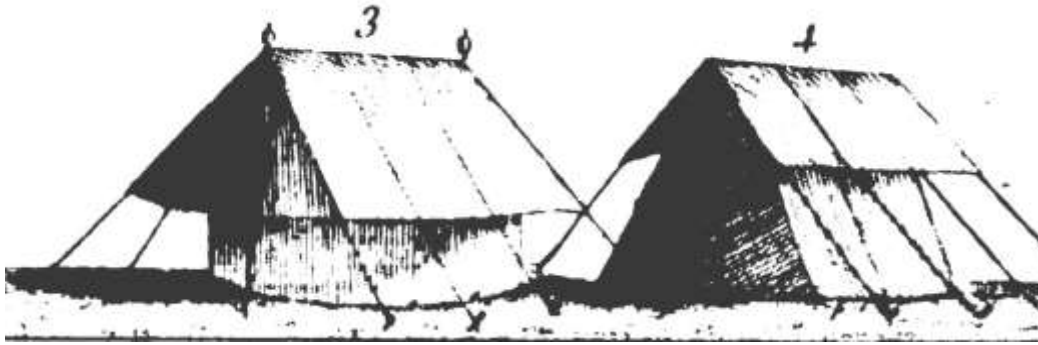
Head Quarters Staten Island 19th Aug^t 1776...

Those Reg^{ts} that have Received Canteens, Hatchets, Camp Kettles, or any other kind of Camp Equipage, are order’d to replace them immediately into the Quarter M^r Gen^{ls} Store on board the Fanny, out of their new Camp Equipage lately arrived –

Battⁿ Orders 4th Battⁿ Grenadiers

The officers to send their heavy Baggage on board of Ship tomorrow Morn^g by the Provisⁿ Waggon

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.



Fly Tents

Source: *Military Antiquities Respecting a History of the English Army from the Conquest to the Present Time*, Vol. II, Francis Grose, Printed for S. Hooper, London, 1778, Google Books, Plates following p. 206.

**General Order for Regiment to Send for Camp Equipment,
New Utrecht, Long Island, Aug. 22, 1776**

Head Quarters New Utrecht Long Island, 22^d Aug^t 1776 ...

Each Reg^t is to send early tomorrow for their Tents, Camp Kettles, & Knapsacks. The Q^r M^r Gen^l will endeavour to furnish Waggon to convey them from Waterside and it is hoped that Officers will bring as little Baggage as possible on shore and & for some time make use of Soldiers Tents or fly Tents.

Source and Note: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2. A fly tent was similar to a soldier’s tent except that it had an additional canvas stretched slightly above the tent to provided additional protection from the elements.

**General Order to Return Excess Tents and for the Light Infantry to Field Without Tents,
New Utrecht, Long Island, Aug. 24, 1776**

GO

Head Quarters, New Utrecht, 24th Aug^t 1776...

The Corps that have landed more Tents than they have occasion for are to Embark them again immediately. The Light Infantry are not to have Tents as they expect to be in constant motion.

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.



British Army Canteen excavated by Reginald P. Bolton near Fort Washington, New York

Picture Source: *New York Historical Society Museum & Library*

**General Orders Require Canteens to Hold Mixture of Rum and Water,
Long Island, Aug. 26, 1776**

G: O:

Head Quarters Long Island, 26th Aug^t 76...

The Mens Canteens are to be immediately filled with Rum & Water. Their Provisions & Necessaries put up in the best Manner for Carriage –

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

General After Orders for Loading Camp Equipment, Long Island, Aug. 26, 1776

G: After Orders, 5 O’Clock

The Army will Strike their Tents & Load their Baggage at 8 O’Clock this night to form at the head of their respective Encampments & there wait for further orders, the men to carry their Canteens, Camp Kettles, Provisions & Necessaries, no more than two Waggons can be allowed to each Reg^t for their Tents & Baggage, the overplus of Rum that Reg^{ts} may have in Store is to be carried in the Waggons with the Mens Tents –

Source: “*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*” in National Records of Scotland (NRS), “13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence,” *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.



Detail showing Tin Camp Kettle from “*A Military Encampment in Hyde Park*” 1785, by James Malton

Picture Source: Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

Camp Kettles and Canteens Requested for British Regiments in America for the 1777 Campaign, Undated

A List of Camp Kettles and Water Flasks necessary for the British Regiments on the Coast of the Atlantick for the Campaign 1777

Reg ^{ts}		Camp Kettles with Canvas Bags	Water Flasks with Strings
16 th } & 17 th }	Light Dragoons	- - - -	438 } 876
	Detachment of Foot Guards	224	438 } 1,062
4		140	642
5		140	642
6		140	642
10		140	642
14		140	642
15		140	642
16		140	642
17		140	642
22		140	642
23		140	642
27		140	642
28		140	642
33		140	642
35		140	642
37		140	642
38		140	642
40		140	642
42		240	1,122
43		140	642
44		140	642
45		140	642

46		140	642
49		140	642
52		140	642
54		140	642
55		140	642
57		140	642
63		140	642
64		140	642
71 st	2 Battalions	470	2,204
	1 d ^o M ^c Clean's	130	580
	1 d ^o Goreham's	90	402
		5,074	24,222

NB The Camp Kettles of the Light Dragoons being of Copper, none will be necessary for the next Campaign. The Camp Equipage of the 6th, 14th, and 16th. Regiments not having been used. Qu: Whether should any proportion be sent for these three Regiments, or for Goreham's Corps ? –

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 31. "Gorham's" was the Royal Fencible American Regt., raised in Nova Scotia by Lt. Col. Joseph Goreham in 1775. "M^cClean's" was the Royal Highland Emigrants Regt. (later the 84th Regt.), raised by Lt. Col. Allan MacLean of Toroisk in Canada, New York and the Carolinas.



"Camp Colours" shown in detail from "View of the Camp at Warley Common"

Picture Source: *Prints, Drawings and Watercolors from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection*. Brown Digital Repository. Brown University Library.

Camp Equipment Requested for British Regiments in America for the 1777 Campaign, Undated

List of Tents and Ordinary Camp Necessaries that will be wanting for the British Troops on the Coast of the Atlantick for the Campaign 1777 exclusive of Camp Kettles and Water Flasks already ordered									
Regiment.		Tents &c compleat	Bell Tents	Camp Colours	Drum Cases	Hand Hatchets	Haversacks	Knapsacks	Powder Bags
-	1 Batt ⁿ of Foot Guards	224	22	12	20	224	1,062	1,062	10
4 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10

5 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
6 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
10 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
14 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
15 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
16 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
17 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
22 ^d		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
23 ^d		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
27 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
28 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
33 ^d		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
35 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
37 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
38 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
40 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
42 ^d		240	22	12	20	240	1,122	1,122	10
43 ^d		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
44 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
45 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
46 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
49 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
52 ^d		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
54 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
55 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
57 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
63 ^d		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
64 th		140	12	12	20	140	642	642	10
71 st	2 Batt ^{ns}	470	44	24	40	470	2,204	2,204	20
-	1 Batt ⁿ Maclean's	130	12	12	20	130	580	580	10
-	1 D ^o . Goreham's	90	8	8	6	90	402	402	6
		5074	444	404	666	5,074	23,346	23,346	336

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 23. The "Camp Kettles and Water Flasks" were ordered in reference WO 1/890, p. 31. "Gorham's" was the Royal Fencible American Regt., raised in Nova Scotia by Lt. Col. Joseph Goreham in 1775. "Maclean's" was the Royal Highland Emigrants Regt. (later the 84th Regt.), raised by Lt. Col. Allan MacLean of Toroisk in Canada, New York and the Carolinas.

**Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col.,
42nd Regt. to Prepare Camp Equipment for the Regiment in America, London, Aug. 30, 1776**

W.O. 30th August 1776

Sir

I am to signify to you H: M. P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you do give directions that the Camp Kettles & Water Flasks ment^d. in the Margin hereof be without delay provided for the 4th. (or King's own) Regt. of Foot under your Command.

I have the honor to be Sir &c
Barrington

Lieu^t Gen^l Hodgson

Col^o of the 4th (or King's) Reg^t of Foot

140 Tin Kettles, with Canvas bags
642 Water Flasks with Strings

Like letter of same date to the Colonels of the following Corps...

42^d. Lord J Murray's – 240 Tin Kettles, & 1122 Water Flasks...

{ 71st 2 Batt^{ns} Fraser's

{ 470 Tin Kettles, with Canvas Bags

{ 2,204 Water Flasks, with Strings

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters* at WO 4/98, p. 122. This order is preparing camp equipment for the 1777 campaign. Each mess of five soldiers was provided a tinned-iron camp kettle to prepare their meals during the campaign. The "water flasks" are tin canteens to be carried by each soldier.

**General Orders for Using Regimental Wagons to Receive Rations and Rum,
Newtown, Long Island, Sept. 2, 1776**

G: O: Head Q^{rs} Newtown Long Island 2^d Sept^r 1776...

The Q^r M^r of Corps to Attend Immediately at the Publick House near Head Q^{rs} to receive 4 days bread & Rum they will bring the Waggon assign'd for the use of their Corps to take it away.

Source: "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers" in National Records of Scotland (NRS), "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

**Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt.,
to Prepare Additional Camp Equipment for the 1777 Campaign, London, Sept, 7, 1776**

W. O. 7th Septem^r 1776

Sir

I am to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do give directions that Camp Necessaries be immediately provided for the Men of the 4th (or King's Own) Regiment of Foot under your command serving in North America for the Campaign 1777 agreeable to the annexed list.

I have the honor to be Sir &c
Barrington

Lieu^t Gen^l Hodgson

Colonel of the 4th (or King's own) Regiment of Foot

Like Letter of same date to the Colonels of the following Regiments of Foot serving in North America with Lists as on the other Page...

x 42^d Murray's...

x 71st Fraser's

List of Camp Necessaries for the Campaign 1777

11 Bell Tents
12 Camp Colours
20 Drum Cases
140 Hand Hatchets
642 Haversacks
642 Knapsacks
10 Powder Bags

x List of Camp Necessaries for the Campaign 1777, for the 42^d (or Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot

22 Bell Tents
12 Camp Colours
20 Drum Cases
240 Hand Hatchets
1,122 Haversacks
1,122 Knapsacks
10 Powder Bags

x List of Camp Necessaries for the Campaign 1777, for the 71st Regiment of Foot

44 Bell Tents
24 Camp Colours
40 Drum Cases
470 Hand Hatchets
2,204 Haversacks
2,204 Knapsacks
20 Powder Bags

Source and Note: TNA, Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, WO 4/98, pp. 146-147. "*Bell tents*" were small conical shaped tents placed at the head of each street in the camp to hold the soldiers muskets. Each five man tent/mess received a small hatchet for camp functions. With 1,122 soldiers, the 42nd Regt. was much larger than other British Regiments of Foot, and along with the 71st Highlanders have to be called out separately in the listings.



Portrait of Thomas Thynne, Viscount Weymouth (later 1st Marquess of Bath) by Thomas Lawrence, circa 1795

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Request from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, to Principal Secretary of State Thomas Thynne, Viscount Weymouth, to Direct the Ordnance Dept. to Issue Tents for the 1777 Campaign, London, Sept. 10, 1776

War Office 10th Sep 1776

My Lord

Tents being wanted for the several Regiments mentioned in the annexed List, serving in North America, for the Campaign 1777. I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship therewith, and am to desire

you will be pleased to receive His Majesty's Commands thereupon, and to signify the same to the Master General of the Ordnance, that the number of Tents specified, against each Regiment in the said List, may be delivered out of His Majesty's Stores for the use of the respective Corps, and the Expense thereof charged to the Estimate of Ordnance for Parliament.

I have the honor to be My Lord &c
Barrington

Lord Visc^t. Weymouth
&c &c &c

List of Tents wanted for the Campaign 1777 for the Regiments on Service in North America...

