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42nd Regt. Grenadier in Uniform of the 1768 Royal Uniform Warrant,
Grenadier Book, Aldershot Depot, photographed 2002, by Stephen Davies

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Appendix D: Organization of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regt. 1776-1783

Enclosure D-2: 42nd Grenadier Company

Introduction

This enclosure deals only with the organization of the 42nd Grenadier Company during the American War for Independence. Correspondence and other documents associated with the actions of the company during the war are included in this volume in *Appendix B: Official Correspondence, Officers' Letters and Contemporary News Articles of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment in the American War for Independence and Canada, 1776 – 1789*

Grenadier Companies:

British infantry regiments serving in America during the War for Independence normally had ten companies, one of which was the grenadier company. This company was traditionally assigned to the position of highest risk (and therefore highest honor) on the right flank of the line when serving with the regiment in the field. This positioning caused the grenadiers to be termed a “*flank company*” along with the regiment’s light infantry company which formed on the left flank of the arrayed line.

Military writer Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson’s 1776 manual for the management of a battalion of infantry describes the selection of grenadiers indicating that “...*the Grenadier Company is to be constantly kept compleat, from the best and tallest Men in the Regiment... and have such Men only in it, as are perfect masters of their business... as experience proves that [a] Grenadier Company, which covers most ground when under Arms,[is] to be much superior in point of Marching, and every sort of fatigue...*”¹

An early definition of a grenadier, carried over from earlier dictionaries, was published in a 1778 Military Dictionary and listed “*Grenadier. A foot soldier, armed with a sword, firelock, bayonet, and a pouch to hold his grenades. They are cloathed differently from the rest of the battalion, and wear high caps. Each regiment of late years has a company of grenadiers, which take always the right of the battalion. The grenadiers are generally the tallest and briskest fellows, and always the first upon attacks...*”²

Grenadier Battalions

Except during a brief period following the return to the New York area from Philadelphia in 1778, the grenadier companies of the British regiments of the main army were detached to form composite grenadier battalions. Two such battalions were formed at Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 14, 1776 from the regiments that had been at Boston. A third battalion was formed in 1776 from the grenadiers of the regiments that had been with Lieut. Gen. Henry Clinton’s unsuccessful attempt to take Charleston, South Carolina.

The 42nd Grenadier Company, commanded by Brevet-Maj. William Grant (son of Patrick Grant, 4th of Rothiemurchus) sailed for America on Apr. 29, 1776 on the transport *Thames*, with the Highland fleet under convoy of 32-gun *HMS Flora*. One of the lieutenants of the company was John Peebles, a thirteen year veteran of the regiment who left thirteen detailed notebooks of his time in America.³ On arrival in America, the large 42nd Regt. was split into two provisional battalions and Brevet-Maj. Grant was given command of the 2nd battalion. Accordingly Grant gave up command of the Grenadiers to Capt. Charles Graham, son of Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, one of the commanders of the 42nd Regt. during the French & Indian war. When Graham was later promoted to Major of the Regt., John Peebles (then serving in the 1st Battalion as Capt. Lieutenant) purchased Capt. Graham’s company and led the Grenadiers until 1782.

Following the arrival of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment and the two-battalion 71st Highland Regt. (Fraser’s) at New York in July and August 1776, Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sir William Howe ordered the formation of a fourth grenadier battalion under the command of Maj. the Honorable Charles Stuart, 43rd Regt. The battalion was made up of three large Highland grenadier companies from the two

Highland regiments. Capt. Charles Graham's grenadier company of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment was authorized one captain, three lieutenants, five sergeants, five corporals, two drummers, two pipers (who stayed with the regiment) and one hundred privates, for a total of 116 officers and men. Although the grenadier company of the 1st Battalion, 71st Regt. was captured at Boston in June 1776, a company was reformed at New York under Capt. Francis Skelly and was of similar strength to Graham's. Capt. Patrick Campbell's grenadier company from the 2nd Battalion, 71st Regt. was the third company of the new 4th British Grenadier Battalion.