	Infantry...	Tents Compleat ...
42 ^d . d ^o [Regiment of Foot]		140 d ^o

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters* at WO 4/98, pp. 154-155. Transcribed by Gilbert Riddle. There was likely an error in this order where the larger 42nd Regt. was to be issued the same number of tents as the standard British Regiments. Based on the numbers provided to the 71st Highlanders, the 42nd Regt. should have been provided 235 tents.



Detail of "The British landing at Kip's Bay, New York Island, 15 September 1776," by Robert Cleveley

Picture Source: *National Maritime Museum*, Greenwich, London

General and Reserve Orders for Preparing Equipment for Amphibious Assault on Manhattan Island; Newtown, Long Island, Sept. 14, 1776

G:O: Head Q^{rs} Newtown Long Island 14th Sept^r 1776...

General After Orders 5 O'Clock

The Brigades Encamped in the Environs of Newtown will strike their tents at two in the Morn^g –

The Tents & Baggage to be put up in the Reg^{tal} Waggon & left upon the ground with a Small Guard from each Reg^t.

The Corps will form at the head of their respective Encampments having their Blankets & two days Provisions as formerly directed & there wait for further orders...

After Reserve O) The Reserve to be ready to march at 5 OClock tomorrow morn^g. The Commanding Officers of Battalions to see that the Tents & Baggage are pack'd up before that time, a proper Guard from each Corps to be left with them. The Troops to carry their provision with them, but it is left to the discretion of the Command^g Officers of Corps whether the men should carry their Blankets or leave them with the Tents.

Source: "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers" in National Records of Scotland (NRS), "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

Extract of Letter from Army Contractors Mure, Son and Atkinson to Gen. Sir

**William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Regarding Scarcity
of Coal, Barrack Furniture and Winter Clothing, London, Sept. 14, 1776**

London, September 14. 1776

On the 17th August we received directions to provide the barrack furniture described in a return about that time received as wanted for 25,000 men, and that we should for the present send out about 2,500 chaldrons of coals and the same quantity in January. We were afterwards on the 30th August directed to provide clothing for 5,000 provincials, and a pair of thick milled woollen mittens for every man in both armies; and to take up and arm shipping sufficient to carry the whole, together with the camp equipage, shoes, stockings, and linen for the next campaign, as far as the agents could get them ready. In contradiction of all the clamours of faction respecting the delay of manufactures, &c., it is an absolute truth that there is scarce an article of all these things to be found ready made, that the price of everything is increased and still rising...

Source: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. I, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1904, Google Books, pp. 58-60.

General Order for Issuance of Straw, New York, Oct. 1, 1776

G:O: Head Q^{rs} New York Island 1st Oct^r 1776...

The Reg^{ts} that have not already received Straw since they arrived on this island are to receive it tomorrow Morn^g at Comiss^y Morrissons Store near Gen^l [Edward] Mathews's Q^{rs}.

Source: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers*" in National Records of Scotland (NRS), "13 notebooks containing the journal of Lt. [latterly Capt.] John Peebles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment, during the American War of Independence," *Papers of the Cuninghame Family of Thorntoun, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2.

**Assistant Quarter Master Gen. Richard Bailey's Report of Camp Kettles and
Canteens Shipped to British Regiments in America, England, Oct. 21, 1776**

Return of Kettles and Canteens, Ships for British Regiments in North America, under the Hon ^{ble} General Sir William Howe 21 October 1776			
Names of Treasury Store Ships	Regiments	Camp Kettles	Canteens
Union { Expected to sail from Deptford 22 ^d October	Light Dragoons 16 th		438
	17 th		432
	Detachment of Guards	224	1,062
	Foot 33 ^d	140	612
	55 th	140	612
	71 st	470	2,203
	Macleans, 3 Companies	39	174
William & Mary { Sail'd from the Downs, 12 th October	4 th	140	642
	5 th	140	642
	6 th	140	642
	15 th	140	642
	16 th	140	642
	17 th	140	642

Adventure Sailed from the [illeg.] 18 th October	{	10 th	140	642
		22 ^d	140	642
		23 ^d	140	642
		27 th	140	642
		28 th	140	642
		35 th	140	642
		37 th	140	642
		38 th	140	642
		45 th	140	642
		49 th	140	642
Empress of Russia Sail'd from Gravesend 20 th October	{	40 th	140	612
		42 ^d	240	1,119
		43 ^d	140	612
		44 th	140	612
		46 th	140	622
		52 ^d	140	618
		54 th	140	642
		57 th	140	642
		63 ^d	140	642
		64 th	140	642
Total		4753	22270	
[Illeg.] 5,000 pairs of Shoes } 16,000 pairs of Soles } In the William & Mary 250 Sets of Shoemakers Tools } Copy of this Return sent to General Sir William Howe, by his Aid de Camp Major [Cornelius] Cuyler Rich ^d Bailly Capt. 62 ^d . &c				

Source: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 29.

General Order for Marching Troops to Carry Their Tent Poles, Van Courtland Manor, New York, Nov. 13, 1776

Head Quarters Mr. Courtland's Nov. 13th 1776...

The Men to Carry their Tent Poles, and not to put them on the Waggon...

Source and Note: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books. Van Courtland Manor is located about 42 miles north of New York City.

Newspaper Advertisement for the Sale of Camp Equipment from Supplier of 42nd Grenadier Knapsacks, New York, Dec. 23, 1776

JOHN DAVIS,

TAKES this method to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has opened a SHOP in the house formerly occupied by *James* and *Arthur Jarvis*, in Queen-street, between Beekman and Burling slips, where he proposes to carry on the UPHOLSTERY BUSINESS in its various branches; viz. tents, camp bedsteads, drums and colours, &c. &c. where all those who are pleased to favour him with their commands shall meet with general satisfaction.

Source and Note: *New-York Gazette, and Weekly Mercury*, Dec. 23, 1776, p. 4. Capt. John Peebles' journal entry for May 18, 1779 notes "Tuesday 18th. at [New] York & turn'd the painted Knapsacks on the makers hands for being ill done & bespoke a set from Davis..."

**Lt. John Peebles' Accounts of Winter Clothing and Bedding for the 42nd Grenadier Company
Newport, Rhode Island, Dec. 26, 1776**

Thursday 26th Dec^r...yesterday bedding given out to the troops some new some old, 42 beds Blankets & coverleds, a scanty allowance...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Nov. 26 and Dec. 21, 1776. The 42nd Grenadier Co. (assigned to the 3rd British Grenadier Battalion) sailed from New York on Dec. 1, 1776 with Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton's expedition to seize Rhode Island. The Muster of the company taken at Brunswick, New Jersey on Apr. 30, 1777 showed a company enlisted strength of 5 Sgts., 5 Corp. 2 Drummers, and 90 Privates, or a total of 102 men to share the 42 sets of bedding above. Beds in this context likely refers to mattresses.

General Order for Issuance of Spruce Beer, New York, Dec. 28, 1776

Head Quarters New York Dec. 28th 1776...

Spruce Beer will be issued to the Troops at Mr. Horsfield's Brewery, near Maiden Lane, from 10 in the Morning to 4 in the Afternoon, at the Rate of 4 Shillings per Barrel of 30 Gallons...

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

**Capt. Richard Baily's Invoice of Camp Equipment Shipped to British Regiments
(Including the 42nd Regt.) in America; Portsmouth, England, Feb. 12, 1777**

Return of Camp Necessaries Shipped for the Army in North America under General Sir William Howe, on the 12 th . of February 1777.											
Names of Ships	Regiments	Private Tents with Poles	Bell Tents	Camp Colours	Powder Bags	Drum Cases	Hatchets	Kettles with Bags	Canteens	Haversacks	Knapsacks
Camel, Armed Ship in Long Beach N. B. There are in this Ship, Tents, &c for 13 Reg ^{ts} Allowing 140 to each	Foot . . 28 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	100
	33 ^d :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	100
	35 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	642	-
	37 th :	140	-	12	-	-	70	-	-	321	100
	38 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	642	100
	40 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	80
	6 th :	112	12	-	10	20	140	-	-	-	-
	16 th :	84	12	-	10	20	140	-	-	-	-
	57 th :	112	12	-	10	20	140	-	-	-	-
	63 ^d :	112	12	-	10	20	140	-	-	612	-
	64 th :	84	12	-	10	20	140	-	-	-	-
	71 st :	375	44	-	20	40	470	-	-	315	-
	Goreham's	62	8	-	6	6	90	90	402	402	100
	Maclean'	123	9	-	10	10	91	91	406	-	-
	Total –	1,904	181	72	136	256	2121	181	800	4770	480

Bute, Armed Ship At Woolwich	42 ^d :	240	22	13	10	20	-	-	-	1.122	-
	43 ^d :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	-
	44 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	100
	45 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	642	100
	46 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	100
	49 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	642	100
	52 ^d :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	100
	54 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	642	150
	55 th :	140	12	12	10	20	140	-	-	612	100
	Total –	1.360	118	109	90	180	1.120	-	-	6.108	750

N. B. 155 Tons were Ordered to be sent on Board the Camel: only 100 Tons could be Received, which occasioned the irregularity in Shipping for the 8 last Regiments, on Board that Ship.
Camp Equipage for the Guards, and 8 Regiments, has been alongside the Bute, since the 8th: Instant; the remaining ready to go down.
Richard Baily Captain 62^d: Regim^t:

Source and Notes: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, p. 30. “Gorham’s” was the Royal Fencible American Regt., raised in Nova Scotia by Lt. Col. Joseph Goreham in 1775. “McLean’s” was the Royal Highland Emigrants Regt. (later the 84th Regt.), raised by Lt. Col. Allan MacLean of Toroisk in Canada, New York and the Carolinas.

Lt. John Peebles’ Accounts of Bedding for the 42nd Grenadier Company, *Eagle* Transport off Amboy, New Jersey, Feb. 22, 1777

Saturday 22^d Feb^y... a proportion of Bedding deliver’d out to the Troops on board, which looks like remaining there...

Source and Notes: *Peebles’ Journal* Entry for February 18 and 22, 1777. On Jan 28, 1777, the 3rd British Grenadier Bn., including the 42nd Grenadier Co., sailed from Rhode Island for Amboy, New Jersey.

Letter from Secretary of War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Forwarding Embarkation Return of Camp Necessaries and Hospital Stores, London, Mar. 1, 1777

Duplicate

War Office 1st March 1777.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith an Embarkation Return of Camp Necessaries for the Forces, under your Command, together with an Invoice of Hospital Stores shipped on Board the Bute on the 26th. of last Month.

I have the honor to be Sir,

No duplicate of
NB The Invoice of Medicine

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant
Barrington

The Honble General Sir William Howe
&c. &c. &c.

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers*, Dec. 1, 1776 – Mar. 31, 1777 at PRO 30/55/4, p. 105.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling to Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., Declining New Knapsacks, Piscataway, New Jersey, Mar. 13, 1777

Dated Piscataqua in the Jerseys 3 Miles from Brunswick
on the road leading to Amboy 13th March 1777

My Lord...

the Reg^t is in want of no knapsacks, having provided themselves compleately before we came out ...

I have the honor to be

[Thomas Stirling]

Source: *Lord John Murray Papers*.

**Excerpt of Paymaster General Accounts Book, Shows Payment to Gen. Lord
John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt., for Bat and Baggage Horses, London, Mar. 15, 1777**

1776 Decem ^r 20...				
January 14...				
March 15	...Paid Lord John Murray for Bas Horses Allowed the 42 ^d Regiment of Foot – Paid Ditto for Baggage Horses Allowed Ditto –	110 221	– 5	– –

Source and Note: TNA, *Pay Master General's Office: Accounts of Extraordinary Expenses* at PMG 14/69, p. 112. Bas Horses were pack horses for carrying camp baggage. They were also called "bat horses" from the French word "batte" for pack saddles.

General Order Issued Restricting Officer Baggage on Campaign, New York, May 23, 1777

Head Quarters New York 23^d May 1777...

The Commander in Chief expects that on the several movements of the Campaign the Officers will Carry no Baggage with them but what is absolutely necessary. & that Command^g Officers of Corps will attend to a Strict observance of this Order, & not suffer the Waggon^s to be overloaded. as they frequently were in the Course of the last Campaign -

His Excellency further hopes he shall not be under the necessity of repeating this order - The heavy Baggage of the Army is to be left at New York under the charge of the Invalids of the respective Corps, with a proper non Commissioned Officer...

Source: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, New York State Library~ Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744.

**Excerpts of a Letter No. 56 from Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief,
North America, to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American
Department, Reporting the Arrival of Camp Equipment, New York, May 24, 1777**

N^o 56

New York 3^d June 1777

My Lord...

The Arrival of the camp Equipage on the 24th of May, both for the Army and Provincials, has relieved me from much Anxiety, being Articles greatly wanted for the Opening of the Campaign, which will now immediately take place in Jersey, where the Enemy's principal Strength still remains, and I shall proceed as occurrences may arise, according to the Plan made known to your Lordship in my former Dispatches...

With the most Respect I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's most faithful
and most Obedient Servant
W. Howe

Right Hon^{ble} Lord George Germain

&^c &^c &^c

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, pp. 348-350 and TNA, CO 5/94, f. 210.



Detail from "Girl with Packhorse," by Paul Sandby

Picture Source: Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

General Order for Issuance of Pack Saddles for the Upcoming Campaign, New York, May 26, 1777

Head Quarters New York 26th May 1777...

Those Regt^s who have not received their Pack Saddles and Syths will immediately apply for them at the Q^r Mast^r Genls. Stores in Town –

Source: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, New York State Library~ Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744.



English Barracks, 1788, by Thomas Rowlandson

Picture Source: *Prints, Drawings and Watercolors from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection*. Brown Digital Repository. Brown University Library.

Excerpt of Barrack Master Gen. George Clarke's List of Bedding and Barrack Furniture Held by Various Regiments, New York June, 1, 1777

Return of Bedding and Barrack Furniture in possession of the following Regiments

	Bed Cases	Bolster Cases	Blankets	Ruggs...	Buckets...	Pair Dog Irons	Shovels	Pokers...	Candlesticks	Cross Cut Saw	Axes	Iron Wedges...
1 st Batt ⁿ Light Infantry [with 42 nd Lt. Inf. Co.]	.	.	430	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
2 nd ditto ...	3	11	532	11		1	1	1		1	17	11
1 st Batt ⁿ Grenadiers	29	82	461	.	1	.	.	.	5	.	21	9
2 nd ditto [with 42 nd Gren. Co.]...	23	103	488	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	.
42 nd ditto [Regiment]	42	57	362	33	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	.

New York 1st: June 1777

Errors Excepted

George Clarke

B_M_G^l_

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers* at PRO 30/55/5, Item 558.

General Order Issued for Allowance of Wagons for Regiments and Embarkation of Camp Equipment for the Campaign, New York, June 2, 1777

Head Quarters N York 2^d June 1777

Five Waggon^s will be allowed to each Battalion, and ten Waggon^s to each Corps of Grenadiers & Light Infantry British; no more can possibly be allowed for the Baggage –

The Regim^t^s under Orders of Embarkation will immediately receive the Names of the several Transports, appropriated to them on board of which they are as Soon as possible to embark their Camp Equipage, except Such Canteens, Camp Kettles, Hatchets & Haversacks, as their respective Regt^s may be in immediate want of –

Source: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, New York State Library~ Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744.

General Order for Security of Baggage Wagons and Tents, Brunswick, New Jersey, June 13, 1777

Head Quarters Brunswick Camp 13th June 1777...

The heavy Baggage, Tents & remaining Waggon^s, to be left Brunswick under the Care of a Serjeant & Six Men from each Regim^t and an Officer from each Brigade; proper Baggage Stores appointed...

Source: *Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe Kept By Major Stephen Kemble, Deputy Adjutant General, 29 January 1777 - 20 June 1777*, New York State Library~ Manuscripts and History Library, Accession Number 6744.

General Order Issued Recommending Regiments Take Crude Pack

Saddles on Upcoming Campaign, Brunswick, New Jersey, June 20, 1777

After Orders, 4 Afternoon, 20th June 1777.

It is particularly recommended to the several Regiments that may receive Orders to Embark, to take along with them Sunks and Sodds, as possibly they may be under the necessity of sometimes marching without Waggon...

Source and Note: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books. "Sunks and Sodds" were primitive saddles, made of coarse cloth and stuffed with straw, used on pack horses in lieu of pack saddles.

General Orders for Embarking Regimental Wagons and Harnesses for the Campaign, Staten Island, New York, July 3, 1777

Head Quarters Banker's House Staten Island 3^d July 1777...

After Morning Orders.

The different Corps of the Army will deliver in tomorrow morning, by nine o'clock, to the Quarter Master General, at the Provision Train Park, all Horses supplied them by his department for Waggon or otherwise, and each Corps to account for the Horses they can't produce. Each Corps to Carry the whole of their Waggon and Harness on board their respective Transports, instead of four mentioned in former Orders...

After Orders, 8 at Night.

Each Corps will put on Board their respective Transports all their Waggon and Harness by 5 o'clock to-morrow morning. The boats belonging to those Ships will have orders to be at the most convenient places to their Encampment at that hour. Those belonging to the Corps Encamped at the Flag Staff and near the Narrows will be at Simonson's Ferry; those of the Corps near to Cole's Ferry will be at his Wharf. Those nigh to the Watering place will be at the great Tree. Those of the Corps nigh to Ryerson's Ferry will be at his Wharf, and the Light Infantry Transport Boats will be at or near Decker's Ferry; after leaving their Waggon at the above places, the Horses are, agreeable to this day's Orders, to be sent in to the Quarter Master General.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.



Detail showing Goat Skin Knapsack from "*Capt. John Clayton, 1st Battalion, 1st (or the Royal) Reg't of Foot,*" c. 1796, by William Beechy

Picture Source: Military - Arms & Accoutrements – Knapsacks, 18th Century material Culture Resource Center, June 22, 2104, from the National Army Museum, London

General Order Issued to Specify Camp Equipment to be Carried when Disembarking for the Campaign, On Board *HMS Eagle*, July 18, 1777

On Board the Eagle, Man of War, off Staten Island 18th July 1777.

When the Signal is made for the Troops to land, the Men are to carry with them their Knapsacks and Blankets with the Provision ordered Yesterday, and the General desires that they will get into their Flat Boats and land without hurry or Confusion, and perfectly Silent.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

Camp Equipment Needed for 42nd Regt. for 1778 Campaign

List of Camp Necessaries for the 42^d. Reg^t. for the Campaign 1778

240 Tin Kettles with Canvas Bags
 240 Hand Hatchets
 22 Bell Tents
 12 Camp Colours
 20 Drum Cases
 10 Powder Bags
 1,122 Water Flasks with Strings
 1,122 Haversacks

List of Camp Necessaries for the 71st Reg^t

470 Tin Kettles with Canvas Bags
 470 Hand Hatchets

44 Bell Tents
 24 Camp Colours
 40 Drum Cases
 20 Powder Bags
 2,204 Water Flasks with Strings
 2,204 Haversacks

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters* at WO 4/100, p. 300.

**Listing of Camp Equipment to be Prepared for Shipment to America for the 1778 Campaign,
 London, Aug. 7, 1777**

Camp Equipage & other Necessaries for the Campaign 1778, to be ready for Embarkation by the 1st of Septem^r next with the Tonnage that will be requisite for transporting the same to North America – Aug^t 7th 1777

		Tons
To be	{ Camp Equipage complete for 8000 British Troops	250
supplied	{ 8000 Blankets	70
to the	{ ...	
Troops		

Camp Equipage & other Necessaries for the Campaign 1778, to be ready for Embarkation by the End of December next, with the Tonnage that will be requisite for transporting the same to North America

		<u>Tons</u>
	{ Remainder of the complete Camp Equipage }	540
	{ for the British Troops }	
To be	{ Compleat Camp Equipage for 4000 Provincials	90...
supplied	{ Camp Equipage Compleat for 33 Batt ^{ns} of Foreign Troops	495
to the	{ <u>Tons</u>	
Troops	{ 52,000 Blankets	546...

Query: With regard to the provision of the whole for any smaller proportion of the Necessaries from the Blankets downwards.

Source: TNA, *Colonial Office: Secretary of State. Secretary at War, 1777* at CO 5/169, p. 219, f. 110.

**General Order Issued Specifying Tents to be Landed for the Campaign,
 Elk Ferry, Maryland, Aug. 27, 1777**

Head Quarters Elk Ferry 27th August 1777

The Troops under Orders of March are immediately to send for their Bell-Tent and a few Private Tents for the Officers, until their own Marquees can be landed...

The Troops to be left here under the Command of Lieut.-Gen. Knyphausen [including the 42nd Regt.] are to land their Men's Tents and Kettles; the Officers will make use of Men's Tents until their own can be ordered on Shore...

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

General Order Issued for the Return of Bread Bags, Head of Elk, Maryland, Aug. 30, 1777

Head Quarters Head of Elk 30th August 1777...

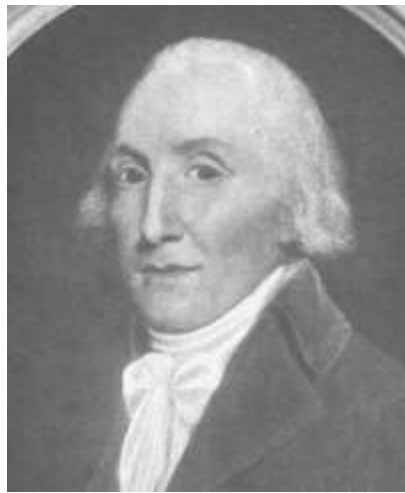
All the Bread Bags are to be returned to the Commissary to-morrow morning at the Landing.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

**42nd Regt. Officers on Philadelphia Campaign Ordered to use Soldier Tents,
Head of Elk, Maryland, Aug. 31, 1777**

Sunday 31st Aug^t ...all Baggage sent on Board but the mens Tents off^{rs} to use Soldiers tents...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for August 31, 1777 at Head of Elk, Maryland.



Capt. John M^cIntosh of Corrybrough More

Portrait Source: *The Balfours of Pilrig*, by Barbara Balfour-Melville of Pilrig, William Brown, Edinburgh, 1907, Google Books, after p. 178.

**Capt. John M^cIntosh, 42nd Regt., Discusses the Use of a Soldier's
Tent During Entire Philadelphia Campaign, 1777**

Camp, near Philadelphia, 21st Dec, 1777...

We have since remained peaceably within our lines here, and quarters are now preparing for us in town for the remainder of the winter. I heartily wish we were under some cover. Canvas is very poor shelter against the severe northwesterners that prevail here at this time of the year. I am now writing you in a soldier's tent, which is all the cover I have had this campaign, and I am tired enough of it...

(Signed) John Mackintosh

Addressed – "To Mr. John Mackintosh, merchant, Inverness, Scotland."

Source: *Letters of Two Centuries, Chiefly Connected with Inverness and the Highlands, From 1616 to 1815*, Edited by Charles Fraser-Mackintosh of Drummond, M.P., F.S.A. Scot., A.&W. MacKenzie, Inverness, 1890, Google Books, pp. 291-294.



Detail showing soldier's haversack from "*The Ascent to the Round Tower*," c- 1770, by Paul Sandby

Picture Source: *Royal Collection Trust*

General Order for Soldier's Tents to be Returned to the Transport Ships and for Haversacks to be Used to Draw Flour Supplies, Aiken's Tavern, Delaware, Sept. 4, 1777

Head Quarters Aiken's Tavern, 4th Sept. 1777...