About six weeks after its formation, a significant number of the men of the 4th Grenadier Battalion had become sick and on Sept. 19 Maj. Stuart issued a battalion order to address the situation writing "... *By the Number of Sick men that have lately been sent to the Hospital & those that daily complain, the Commanding Officer has great reason to fear that the Battalion in a few weeks will be incapable of doing duty, to prevent which disgrace falling upon a Corps of Grenad^{rs}. It is the Majors orders that a NonCommissioned Officer per Company see that the Men bath or wash their feet thrice a Week. The Commanding Officers of Comp^{ys}. to be answerable that this order is comply'd with – An Officer of a Comp^y. to visit the Messes of their respective Comp^{ys}. daily & to Specify in a Written Report if the Messes are properly regulated & provisions Cook'd.*"⁴

By early October, Maj. Stuart's prediction on the state of the battalion came true and General Orders were issued on Oct. 8, 1776 that "... *The two 71st. Grenadier Company's of the 4th. Battⁿ. Grenad^{rs}. being very Sickly are to join their Reg^t. The 42^d. Grenad^r. Company of said Battⁿ. will join the 3^d. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}. under the Command of Major [James] Marsh [46th Regt.] and Major Stewart.*"⁵

During its brief existence the 4th British Grenadier Battalion was active in the 1776 campaign in the New York area including the following engagements:

Aug. 22, 1776	Lands on Long Island in first wave of amphibious assault.
Aug. 26-27, 1776	In Battle of Long Island, part of Gen. Howe's right flank attack.
Sept. 15, 1776	First wave of the amphibious landing at Kip's Bay.
Sept. 16, 1776	Supported Light Infantry and 42 nd Highlanders in the Battle of Harlem Heights, New York.

As shown in Table 1, the 42nd Grenadier Company was assigned to different battalion assignments during the American War. Table 2 provides a listing of events involving the 42nd Grenadier Company during the American War.

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3. 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 Thormout, 1776-1782* at GD 21/492/2 (hereafter *Peebles' Journals*).
4. NRS, "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers" in *Peebles' Journals*.
5. NRS, "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers" in *Peebles' Journals*.

Table 1: 42nd Grenadier Company Assignments

Date	Organization	Commanders
Apr. 29, 1776	42 nd or Royal Highland Regt.	Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling and the company by Brevet-Maj. William Grant and Capt. Charles Graham after Aug. 8, 1776
Aug. 4, 1776	4 th British Grenadier Battalion.	Maj. the Hon. Charles Stuart
Oct. 8, 1776	3 rd British Grenadier Bn.	Lt. Col. James Marsh and Maj. the Hon. Charles Stuart after Dec. 7, 1776
Mar. 23, 1777	2 nd British Grenadier Bn.	Lt. Col. the Hon. Henry Monckton Capt. Charles Graham, 42 nd Gren. Co., after Lt. Col. Monckton's death and Maj. William Gardiner, 45 th Regt., severe wound at Monmouth, June 28, 1778.
July 5, 1778	42 nd or Royal Highland Regt.	Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling and Capt. Charles Graham
July 31, 1778	2 nd British Grenadier Bn.	Lt. Col. Henry Hope (after Aug. 5, 1778) Capt. John Peebles commands the 42 nd Grenadier Co, on Aug. 27, 1778.
Aug. 10, 1778	1 st British Grenadier Bn.	Lt. Col. William Meadows Lt. Col. John Yorke (after Oct. 17, 1778)
Nov. 3, 1778	British Grenadier Bn. (two battalions combined)	Lt. Col. Henry Hope Lt. Col. John Yorke (after Nov. 26, 1778)
Sept. 8, 1779	1 st British Grenadier Bn. (combined battalion split into two battalions)	Lt. Col. Henry Hope Lt. Col. John Yorke (after Nov. 11, 1780) Lt. Col. James Marsh (after May 1, 1781) Maj. Charles Brownlow (after Apr. 6, 1782) Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho assumes command of 42 nd Grenadier Co. from Capt. John Peebles on Feb. 2, 1782, but is replaced by the more senior Capt. David Anstruther Feb. 14, 1782
Aug. 9, 1782	42 nd or Royal Highland Regt.	Lt. Col. Charles Graham