All the Men's Tents now here, except such as are absolutely wanted for the use of the Officers, are to be sent with those Waggons, in Order to their being put on board Ship, together with those left standing at the last Camp at the Head of Elk, and it is earnestly recommended to the Officers to send on board all the heavy Baggage they can possibly do without. Boats will be provided by Capt. Duncan to receive and put them on board any one Transport belonging to each Corps.

Each Corps will send an Officer and a sufficient Number of Men with Haversacks, to-morrow morning at 7, to Lord Cornwallis's Quarters, to receive one day's Flour. A Commissary will be there to conduct them, and two Companies from 2^d Light Infantry are to attend as a Covering party...

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

General Order Requires Regimental Wagon's to Carry Building and Camp Materials to Philadelphia Entrenchments, Germantown, Pennsylvania, Oct. 18, 1777

Head Quarters German Town 18th Oct. 1777.

Morning Orders, Six o'Clock.

The Spare Waggons of each Corps are to be employed this day in transporting the Straw, Thatch, Rails, &c., belonging to the present Encampment, to the rear of the redoubts near Philadelphia, where the Quarter Master General, or his Deputy, will show them their respective grounds ; the Quarter Master and Camp Colour Men of each Corps to attend the Waggons there and to return again to this Ground, leaving only such Men as are absolutely necessary to take charge of those materials till further Orders ; the Waggons that go for the Provisions this Morning are also to be loaded with these Materials, there being none to be had in that Quarter.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

**Camp Equipment Shipped to British Regiments, Aboard the *Greenwich Armed Ship*,
London, Jan. 10, 1778**

Return of Camp Equipage ship'd on Board the Greenwich Arm'd Ship for the British Forces in America under the Command of General Sir William Howe 10 th . January 1778									
Regiments or Marks	Tents with Poles, Pins and Mallets		Haversacks	Kettles	Hatchets	Canteens...	Camp Colours	Drum Cases	Powder Bags...
	...Foot	Bell							
Foot { {Regim ^{ts} { 42 ^d ...	240	22	1122	240	240	1122	12	20	10
{ 71 st	470	44	2204	470	470...	2204	24	40	20
Total	2474	229	12,116	2610	2734	12116	194	300	156
NB The Camp Colours, Ground of Escutcheons on Bells Tents and Drum Cases for the Sixteen Regiments sent in October 1777, are painted Red, not knowing what Corps they might be delivered to; Those marked 2 ^d . <i>A to F</i> in this Return are painted Red likewise for the same reason The 4 th . 15 th . 35 th . 42 ^d . 49 th . 63 ^d . And 71 st . Regiments were not included in the Order for October.									

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, pp. 57-58, f.30. Supplies exclusively for Dragoon Reg^{ts}. have been left out of this transcription (e.g. forage cords, water decks, cornsacks, coils of picket lines etc.). At the top of the original document are a list of supplies designated for regiments marked only as "2^d A, 2^d B, 2^d C, 2^d D, 2^d E, 2^d F"

**Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Gen. Sir William Howe, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Enclosing Return of Camp Equipage for the 1778 Campaign,
London, Feb. 20, 1778**

Duplicate

War Office 20th. Febry 1778.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to send a List of Camp Equipage shipped on board the Greenwich Armed Ship, which with the proportion for Sixteen Battalions sent out in October last, will compleat the Camp Equipage for the Army under your Command for the present Year.

I am also to acquaint you that, in consequence of a representation from your Adjutant General to the Adjutant General of His Majesty's Forces, some addition is preparing to the said Camp Equipage as set forth in the annexed account, and will probably be forwarded in time for the ensuing Campaign.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient and Most humble Servant

Barrington

His Excellency The Honble

Sir William Howe

&c &c &c

[Enclosure]

List of Articles of Camp Equipage for the British Troops acting in the Field on the Coast of the Atlantick, over and above the Compleat proportion for the Campaign 1778, already sent or embarked for America – 20th. February 1778.

	Bell Tents <u>compleat</u>	Tin Kettles <u>with Bags</u>	Water Flasks <u>with Strings</u>	Hand <u>Hatchets</u>
2 Reg ^{ts} of Light Dragoons	14	184	876	260
A Detachm ^t of Foot Guards	24	224	1,062	224
1 Reg ^t of Foot of 677	12	140	642	140
26 Reg ^{ts} more of same Numbers	312	3640	16, 692	3640
1 d ^o 42 ^d 1168	22	240	1122	240
1 d ^o 71 st 2298	<u>44</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>2204</u>	<u>470</u>
Total	<u>420</u>	<u>4.898</u>	<u>22.598</u>	<u>4974</u>

Also 20.000 Blankets

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers* at PRO 30/55/8, pp. 6, 8 (Items 953-954). The List of Equipment is also filed at *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, p. 59, f.30V.

Additional Camp Equipment on the *Lioness* Armed Ship, Mar. 6, 1778

Additional Camp Equipage & Ship'd on board the *Lioness* Arm'd Ship for Regiments in North America, under the Command of General Sir William Howe – 6th March 1778

Regiments	Bell Tents &c	Hatchets	Kettles	Canteens...
42 ^d	22	240	240	1.122...
71 st	44	470	470	2.204
Total	428	4.974	4.898	11.936
<u>Hospital Stores &c</u>				
<div> <div>217 Bales of Bedding</div> <div>35 Casks Wooden Ware</div> <div>8 Casks Pewter</div> <div>6 Casks Tinware</div> <div>12 Half Hh^{ds} Vinegar</div> <div>10 Casks Soap & grocery</div> <div>1 Case Iron monger</div> <div>20 Hospital Tents</div> <div>30 Surgeon's do</div> </div> <div> <div>4 Coppers & Trivets</div> <div>3 Casks Oil</div> <div>2 d^o Salt</div> <div>32 Chests } Medicines</div> <div>4 Casks }</div> <div>1 Case Stationary</div> <div>12 Water Decks</div> <div>48 Mops</div> </div>				
<i>Rich^d Bailey Capt 62^d Reg^t</i>				

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780* at WO 4/274, f. 46V.

Parliamentary Warrants Issued to John Trotter Esq., to Pay for Hospital Equipment for Troops in America, London, Apr. 30, 1778

19 Geo. III

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Dates of Warrants

1778...

April 30

To *John Trotter*, Esquire, for Hospital Bedding and divers Utensils,
for the Use of the Forces at New York

5,254 8 10...

Source: *The Journals of the House of Commons, From November the 26th, 1778...To August the 24th, 1780*, Vol. 37, Re-printed by Order of the House of Commons, London, 1803, Google Books, p. 229.

General Order Issued to Prepare to Embark the Heavy Baggage and for

Officers to Lighten Their Field Baggage, Philadelphia, May 14, 1778

Head Quarters Philadelphia 14th May 1778.

The heavy Baggage of the Army to be in readiness to embark upon the shortest notice; and it is recommended to the Officers of the Army to lighten their Baggage for the Field as much as possible.

Source and Note: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books. This order begins the preparation for the army to abandon Philadelphia to return to New York by marching across New Jersey.



Detail showing senior officer's marquee from "The Encampment at St. James' Park, London, 1780," by Paul Sandby

Picture Source: *Military – British Army – The British Soldier in Camp*, 18th Century
Material Culture Resource Center, July 26, 2015, from Christie's Auction House

General Order Issued to Embark Soldiers' Tents and Heavy Baggage, Philadelphia, May 21, 1778

Head Quarters Philadelphia 21st May, 1778...

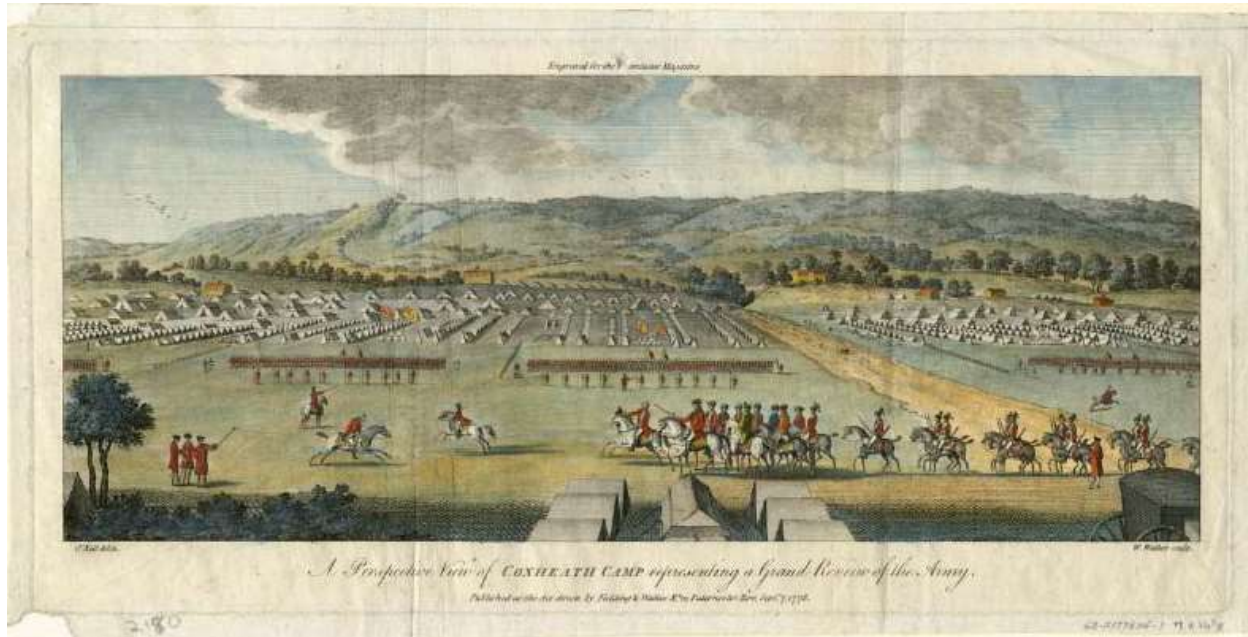
The several Corps are now to put on Board of their Transports their Tents and every kind of Baggage and Stores they can possibly do without in the Field.

Source: "General Orders by Major General the Honourable William Howe," (1775-1778) The Kemble Papers, Vol. I, 1773-1789 in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1883*, Publication Fund Series, Printed for the Society, New York, 1884, Google Books.

Capt. Lt. John Peebles' Account of Preparation of Items for the Field, General's Company, 1st (Provisional) Battalion, 42nd Regt., Philadelphia, May 23, 1778

Saturday 23^d [May] pack'd up my Baggage & Tent the heavy part on board, made an assortment for the Field. 2 Coats 8 Shirts, washing breeches and waistcoats, trousers, – They say we are going to leave this place altogether

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 23, 1778 at Philadelphia.



A perspective view of Coxheath Camp representing a Grand Review of the Army, by W. Walker after O'Neil

Picture Source: *Prints, Drawings and Watercolors from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection*.
Brown Digital Repository. Brown University Library.

News Description of Camp Layout, Coxheath Camp, Kent, England, July 14, 1778

The regiments at Coxheath for a straight line, upwards of three miles in length, and near half a mile in breadth, from the advance guard in front to those in the rear. At the head of each regiment are fixed the colours of the county made of silk.

On the rear of the right wing are placed the Pembroke, Montgomery, and Radnor Militia.

On the center of the right wing is the park of artillery, the waggons, forge carts, &c.

On the right of the right wing is the first regiment of dragoons, commanded by [Lt.] Colonel [Richard Burton] Phillipson.

In the right of every regiment, in front, are placed two field-pieces and three ammunition waggons, with a party of artillery.

The Serjeants tents are placed in front of every regiment.

The Privates tents are placed in rows, so as to make distinct streets, in the middle of which are placed the Officers marquees.

On the rear of every regiment a place a place is cut out of earth for the soldiers to dress their victuals; likewise a stable for the horses attending the artillery: likewise sutling booths for the privates.

At a considerable distance from the camp are a number of dirt hovels for the soldiers wives to wash and lie in.