Table 2: 42nd Grenadier Company Events During the American War for Independence

Date	Event
Apr. 29, 1776	42 nd Regt. sets sail with 71 st Highland Regt. for America under convoy of <i>HMS Flora</i>
May 4, 1776	Fleet of <i>HMS Flora</i> is disbursed in severe storm. Individual and groups of transports make their way to America without escort.
July 4, 1776	American Continental Congress declares independence.
Aug. 5, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. lands on Staten Island from <i>Transport Thames</i> after sixteen weeks on board.
Aug. 6, 1776	42 nd Regt. under Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling split into two provisional battalions under Maj. William Murray and Brevet-Maj. William Grant. 42 nd Grenadier Co. under Capt. Charles Graham is assigned to the 4 th British Grenadier Bn.
Aug. 22, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. lands on Long Island in first wave as part of the Reserve.
Aug. 26-27, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. assigned to support Gen. Sir William Howe's main body attack on the right flank of the Rebel lines in Battle of Long Island.
Sept. 15, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. part of first wave at Kip's Bay landing on Manhattan Island.
Sept. 16, 1776	4 th Brit. Gren. Bn. pushed forward to reinforce 2 nd and 3 rd Lt. Inf. Battalions and 42 nd Regt. at Battle of Harlem Heights.
Oct. 8, 1778	4 th British Gren. Bn. disbanded due to illness of the two 71 st Gren. Cos. 42 nd Gren. Co. assigned to 3 rd British Gren. Bn.
Oct. 12, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. part of first wave at landing on Throg's Neck on the New York mainland.
Oct. 18, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. part of first wave at landing at Pell's Point on the New York mainland after

	being stopped at Throg's Neck.
Oct. 28, 1776	42 nd Regt. and flank companies held in reserve and do not participate in Battle of White Plains
Nov. 16, 1776	42 nd Grenadier Co. conducts key attack across Harlem River at Battle of Fort Washington
Nov. 18, 1776	42 nd Gren. Co. in 3 rd Gren. Bn. assigned to Rhode Island expedition under Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton.
Feb. 13, 1777	42 nd Gren. Co. as part of 3 rd Gren. Bn. departs Rhode Island and sails to Amboy, N.J.
Feb. 21, 1777	42 nd Gren. Co. heavily engaged during foraging expedition near Woodbridge, N. J.
Mar. 23, 1777	42 nd Gren. Co. joins 2 nd Gren. Bn. at Amboy, N.J. when 3 rd Gren. Bn. disbanded.
June 30, 1777	With Gen. Howe unsuccessful in drawing the American army into an engagement, the 42 nd Gren. Co. withdraws with army from N.J. to Staten Island
July 22, 1777	42 nd Regt. and flank companies sail with army to the Chesapeake for the Philadelphia Campaign. Capt. Charles Graham left sick in New York. 42 nd Grenadier Co. commanded by Lt. John Peebles.
Aug. 25, 1777	42 nd Grenadiers land in first debarkation at Head of Elk, Md. as part of Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis' division..
Sept. 11, 1777	42 nd Gren. Co engaged as part of Lord Cornwallis' column in attack at Brandywine Creek.
Sept. 26, 1777	42 nd Gren. Co. enters Philadelphia, Pa. with 2 nd Gren. Bn. as part of Lt. Gen. Lord Cornwallis's column.
Oct. 4, 1777	42 nd Gren Co. rushes from Philadelphia to Reinforce Gen. Howe at the Battle of Germantown, Pa. and returns to Philadelphia.
Oct. 18, 1777	Capt. Charles Graham returns to command the 42 nd Grenadier Company after being left sick in New York before the beginning of the campaign.
Dec. 5-8, 1777	42 nd Regt. and flank companies engaged in Battle of Whitemarsh, Pa.
Dec. 29, 1777	British Army enters winter quarters at Philadelphia.
Mar. 21, 1778	Gen. Sir Henry Clinton ordered to send 3000 troops to West Indies and 2000 to Florida. And 600 to Halifax. Loss of troops requires abandonment of Philadelphia.
May 11, 1778	General Orders announce Gen. Sir Henry Clinton as new British Commander-in-Chief, replacing Gen. Sir William Howe.
June 18, 1778	42 nd Regt. and flank companies depart Philadelphia with army to return to New York
June 28, 1778	42 nd Grenadier Co. heavily engaged with 2 nd Gren. Bn. in Battle of Monmouth
July 5, 1778	Flank Battalions disbanded and 42 nd Grenadier Company ordered to rejoin the 42 nd Regt.
July 6- 7, 1778	42 nd Regt. and flank companies load transports at Neversink, N.J. and sail to Long Island, N.Y.
July 14, 1778	42 nd Gren. and Lt. Inf. Cos. assigned as Marines on British Ships, but replaced before sailing by 23 rd Regt.
July 31, 1778	Flank Bns. Reconstituted, 42 nd Grenadier Co. rejoins 2 nd Gren. Bn.
Aug. 10, 1778	42 nd Grenadier Co. ordered to join 1 st Gren. Bn.
Aug. 25-27, 1778	Brevet-Lt. Col. William Grant retires. Capt. Charles Graham becomes Major of 42 nd Regt. and Capt. John Peebles assumes command of 42 nd Grenadiers.
Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 1778	42 nd Regt. and both flank companies embark for relief of Rhode Island. On arrival at Rhode Island learn American siege had been lifted.
Sept. 5-6, 1778	42 nd Grenadier Co. lands in Massachusetts at Buzzard's Bay for successful raid on Bedford and Dartmouth under Maj. Gen. Charles Grey.
Sept. 10, 1778	42 nd Grenadier Co. sails to Martha's Vineyard under Maj. Gen. Grey to collect cattle and sheep for the army.
Sept. 18-19, 1778	42 nd Grenadier Co. returns to New York, landing at Bedford, Long Island
Sept. 27, 1778	42 nd Regt. and Gren. Co. are not engaged as part of Lord Cornwallis column as Maj. Gen. Grey attacks Rebel Col. Baylor's dragoons at Tappan, N.Y.
Nov. 2, 1778	Army ordered into Winter Quarters. 42 nd Regt. assigned to Newtown, Long Island and flank companies to Jamaica, Long Island.
Nov. 3, 1778	Flank Bns. consolidated into one Grenadier Bn. and one Lt. Infantry Bn.
May 30 – June 2, 1779	42 nd Regt. and flank companies take part in capture of American forts at Stoney Point and Verplanck's Point, NY.
Sept. 11, 1779	Grenadier Bn. split into two Bns. 42 nd Gren. Co. assigned to 1 st Gren. Bn. under Lt. Col. Henry

	Hope.
Dec. 26, 1779 – Feb. 11, 1780	42 nd Gren. and Lt Infantry Companies sail to S.C. with Gen. Sir Henry Clinton and land near Charleston.
Feb. 11-May 12, 1780	42 nd Gren. and Lt. Infantry Companies take part in Siege of Charleston
May 12, 1780	American army surrenders Charleston to Gen. Sir Henry Clinton
June 3- 19,1780	All 42 nd Regt. companies return to New York with Sir Henry Clinton
Oct. 19, 1781	42 nd Regt. and 42 nd Grenadiers sail as part of Relief expedition to reinforce Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.
Nov. 3, 1781	42 nd Regt. and 42 nd Grenadiers return to New York after receiving word of Cornwallis' surrender on Oct. 19.
Feb. 2 and 14, 1782	Capt. John Peebles retires Feb. 2, 1782 and Capt. William Dickson of Kilbucho assumes command of 42 nd Grenadier Co., but is replaced by the more senior Capt. David Anstruther Feb. 14.
Aug. 9, 1782	42 nd Grenadier. Co. and other companies at New York ordered to return to their regiments.
Aug. 12, 1782	General Orders appoint Maj. Gen. Thomas Stirling to Col. of 71 st Highland Regt. effective Feb. 13, 1782. Maj. Charles Graham promoted to Lt. Col., 42 nd Regt. Capt. Walter Home, 7 th Regt., becomes Major of 42 nd Regt.
Nov. 30, 1782	Preliminary Articles of Peace approved by Great Britain and the United States.
June 9, 1783	42 nd Regt. ordered to reduce strength on June 25 to Peace Establishment of Eight Companies of 1 Capt., 1 Lt., 1 Ens., 2 Sgts., 3 Corp., 2 Drummers, and 48 Private men.
Sept. 26, 1783	Discharged men of 42 nd Regt. wishing to settle in Canada embark to sail for Nova Scotia (now New Brunswick).
Oct. 11, 1783	42 nd Regt. sets sail for Halifax, Nova Scotia on Oct. 11 ending its participation in the American War for Independence
Oct. 16, 1783	Discharged men of 42 nd Regt. embark to sail for Scotland
June 1786	42 nd Regt. relieves 33 rd Regt. on Cape Breton with Lt. Inf Company and one other company to Saint Johns Island (PEI)
Aug. 31, 1789	42 nd Regt. arrives at Portsmouth, England after passage of nineteen days from Nova Scotia and service in America for thirteen years from 1776 to 1789.