At the head of every regiment is fixed a stand of arms, likewise a bell tent to inclose them in at night.

Five private men lie in each tent. Three Serjeants have also a tent. And three Corporals and two drums are likewise allotted a tent.

Several capital inn and tavern keepers from London keep mess-houses for the Officers.

At every avenue, leading to or from the heath, centinels are placed to prevent the soldiers from passing without an order from the Officers

There is no fresh water nearer than about a mile, which privates fetch in tin kettles and canteens, attended by an Officer, to prevent disorder.

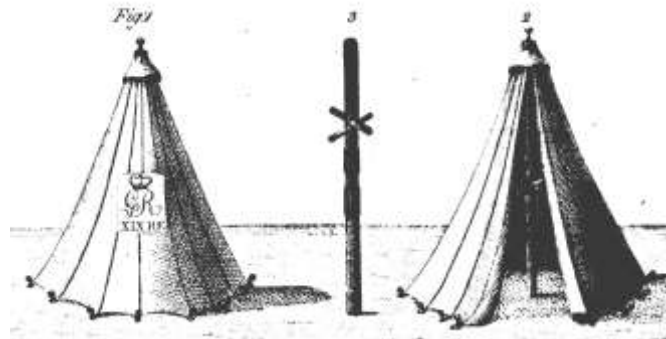
Houses are taken at the adjacent villages as hospitals for those men whose disorders require it.

Two waggons are constantly employed in fetching bread for the camp.

The soldiers can purchase good beef and mutton at 4d. per pound, bacon 6d. Cheshire cheese 4d. butter 8d. per pound, pease or beans 2d. per peck.

The privates are allowed good straw once a week, and sufficient wood for cooking.

Source: *Universal Magazine of Knowledge and Pleasure* (London), Vol. 62-63, July 1778, p. 50.



Bell of Arms

Source: *Military Antiquities Respecting a History of the English Army from the Conquest to the Present Time*, Vol. II, Francis Grose, Printed for S. Hooper, London, 1778, Google Books, Plates following p. 206.

Excerpt of Court Martial of 71st Highlander Discusses Storing Musket and Cartridge Box in the Bell of Arms Tent, Brooklyn, Aug. 4-10, 1778

Duncan Robinson, private Soldier in the 71st Regiment of Foot was brought prisoner before the Court and accused of having deserted from said Regiment...

[Witness] Serjeant John M^cCullum...

Q. [Question] Did he carry off his Arms and Accoutrements?

A. He carried off his Bayonet, but left his Firelock and Cartouch Box in the Bell Tent and also left his Blanket...

Source: TNA, Judge Advocate General's Office: Courts Martial Proceedings Minutes. Marching Regiments at WO 71/86, pp. 393-396.



Leather Portmanteau

Picture Source: "*The Comforts of Home: Camp Equipage of the Commissioned Officer During the American War for Independence*," 18th Century Material Culture Center, Nov. 21, 2013, from Fort Ticonderoga

**Advertisement for Lost Baggage Likely Belonging to Lt. Alexander Stewart, 42nd Regt.,
Bedford, Long Island, Oct. 21, 1778**

LOST, On Friday the 16th inst, coming from Powles Hook to Brooklyn ferry, a PORTMANTUA TRUNK, covered with blue oil cloth, marked Lt. Stewart, 42d Regt. also a vallance, containing bedding, &c. both bound together with leather straps. Whoever can give information where they may be found, by applying to the Adjutant of the 42d regiment, in camp, near Bedford, on Long-Island, shall receive a Reward of FIVE GUINEAS, upon the articles being delivered, and no questions asked, the vallance mark'd Lt. Stewart, 42d Regiment.

Source and Note: *The Royal Gazette* (New York), October 21, 1778. There were two "Lt. Stewarts" at this period, Alexander and James, but James Stewart was assigned to the 42nd Lt. Infantry Company and would more likely have had any lost baggage turned into the 1st Lt. Infantry Bn.

Excerpts of Letter No. 26 from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, Reporting Preparations of Men and Equipment for the Campaign, London, Dec. 11, 1778 – Mar. 3, 1779

(N^o 26)

Whitehall, 3^d March 1779

Sir Henry Clinton,

Sir –

Since my secret & confidential Letter to you of the 23^d of Janry, the greatest Diligence has been used in forwarding the preparations necessary for sending out the Troops & Ships intended to reinforce the Army & Fleet, and providing the Necessaries requisite for the campaign... The Camp Equipage & Necessaries/contained in the inclosed Order to the Board of Treasury are also all in Readiness, and the greatest part actually on board Armed Store Ships which are to join the Convoy at Spithead.

Rear Admiral [Mariot] Arbuthnot is appointed to Command the American Squadron...

[Enclosure]

Whitehall, 11th Decem^r 1778

My Lords/

The King having directed that Camp Equipage and other necessities should be provided for the British Troops & New Levies serving in North America for the next Campaign, The inclosed Lists have been made out by Lord Amherst & approved by His Majesty.

And I am commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majesty's pleasure that the several Articles contained therein be provided accordingly & shipped on board the armed Vessels which the Lords Comm^{rs} of the Admiralty will have in readiness to receive them – Those intended for the Army on the Side of the Atlantic on or before the 20th Feb^{ry} – and those intended for Canada on or before the 20th of March next.

I am &ca
Geo: Germain

Lords of the Treasury...

[Enclosure]

Whitehall 3^d February 1779

My Lords/

I am commanded to signify to your Lordships His Majestys pleasure that the several Necessaries contained in the inclosed List be provided & sent out to the Army under the Command of Sir Henry Clinton, In addition to what was directed to be provided & sent out in my Letter to your Lordships of the 11th of Dec^r last.

I am &ca
Geo: Germain

Lords of the Treasury

List

Bell Tents	}	
Camp Colours	}	
Drum Cases	}	for 10, 000 Men
Powder Bags	}...	

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Part IV, pp. 652-658 from TNA, CO 5/97, f. 94.

**Request from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Secretary of State Thomas Thynne,
Viscount Weymouth, to Give Orders to Issue Tents for the Regiments in America
for the Campaign of 1779, Including the 42nd Regt., London, Dec. 21, 1778**

War Office 21st. Dec. 1778

My Lord,

Tents being wanted for the several Reg^{ts}. mentioned in the List annexed, serving in North America for the Campaign 1779; I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship therewith, and am to desire you will be pleased to receive His Majesty's Commands hereupon, & signify the same to the Master General of the Ordnance that Tents agreeable to the Numbers specified in the said List may be delivered out of His Majesty's Stores and the Expence thereof charged to the Estimate of Ordnance for the Parliament.

I have the honor to be

Lord Viscount Weymouth
&c &c &c

My Lord &c
C Jenkinson

List of Tents wanting for the Reg^{ts}. undermentioned serving in N^o. America, for the Campaign 1779...
42^d. Reg^t. of Foot – 240 Tents &c compleat...

Source and Note: TNA, War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Aug. 1778 –Jan. 1779, at WO 4/104, p.430 (f. 215).
As a comparison the smaller British regiments were to receive 170 tents each. The Master General of the Ordnance was Viscount George Townshend.

**Request from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to the Colonels of Regiments in America,
Including Gen. Lord John Murray, 42nd Regt., to Provide Camp Equipment, London
Dec. 22, 1778**

War Office 22^d. Dec^r. 1778

Sir,

I am to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure that you do give directions that a compleat Sett of Camp Necessaries be provided for the Men of the 7th. Reg^t. of Foot /or Royal Fuziliers/ under your Command agreeable to the List annexed, and that they be ready for Shipping by the 20th. of February next.

I have the honor to be
Major General [Richard] Prescott Sir &c
Colonel of the 7th. Reg^t. of Foot, C: Jenkinson
or Royal Fuziliers. –

Like Letters of same date to the Colonels of the Undermentioned Regiments...
42^d – L J Murray's...

List of Camp Necessaries for the 42^d. Reg^t.

240	Tin Kettles with Bags
240	Hand Hatchets
100	Wood Axes
22	Bell Tents
12	Camp Colours
20	Drum Cases
10	Powder Bags
1122	Water Flasks with Strings
1122	Haversacks...

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Aug. 1778 –Jan. 1779*, at WO 4/104, pp. 422-423 (f. 211).



Detail of Portrait of *Hon. Thomas Harley* by Engraver John Hall, after Henry Edridge

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *National Portrait Gallery*, London

**Excerpt of Letter from John Robinson, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, to William Knox,
Under Secretary of State, American Department, Reporting Orders for Camp Equipment for
Troops in America; London, Dec. 31, 1778**

Sir

Upon reading the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, a Letter from Lord George Germain dated the 11th Instant desiring sundry Necessaries, & Stores might be provided, and sent out for the Use of His Majesty's Forces on North America, My Lords direct me to acquaint you for his Lordships Information that in Consequence thereof the following Orders have been given Viz^t...

To		
Mess ^{rs} Mure Son, & Atkinson	10,000 Haversacks 10,000 Canteens 2.500 Camp Kettles 2.500 Hand Hatchets 1.000 Wood Axes	}To be shipped on or before the 20 th Feb ^y } next on Board such Ships as the Lords } of the Admiralty shall appoint for that } Purpose – }
To		
Mess ^{rs} Mure Son, & Atkinson	Tents for 2000 Private Men... 2,000 Haversacks 2,000 Canteens 500 Camp Kettles 500 Hand Hatchets 200 Wood Axes	}To be shipped on or before the 20 th } March next on Board such Ships as the } Lords of the Admiralty shall appoint } for that Purpose – } }

W^m Knox Esq^t

I am Sir

Your most Humble Servant

John Robinson

Treasury Chambers
31st December 1778

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary of State: America and West Indies. Treasury and Customs 1778-1779* at CO 5/151, f.1. The Offices of *Mure Son & Atkinson* were on Nicholas Lane, London.

Camp Equipment for 42nd Regt. for 1779 Campaign, Mar. 1, 1779

Return of Camp Necessaries &c shipped on Board the Juliana & Grand Duke Transports for the Army in North America Commanded by General Sir Henry Clinton 1 st March 1779												
Names of Ships...		Private Tents with Poles, Pins and Mallets	Bell Tents with Poles, Pins and Mallets	Hand Hatchets	Haversacks	Kettles & Bags	Canteens	Knapsacks	Drum Cases	Powder Bags	Felling Axes	Camp Colours
Duke	Foot... 42 ^d	240	22	240	1122	240	1122	.	20	10	100	12...

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, f. 92V (p. 183).

**Letter from John Robinson, Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, Proving
Directions for Preparation of Rations for North America, London, Mar. 2, 1779**

Copy

Treasury Chambers 2^d. March 1779

Gentⁿ.

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to direct you forthwith to prepare 12 Months Provisions for 10,000 Men in America, to be delivered to Robert Gordon Esq. His Majesty's Commissary at Corke [Ireland], in or before the 1st. day of July next in complete Rations as follows, viz!: For each Person to be victualed for Seven Days successively 7lb. flour of the first Quality and made from whole Kiln dried Wheat, 7 lb of Beef or in Lieu thereof 4 lb of Pork, one fifth Part of this portion of the Ration to be in beef and the remainder in Pork both of the first Quality. Six Ounces of Butter or in Lieu thereof Eight Ounces of Cheese. Three Pints of Pease, & half a Pound of Oatmeal, all of the first Quality, and my Lords are pleased to direct that one Moiety [half] of the Beef & Pork be packed up in half Barrels & that four good Iron Hoops be put on both the whole Barrels of Beef, & on the half Barrels.

I am &c

(signed) John Robinson

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers, Main Series of Papers* at PRO 30/55/15, p. 58 (Item 1788).

Capt. John Peebles' Mention of Knapsacks, Jamaica, Long Island, Mar. 27, 1779

Saturday 27th...went to Newtown to speak to the Col. [Thomas Stirling] about Knapsacks, not at home...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Mar. 27, 1779.

Note from Asst. Quartermaster Gen. (and Capt.) Richard Baily, 62nd Regt., to Leonard Morse, Reporting Shipment of Clothing for 42nd Regt. Additional Company at Newfoundland; Portsmouth, England, Apr. 4, 1779

Capt Baily presents his Compliments to M^r Morse, encloses a return of Camp Necessaries &c, and begs leave to acquaint Him that Clothing for one Company of the 42^d is now away, and that for two Companies of the 71st /all Stationed at Newfoundland / will be in a few Days for Shipping on board the Ordnance Transport loading for that Port, if leave can be obtained for its being so Convoyed.

The Packer where the whole of the Clothing is collected, has Directions to enquire at the Tower if such Leave is given.

Crown Street

4th April 1779

Source: TNA, *Baron Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief, Papers* at WO34/150, f.92. Transcribed by Todd Braisted. Capt. Baily's duties were described as "...superintending the embarkation of parties, horses, stores, &c. for the armies in North America." (Ref.: website of reenactment unit "62nd Regt. of Foot" at 62ndregiment.org.)



Original 18th Century Painted Knapsack

Picture Source: Courtesy of Ed Brumby

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Painted Knapsacks for the 42nd Grenadier Company,
Jamaica, Long Island, Apr. 6, 1779**

Tuesday 6th [Apr.] ...Went to town to see about the painted Knapsacks...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Apr. 6, 1779.

Newspaper Advertisement for Camp Equipment, London, May 1-4, 1779

OFFICERS MARQUEET and TENTS, of the very best Russia Duck, and all other Sorts of CAMP FURNITURE.

TRUNKS of all Sorts, CAMP CASES, fitted with Kitchen Utensils, China, Glasses, Cantines, Liquor Cases, Dressing and Writing Cases, Travelling Cases, and Chests, of every Sort, in great Variety.

BEDSTEADS, TABLES, AND CHAIRS; to fold up in a small Compass, with a Variety of other Articles in the cabinet Branch, upon the most reasonable Terms, at a short Notice.

☛ The Silver and Plated Wares, Cutlery, China, Glasses, best double Block Tin Wares, Pewter, and Iron Wares in the Cantines, charged as reasonable as at the Shops in London.

KNAPSACKS and HAVERSACKS for the ARMY, at the most reasonable Rates, particularly a fine parcel of WHITE GOAT SKINS, sufficient for a Regiment. The Goat Skins are of the best Quality, and any Quantity can be delivered in a short Time, by NODIN and HOULDS, at No. 20, in the Hay-Market; or No. 1, Leadenhall-Street.

Source: *St. James Chronicle, Or, British Evening-Post* (London), May 1-4, 1779, p. 1.

**42nd Grenadier Capt. John Peebles' Account of Returning "ill done" Knapsacks,
New York, May 18, 1779**

Tuesday 18th. at [New] York & turn'd the painted Knapsacks on the makers hands for being ill done & bespoke a set from Davis...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 18, 1779. "Davis" is likely the upholstery firm of John Davis, on Queen St., New York.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account the Status of the Grenadier Company Tents
Jamaica, Long Island, May 22, 1779**

Saturday 22^d... The little Gen^l sent for me this morn^g. to ask about the state of out tents, I told him they were wore out & I believe most Companies of the Battⁿ. are in the same Situation. N: B: burn't & some cut up...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 22, 1779.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account Preparing his Personal Equipment for the Field,
Jamaica, Long Island, May 23, 1779**

Sunday 23^d...sent our heavy baggage to [42nd] Regt^{al} Store in [New] York. – my two trunks & box with the bedsted – sent my Cap, Bonnet, broad sword, Rifle, & little Arthur case to Doc^r. M^cLeans. – for the field, Fly tent, bedding, Portmanteau, & canteen box – The whole Battⁿ. sent theirs to their respective stores...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for May 23, 1779.

**Parliamentary Warrants Issued to John Trotter Esq., to Pay Camp
Equipment for Troops in America, London, May 28, 1779**

19 Geo. III...

29^o Februarii

A. 1780

Dates of Warrants

1779...

May 28.. To *John Trotter*, Esquire, for providing extra Camp Necessaries
for the Use of the Forces in *North America*

712 14 6...

Source: *The Journals of the House of Commons, From November the 26th, 1778...To August the 24th, 1780*, Vol. 37, Re-printed by Order of the House of Commons, London, 1803, Google Books, p. 666.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Preparing the 42nd Grenadier Company Camp
Equipment for the Charleston, South Carolina Expedition: Jamaica, Dec. 3-7, 1779**

Friday 3d Dec^r...Battⁿ orders to be in readiness to Embark on the shortest notice with Camp Equipment & field Baggage only, the heavy Baggage to be sent to store on further orders...

Tuesday 7th [Dec.] ...sent Camp Equipage on board o'ship with a man *P* Co^y...

Wednesday 8th Dec^r...our heavy baggage going into Store in [New] York, scarce of carriage...

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entries for Dec. 3, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14, 1779.



Detail of Portrait of Capt. and Lt. Col William, Earl Cathcart, Coldstream Guards, 1781, by Thomas Gainsborough

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

**Report of Needed Camp Equipment by Acting Quartermaster Gen.
and Maj. William, Earl Cathcart, 38th Regt., New York, Dec. 15, 1779**

/Copy/

New York 15th: Dec^r. 1779

Return of Camp Equipage wanting for Twenty Six Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1780 in North America

3,640 Tents compleat
15,912 Haversacks
312 Camp Colours
260 Powder Bags
520 Drum Cases

Cathcart
Acting Q^r. Mast^r. Gen^l.

Source: TNA, *Correspondence, Original – Secretary of State*, 1780 at CO 5/172, p. 63 (f. 32).

Excerpt of Report of Captured Rations Issued, Siege of Charleston, Feb. 13 – Aug. 7, 1780

Return of Provisions supplied His Majestys Troops under the Command of His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in America by the Commissaries of Captors Between 13th February & 7th August 1780 Inclusive...

1st Battⁿ. Light Infantry
20,150 Rations Meat, 717 Gallons Rice.
2nd Battⁿ. Light Infantry
19,233 Rations Meat, 745 Gallons Rice.
1st Battⁿ. British Grenadiers
17,087 Rations Meat, 448 Gallons Rice.
2nd Battⁿ. British Grenadiers
13,431 Rations Meat, 639 Gallons Rice...
42nd Regiment
8,974 Rations Meat...

1st Battⁿ. 71st Regiment

4,576 Rations Meat.

2nd Battⁿ. 71st Regiment

4,617 Rations Meat...

Total

518,396 Rations Meat, 150,683 lbs Meat, 9,439 Gallons Rice, 1,678 Bushels Corn, 1,100 lbs Tobacco, 8,231 lbs Wheat Flour.

Geo Hay Com: Capt^s.

Source: TNA, *Board of Trade and Secretaries of State: America and West Indies, Original Correspondence – Secretary of State. Treasury, 1780* at CO 5/152, f. 294. Transcribed by Todd Braisted.

List of Camp Equipment to be Prepared and Sent to British Regiments Including the 42nd Regt., London, Mar. 6, 1780

List of Tents & Camp Equipage to be prepared & sent out for the British Foot now Serving on the East of the Atlantick and in the West Indies [dated Mar. 6, 1780]

	Regiments	Infantry Tents Compleat	Tin Kettle with Canvas Bags	Hand Hatchets	Bell Tents	Camp Colours	Drum Cases	Powder Bags	Water flask with Strings	Haver sacks
26 Battalions on the Coast of the Atlantick	{ One B ⁿ . detachm ^t . of Foot	224	224	224	22	12	20	10	1062	1062
	{ Guards									
	{ 7 th Reg ^t . of Foot, or Royal	166	166	166	12	12	20	10	792	792
	{ Fuzileers									
	{ 17 Batt ^{ns} . more Viz ^t the 16 th ,	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
	{ 17 th , 22 rd , 23 rd , 33 rd , 37 th ,	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
	{ 38 th , 43 rd , 44 th , 54 th , 57 th , 60 th	2,822	2,822	2,822	204	204	340	170	792	792
26 Battalions on the Coast of the Atlantick	{ 3, 60 th 4, 63 rd , 64 th , 70 th , &	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
	{ 84 th 2 B ⁿ of the same number.	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
	{ 42 nd . Reg ^t . 1 st B ⁿ .	230	230	230	22	12	20	10	1,122	1,122
	{ 71 st . d ^o . 1 B ⁿ .	225	225	225	22	12	20	10	1,102	1,102
	{ five Batt ⁿ . more Viz ^t .	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
	{ 71 st 2 nd B ⁿ ., 74 th , 76 th , 80 th ,	1125	1,125	1,125	110	60	100	50	5,510	5,510
	{ & 82 nd , same number	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
		4,792	4,792	4,792	392	312	520	260	23,052	23,052
11 Batt ^{ns} . in { the Leeward { Islands {	{ Viz ^t . 4 th , 5 th , 15 th , 27 th , 28 th ,	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
	{ 35 th , 40 th , 46 th , 49 th , 55 th ,	1,826	1,826	1,826	132	132	220	110	8,712	8,712
	{ 60 th 2 nd B ⁿ . of the same	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}	}
3 Batt ^s . at { Jamaica {	{ Viz ^t . 60 th 1 st B ⁿ .	166	166	166	12	12	20	10	792	792
	{ 79 Regiment	225	225	225	22	12	20	10	1,102	1,102
	{ Dalrymple Corps	118	118	118	12	7	10	5	552	552
		509	509	509	46	31	50	25	2,446	2,446
Total 40 Batt ^{ns}	General Total	7,127	7,127	7,127	570	475	790	395	34,210	34,210

Source: *Records of the Imprest and Successors: Registers of Accounts Received* at AO 4/109, p. 305 and also filed at WO 1/890.

Camp Equipment Shipped to the 42nd Regt. for 1780 Campaign, Portsmouth, Apr. 24, 1780

Return of Camp Necessaries &c Shipped on board the William & Elizabeth Transport Tho^s Eggar Master for the British Troops on the Coast of the Atlantic Commanded by General Sir Henry Clinton Completed 24th April 1780.

Corps	Private Tents with Poles, Pins &c ^a	Bell Tents with Poles, Pins &c ^a	Drum Cases	Powder Bags	Hatchets	Kettles & Bags	Canteens	Haversacks	Camp Colours...
1 st Batt ⁿ 42 ^d	330	22	20	10	230	230	1,120	1,120	12...
1 st Batt ⁿ 71 st	225	22	20	10	225	225	1,082	1,082	12
2 ^d Ditto	225	22	20	10	225	225	1,082	1,082	12...
Total	4875	392	520	266	4,922	4,892	22,858	22,420	312...
Packages for Officers &c... 42 ^d – 2... <div style="text-align: right;"><i>Rich^d Baily Capⁿ 62^d Reg^t</i></div>									

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1777-1780*, WO 4/274, pp. 281-282, f.141. The documents is also filed in the *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers* at PRO 30/55/95, Item 10245.

**Letter No. 99 from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America,
to Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department,
Requesting Camp Equipment and Necessaries for the 1781 Campaign and Providing
a Field Officer Board's Report of Shoddy Necessaries, New York, Aug. 15, 1780**

Nº. 99

Head Quarters New York
15th. August 1780

My Lord,

I have the Honor to transmit herewith Returns of Camp Equipage and Necessaries for 30 Regiments of Infantry, and of Camp Equipage, Saddlery and Accoutrements for Provincial Forces, which may possibly be wanted for the Year 1781; together with a Return of Clothing & Extra Necessaries for Provincial Forces, received, issued, & remaining in the Inspector Generals Stores, & wanting to compleat for the Year 1781.

I have also the Honor to inclose for your Lordship's Information, the Copy of a Report of a Board of Field Officers held at New York 17th December 1779 to enquire into the State of Necessaries sent out in Admiral Arbuthnot's Fleet for the Army.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Your Lordships Most obedient and Most humble Servant

Right Honorable

H. Clinton

Lord George Germain.

[Enclosures]

New York 15th July 1780

Return of Camp Equipage wanting for 30 Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1781

3, 928 Tents compleat.
18, 360 Haversacks
318 Camp Colours
265 Powder Baggs
564 Drum Cases

Return of Camp Necessaries wanting for 10 Regiments

39	Bell Tents
1366	Camp Kettles
685	Hand Hatchets
5025	Canteens

N.B. The above Quantity of Camp Equipage, & Camp Necessaries with what remains in the Quartermaster Generals Stores at New York compleat the Calculation for 30 British Battallions. –

W. Dalrymple
Q^r M^r. General

New York 15th July 1780

Return of Necessaries wanting for 30th Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1781.

36, 889	Pairs of Shoes
36, 934	Pairs of Stockings
13, 904	Shirts
19, 781	Blankets
6, 028	Haversacks

N.B. The above quantity of Necessaries, with what remains in the Quarter Master Generals Stores at New York, compleats the calculation made for 30 British Battalions. –

W. Dalrymple
Q^r M^r. General

N.B. The Shoes sent from Europe last year were too small in many instances & otherwise faulty, complaints of the other articles were also frequent.

[Enclosure]

Report of a Board of Field Officers held at New York on the 17th. day of December 1779, by Order of His Excellency Sir Henry Clinton Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c. to enquire into the State of the necessaries sent out from Europe, which arrived here last August under Convoy of Admiral Arbuthnot, and whether the said Necessaries are properly manufactured, and in good Order, lest his Majesty's beneficial Intentions to the Soldiers may have been frustrated by Negligence of Fraud by those appointed to execute his Orders.

That this Board having carefully examined many different Samples of ... Blankets, are fully of the following Opinion...It appears to this Board that Two Thousand Eight Hundred Blankets are damaged, and further its Opinion that the greater Part of said damaged Blankets were when shipped unfit for Service, as no Marks of Wet or other damage appear either on the Bales, or the Blankets, tho' so rotten that they may be shook to Pieces...

It also appears to this Board that if the several Necessaries we have examined are charged at the prices of those formerly delivered from the Quarter Master General's Store, the Soldier will be a considerable Loser.

Signed,	J [sic-Francis]. Marsh Lieut ^t . Colonel 43 ^d . Regim ^t .
	Robert M ^c Leroth Major 64 th Reg ^t .
	Charles Graham Major 42 ^d . Reg ^t .

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784*, Ed. by Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, pp. 281-286 from CO 5/100, pp. 149-162.



Original 22nd Regt. Wooden Canteen, possibly of the late 18th century

Picture Source: Paul M. Ambrose Antiques at www.ambroseantiques.com

**Order Placed by Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson with John Trotter, Esq.
for Wooden Canteens for the 1781 American Campaign and Trotter's Response to
Quarter Master General George Morrison, London, July 26 and Aug. 23, 1780**

War Office, July 26, 1780

It having been thought necessary that the Regiments on service in North America & the West Indies should be furnished with Wooden Canteens instead of Tin ones for the Campaign of 1781, I am to desire you will provide forty four thousand nine hundred & forty two Wooden Canteens agreeable to the Patern which I send you herewith, and proper care will be taken for your reimbursement.

They are to be ready for shipping by the 31st of January next...

[Trotter's Response to Maj. Gen. Morrison]

Frith St., Soho, August 23, 1780

...Having made Canteens of several kinds of Wood, it is found when they are filled with Water it penetrates quite through the heads of those made of Beach, besides which it is a Wood more apt to warp then any other; foreign Oak or Wainscott is far less lyable to those disadvantages, it is a much lighter Wood, full as durable, & is made use of here for all small vessells, and I verily believe will answer the purpose much better than Beach, which I am informed by very eminent Coopers is only us'd for dry Casks such as Sugar Hogsheads &c. but never for holding any kind of liquor but this I humbly submit to [Commander in Chief and Gen.] Lord [Jeffrey] Amhersts Opinion

Source: "From Tin to Wood: A Change in Canteens for the British Army," by Gilbert V. Riddle, *Brigade Dispatch*, Vol. 26, No. 3 referencing TNA, War Office: Out-letters, at WO 4/111, p. 2 and Letter from John Trotter to Maj. Gen. Morrison, Aug. 23, 1780, at WO 4/111, pp. 100-101 and summarized in *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 173. Gen. Lord Jeffrey Amherst was Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces.

**Wooden Canteen Distribution Directions from Deputy Secretary at War Matthew
Lewis to Military Equipment Supplier, John Trotter, London, Dec. 13, 1780**

W. O. 13th Dec^r 1780

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary at War to acquaint you that 18.878 of the Wooden Canteens lately provided by you are to be distributed in the proportions as specified in the List annexed.

I am &c

John Trotter Esq^r

M Lewis

Distribution of 18.878 Wooden Canteens for 24 Battalions of British Troops serving on the Coast of the Atlantic for the Year 1781.

<u>N^o of Batt^{ns}</u>		<u>N^o of Canteens</u>
1	Detachm ^t of Foot Guards	1062
1	42 ^d Reg ^t . 1 st Batt ⁿ	1122
1	76 th Reg ^t	1.102
	{ 7 th – 17 th – 22, 23..33.37.38.43.45.54 th }	
15 th	{ 57 th . 60 th 3 ^d B ⁿ . 60 th 4 th B ⁿ . 64 & 70 th }	9780
	{ each 652 }	
2	71 st Reg ^t of 2 B ^{ns} each 962	1.924
4	74 th . 80 th . 82 ^d . 84 th . 2 ^d B ⁿ . each 972	<u>3 888</u>
24		18.878

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Nov. 1780-Mar. 1781* at WO 4/112, p. 99.

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Charles Jenkinson to Lord George
Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Regarding
Preparation of Camp Equipment for the Campaign of 1781, London, Dec. 6, 1780**

W. O. 30th Dec^r 1780

My Lord,

I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that in obedience to His Majesty's Commands signified in your Letter of the 10th. inst^t; I have given Orders for providing Camp Equipage & Camp Necessaries for the Regular British Forces under Sir Henry Clinton for the Year 1781, agreeable to the List enclosed in Your Lordship's Letter.

Your Lordship will be pleased to receive & transmit His Majesty's Commands to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that 250 Tons of Shipping may be provided for the conveyance of the said Camp Equipment & Camp Necessaries, to North America...

I have the honor to be &c^a

Right Honble

C. Jenkinson

Lord George Germain

&c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Nov. 1780-Mar. 1781* at WO 4/112, pp.74-75 (f. 86).

Shipment of Camp Equipment for Campaign of 1781, Mar. 7, 1781

Return of Tents, & Camp Necessaries, Shipped on board the Fanny Transport, & compleated 7th March 1781, for His Majesty's British Forces in New America under the Command of General Sir Henry Clinton

Private Tents compleat	3, 928
Bell Tents d ^o	39
Kettles with Bags	1, 366

Hand Hatchets	685
Camp Colours	318
Drum Cases	564
Powder Bags	265
Haversacks	18,360
Wood Canteens	18,878

A Division of Medicines and 260 Packages of Hospital Stores

N.B. Particular Invoices of those Articles are Shipped on board the Fanny Transport directed for Sir Henry Clinton & Duplicates transmitted herewith.

The Camp Colours are red; Escutcheons of Bell Tents, & Drum Cases are painted for so, it not being known what Regim^{ts} those Articles are intended for.

(N^o 3)

Distribution of 18,878 Wood Canteens, for His Majesty's British Forces in North America, *P* Invoice N^o. 1.

Regiments, &c ^a	Number for each...
Foot	
1 st Battalion 42 ^d	1,122...
1 st Battalion 71 st	962
2 ^d d ^o	962...
Total	18,558

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784* at WO 4/275, pp. 90-91, f. 47.

Summary of Supplies to the Barracks Master General's Department, London, Mar. 12, 1781

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, 12 March 1781

Acknowledges letter of 18th December, 1780. In pursuance of the requisition therein 10,000 rugs, 5000 blankets and 80000 lbs. of tallow candles one-third part to be mould^d for the use of the officers and two-thirds dipped, ten to the pound, and 500 iron pots have been ordered for the Barracks Master General's Department...

Gen. Sir Henry Clinton

John Robinson

Source: *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 256. "Rugs" in this usage were a heavy bed covering.

Note from Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis to John Boddington, Secretary to the Board of Ordnance, Regarding Possible Tents for 42nd Regt., London, June 12, 1781

M^r Lewis presents his Comp^{ts} to M^r Boddington & sends him the enclosed Copy of M^r [Charles] Jenkinson's letter to Secretary of State & desires that the 42^d Infantry Tents therein mentioned, may be delivered to M^r Wonfold the packer, without waiting for the usual forms of Office.

W.O. 12th June 1781,

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Mar.-June 1781* at WO 4/113, p. 470. "42^d Infantry Tents" could be a writing error just meaning 42 tents.

Quartermaster Gen. William Dalrymple's Return of Additional Camp Equipment to Compleat 30 Infantry Battalions, New York, July 15, 1781

Triplicate

New York 15th July 1781.

Return of Camp Equipage wanting for 30 Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1781

3, 928	Tents compleat.
18, 360	Haversacks
318	Camp Colours
265	Powder Baggs
564	Drum Cases

Return of Camp Necessaries wanting for 10 Regiments

39	Bell Tents
1366	Camp Kettles
685	Hand Hatchets
5025	Canteens

N.B. The above Quantity of Camp Equipage, & Camp Necessaries with what remains in the Quartermaster Generals Stores at New York, compleat the Calculation for 30 British Battalions .

W. Dalrymple

Q. M. G.

Source: *Sir Henry Clinton Papers* 117:23, W. L. Clements Lib., Univ. of Michigan.

**Capt. John Peebles' Account of Preparing Baggage for Yorktown Relief Expedition,
Richmond, Staten Island, Oct. 2, 1781**

Tuesday 2^d Oct^r...the heavy Baggage was to be sent on board o'ship & wagons to be procur'd to carry our field Baggage...as the Camp Equipage could not be up to night the [British Grenadier] Batt^{ns} were canton'd along the road to the westward of Richmond

Sent my Trunk & bedsted on board Baggage Ship, reserving in the field as usual my Tent portmanteau Bedding & Canteen –

Source and Notes: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Oct. 2, 1781. "Canteen" in this usage refers to a box holding an officers cooking and eating equipment. "Canton'd" means to be quartered in houses as opposed to camping.

**Letter from Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, Commander-in-Chief, North America, to Lord
George Germain, Secretary of State for the American Department, Requesting
Camp Equipment and Necessaries for the 1782 Campaign, New York, Nov. 4 1781**

New York November 4th 1781

My Lord,

I have the Honor to transmit herewith Returns of Camp Equipage & Necessaries for Thirty Regiments of Infantry, and of Clothing, Extra Necessaries, Camp Equipage, Sadlery and Accoutrements in the Stores of the Inspector General of Provincial Forces the 1st of August 1780, received and carried since and remaining in Store the 20th September 1781, as also what may possibly be wanting to compleat for the Year 1782.

I have the honor to be With the greatest Respect

Your Lordships Most obedient and Most humble Servant

Right Honorable

H. Clinton

Lord George Germain.

[Enclosures]

New York 10th November 1781

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W. Dalrymple
Q^r M^r. General

New York 10th. November 1781

Return of Necessaries wanting for 30 Regiments of Infantry for the Year 1782.

36, 889	Pairs of Shoes
36, 934	Pairs of Stockings
13, 904	Shirts
19, 781	Blankets
6, 028	Haversacks

There will be wanting also Camp Equipage and Camp Necessaries for Thirty Regiments of Infantry.

W. Dalrymple
Q. M. G.

Source: *Records of the British Colonial Office Class 5, Part 5: The American Revolution, 1772-1784* (hereafter *RBCO*)
Ed. by Randolph Boehm, University Publications Inc., Frederick, MD, 1972, Reel 8, pp. 155-156 from CO 5/103, pp. 623-627 (ff. 312-314).

**Excerpt of Letter from Col. Thomas Stirling, 71st Highland Regt. (Former Lt. Col., 42nd Regt.),
to William Graham of Airth, Regarding Camp Equipment for his Son, Lt. Henry Graham,
Bath, England, Apr. 18, 1782**

Dear Airth

Bath 18th April 1782

...I shall leave my Valise w^t my bedding for him at London and you may give him a Light Camp bedstead w^t common check curtains, Cap^t [John] Rutherford will advise what necessary to take w^t him but let them not be many, much baggage is a great incumbrance I left a Chest w^t books & lumber under the Qt^r M^r

[Quartermaster Hector M^cLean] care who will give the key to H for his use if Rutherf^d goes not this year...
Tho^s. Stirling ...

Source and Note: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), pp. 60-61 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers* at MS.10943, ff. 77-78. On the death of Maj. Gen. Simon Fraser, Stirling was promoted to colonel of the 71st Highland Regt. (formerly 1st Battalion, 71st Highland Regt. –Fraser's Highlanders) on Feb. 13, 1782. The regiment was disbanded June 4, 1784. According to the Regiment muster reports, Lt. Graham arrived in America between Jan. and May 1783.

Listing of Clothing Sent to the New York Quartermaster Stores with Prices, London, May 20, 1782

London 20th May 1782,

Invoice of the prime Cost of sundry articles provided for the Depot of His Majesty's Forces in North America by Order of the Treasury, and shipped on the Holdernesse, Lucretia and Steady Transports to the Quarter Master General at New York...

6,028 Haversacks	a	1/- each
12,553 Blanketts is 6276 ½ p ^r . 7/4	a	6/6 p.
7,228 Ditto is 3,614 p ^r . 8.4	a	<u>8/3 p.</u>

Source: TNA, *Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester: Papers, Main Series of Papers* at PRO 30/55/41/28, Item 4629. A summary is also shown at *Report on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain*, Vol. II, His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1906, Google Books, p. 493.

General Order Issued to Turn in Barracks Bedding and Heavy Baggage, New York, June 12, 1782

Head Quarters New York 12th June 1782

As the Regiments are to prepare to Encamp at a short notice they will deliver up the Barracks Bedding &c &c immediately & send their heavy Baggage to their Stores in New York...

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.

General Order Issued for the Regulation of Wagons, Richmond Hill, New York, July 3, 1782

Head Quarters Mortiers House 3^d July 1782...

Regulation of Waggon...

Regiments not to have Waggon perpetually attached to them but to be supplied when necessary by the Commissary General or his Deputy at the magazine from whence they are supplied with Provisions by an order from the Officer commanding Brigades or separate Corps...

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. Maj. Abraham Mortier's house at Richmond Hill was located at intersection of Varick and Charlton Streets in Manhattan (Wikipedia).

List of Lost Tents and Camp Necessaries for the 42nd and 71st Regiment Detachment, Lost in Brig. St. George, St. John's, Newfoundland, July 17, 1782

17th July 1782

List of Tents and Camp Necessaries to be provided for a Detachment of 200 Men belonging to the 42^d and 71st Regiments, stationed at Newfoundland to replace the like Articles Taken by the Enemy in the S^t. George Brig.

Private Tents compleat	48
Hand Hatchets	48
Tin Kettles with Covers & Bags	48
Bell Tents	4
Camp Colours	4
Drum Cases	6
Powder Bags	3
Tin Canteens	218
Haversacks	218
Blankets	96

Source: TNA, *War Office: Sec.-at-War, and Commander-in-Chief, In-letters, IV. Miscellaneous Books, Statistics on military supplies* at WO 1/890, f. 190.

**Letter from Deputy Secretary at War Mathew Lewis to John Trotter,
Military Equipment Contractor, to Supply Camp Equipment for the Newfoundland
Detachments of the 42nd and 71st Highland Regts., London, July 17, 1782**

WO 17th July 1782

Sir,

In the absence of the S at W [Secretary at War], I am to desire you will forthwith provide the camp Necessaries specified in the list annexed for a detachment of 200 men belonging to the 42nd. & 71st Reg^{ts}. of Foot stationed in Newfoundland to replace the like Articles taken by the Enemy in the S^t. George Brig & care will be taken for your reimbursement.

I am &c *MLewis*

Trotter Esq^r

48 Hand Hatchets
48 Tin Kettles with Canvas Bags
4 Bell Tents
4 Camp Colours
6 Drum Cases
2 Powder Bags
218 Tin Canteens
218 Haversacks
96 Blankets

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, June- Sept. 1782* at WO 4/118, p. 133 (f. 67). The number of Highland soldiers at Newfoundland was reduced on Sept. 4, 1781, when Lt. John Grant was ordered to take half of the 2nd Additional Company, 42nd Regt. from Newfoundland to New York.

**Request from Secretary at War George Yonge to Home Secretary Rt. Hon. Thomas Townshend to
Give Orders to Issue Tents for the Newfoundland Detachment of 42nd and 71st Highland Regts.,
London, July 18, 1782**

War Office 18th July 1782

Sir,

The Tents undermentioned being wanted for a Detachment of the 42^d. & 71st Regiments of Foot stationed in Newfoundland, to replace a like number taken by the Enemy in the S^t. George Brigg; I have the Honor to acquaint you therewith, and to desire you will be pleased to receive his Majestys Commands thereupon and signify the same to the Master General of the Ordnance that the said Tents may be issued out of his Majestys Stores and the Expence thereof charged in the estimate of Ordnance for Parliament.

48 Private Tents }

I have the honor to be &^{ca}

Compleat }

Geo: Yonge

R^t. Honb^{le}. Tho^s Townshend
& & & –

Source: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters, June- Sept. 1782* at WO 4/118, p. 142.

**Letter from Secretary at War George Yonge with Invoice of Replaced
Camp Equipment for 42nd Additional Co., Newfoundland, Oct. 3, 1782**

W.O. 3^d Oct^r 1782

Sir,

I have the honor to send you the enclosed Invoice of Tents & Camp Necessaries which have been shipped on board the Chance Transport for the 42^d & 71st Reg^{ts} of Foot under Y.C. [Your Command] to replace those lately captured by the Enemy, including a Chest of Medicines for Colonel Pringle's Corps; the whole of which are consigned to you.

I have &c^a

Officer Comm^s H. M.'s
Forces at Newfoundland

Geo: Yonge

Invoice of Tents & Camp Necessaries shipped on board the Chance, Capt: Elson for Newfoundland consigned to the Officer Comm^s H.M.'s Forces there, Viz^t

	Tents	Haversacks	Mallets	Pins	Bell Tents	Drum Cases	Powder bags	Hatchets	Kettle bags	Canteens	Camp Colours	Bell Tent Poles	Blankets	Ridge Poles	Stand Poles
No. 1	28														
2	20	218													
3			24	504											
4			24	504											
5			4	96	4	6	3	48							
6									24	109					
7									24	109					
8											4				
9												4			
10													96		
8 Bundles Containing															
	48	218	52	1104	4	6	3	48	48	218	4	4	96	48	96

London

Sept^r 6th 1782

A Chest of Medicines for Col. Pringle's Corps

A d^o

d^o

Garrison

[Margin Note: Duplicate sent 4th Oct^r.]

Source: TNA, *War Office, Out-letters, America, 1780-1784* at WO 4/275, p. 212 (f. 108).

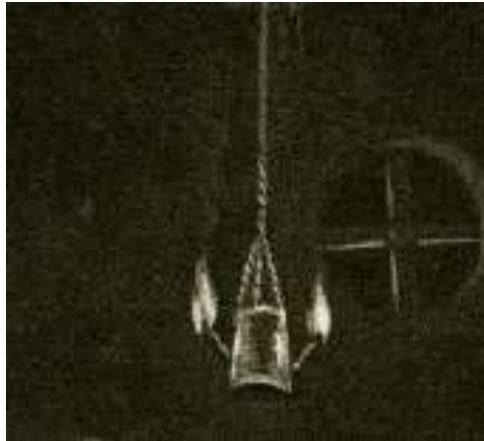
**General Orders Issued for a Board to Review Claims for Lost Officer Baggage
and for Regiments to Dry and Inspect Camp Equipment, New York, Nov. 7, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 7th October 1782

A Board Consisting of Brig^r General [Alured] Clarke and two British Field Officers of the Garrison to assemble every Saturday Morning at 10 OClock at such place as the Brig^r shall point out for the purpose of examining into the claims of Officers for Payment for the Loss of Baggage...

The Different Reg^{ts} to have their Camp Equipage immediately Dried & Inspected & a Report of the State of it to be given in to the Quarter Master General

Source and Note: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482. The order is misdated as it appears in the order book between Nov. 6 and 10, 1782.



Detail of Oil Lamp from “Search Light, or the Ladies in Limbo,” 1771, by William Humphrey, British Museum

Picture Source: Lighting – Rush, Grease & Oil Lamps, 18th Century Material Culture Resource Center, Feb. 4, 2015

General Order Issued for Use of Oil Lamps in Lieu of Candles, New York, Jan. 9, 1783

Head Quarters New York 9th January 1783...

It being found necessary to Issue Oil instead of Candles to the Guard & barrack rooms here, upon application to the Barrack Master General the Troops will be furnished with their proportion of Lamps at the rate of one to each Room and a Pint of Oil with Wick in proportion will be issued by the Commissary in lieu of a Pound of Candles...

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.

General Order for Units to Report the Status of their Barrack Furniture, New York, Feb. 20, 1783

Head Quarters New York 20th February 1783...

The Several Corps will give in to the Barrack M^r General, the usual Returns for furniture & Utensil Money for the Year 1783 who will make up a General Return & Report when it is Completed –

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.

General Order Issued Changing the Basic Army Ration, New York, May 17, 1783

Head Quarters New York, 17 May 83...

After Order

The following Alterations will take place in the Ration of Provisions on the next Issuing Days
One Pound of Flour or Bread, Twelve ounces of Pork or Twenty one of Beef without the Small Species

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.

**General Order Shows Example of Use of Camp Color Men and Requires
Condition Report of Camp Equipment, New York, July 29, 1783**

Head Quarters New York 29th July 1783...

The Q^r Masters & Camp Colour Men with their Camp Colours of the British Grenadiers 23^d 33^d 38th 3 Batt: 60th 4 Batt: 60th 71st British Legion, Queens Rangers, Kings American Reg^t NYork Volunteers, 1 & 2 Delanceys, 1, 2 & 3^d New Jersey Volunteers, Loyal American Reg^t Prince of Wales Am: Reg^t – Reg^{ts} Du Corps Knyphausen, Ditforth, Bunau, Angelilli, Knoblauch & Benin are to meet Capt. [Thomas] Gilfillan [71st Regt.] D^y Q^r Master Gen^l at Franklins House at the Head of Newton Creek at 8 oClock on Friday Morn^g 1st Aug^t in order to mark out Grounds for those Corps to encamp on – A State of the Camp Equipage in possession of the several British & British American Reg^{ts} to be sent to the Adj^t G^l on Thursday Morn^g the 31st Ins^t accounting for the Deficiencies –

Source: TNA, *Entry Book of General Orders, Orders Issued by His Excellency General Sir Guy Carleton at New York*, at WO 28/9/215-216, ff. 286 – 482.

**Return of Equipment for the Review of 42nd or Royal Highland Regt., Halifax, Nova Scotia,
June 17, 1784**

Head Q^{rs} Halifax 17th June 1784

Return of the Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing of His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray Reviewed by Major General John Campbell Halifax 9th June 1784...

Accoutrements Colours Bad 2... Complement 2... When Received The Colours at Dublin 12th May 1774. Totally wore out.

Source: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Foreign, 1783-1784* at WO27/52.