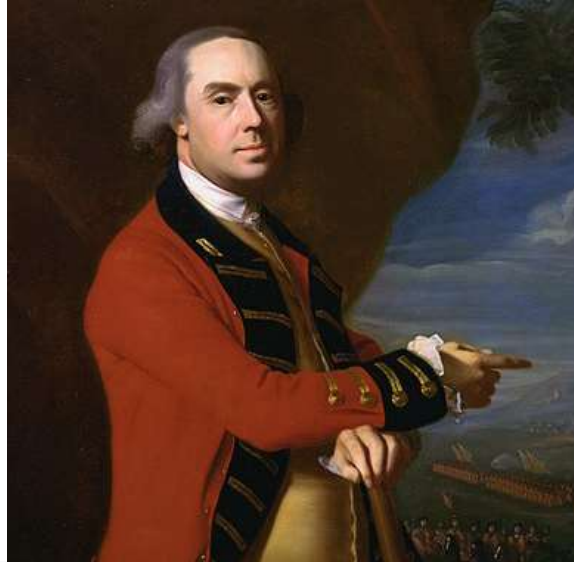
Documents

Flank Companies Taken Off Regular Duties to Learn New Tactics, Boston, Apr. 15 - 16, 1775

15th April. The Grenadier and Light Infantry Companies were this day Ordered to be off all duty ‘till further orders, as they will be ordered out to learn the Grenadier Exercise, and some New Evolutions for the Light Infantry...

16th April. The Majors and Adjutants of Regiments, ordered to instruct the Grenadiers of their own Corps in the Grenadier Exercise .– It was also notified in Orders that the Light Companies would be instructed in the New Manoeuvres by Lieu^t [Frederick] Mackenzie, Adjutant of the 23rd Regiment who would fix with respective Captains the time of assembling.

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), pp. 16-17.



Detail from "General the Hon^{ble} Tho^s Gage," 1788, by John Singleton Copley

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Yale Center for British Art*

Gen. Thomas Gage Orders Flank Companies to Learn New Tactics, Boston, Apr. 15, 1775

Head Quarters Boston 15th. April 1775...

As the Grenadiers & light Infantry will be ordered out, to Learn Grenadier Exercise, & some new Evolutions for the Light Infantry, they are to be off Duty till further orders...

Head Quarters Boston 16th. April 1775...

The Majors & Adjutants will begin to instruct the Grenadiers of their own Corps in the Grenadier Exercise to Morrow at the most convenient place near their Barracks –

The Light Companies will be instructed in the New Manœvers by L^t. [Frederick] M^cKenzie, Adj^t. to the 23^d. Reg^t. who will fix the time of Assembly with the Respecting Captains to morow morning at Guard Mounting...

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 Order Issued for Lt. Col. Robert Abercromby, 37th Regt. to Command the Grenadier Battalion, Boston, June 4, 1775

Head Quarters Boston Sunday 4th. June 1775...

Lieu^t Col^o. Abercrombie is Appointed to the Command of the Grenadiers, L^t [Robert] Christie of the 38th. Reg^t. will Act as Adj^t. to said Corps.

A Field Officer to be Appointed hereafter, to the Command of the Light Infantry, in the mean time, the Eldest Capt, to take the Command.

Capt. [Thomas] Batt, late of the 18th. Reg^t. is Appointed Adj^t. to the Light Infantry...

Source and Note: *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 War Office annotated copy of the Annual List for 1773 (WO 65/23, p. 72.) indicates Capt. Batt's replacement had a date of rank of Jan. 21, 1773.



British Grenadier Bearskin Cap, 1768

Picture Source: Division of Military History and Diplomacy, *National Museum of American History*

Capt. Bennett Cuthbertson's Comments on Grenadier Selection, London, 1776

As the Grenadier Company is to be constantly kept compleat, from the best and tallest Men in the Regiment, whenever the Captain of it wants a Man to compleat, or improve it, he should fix on one in the Battalion Companies, and then apply to the Commanding-Officer, who, if he approves of the Man fixed on by the Captain, will of course order him to the Grenadiers, and if only an exchange was desired, will direct the worst looking Man of the Grenadiers to be transferred to the Battalion.

That none of the Battalion Companies may in particular suffer, by giving away their best Men to the Grenadiers, and in their room, receiving those of a more indifferent figure, it will be necessary to establish a Roster, for furnishing them by turns, beginning with the eldest Company, and so down to the youngest, by which means, it will not signify from which of them the choice is made, as the Captain, from whose Company the Grenadier is taken, has by this method, a right (if it is not his turn to furnish one) to demand the best man from that Company, whose turn it appears to be on the Roster: in this case, the Man transferred from the Grenadiers must join that Company; or if the demand for a Grenadier was to compleat, the vacancy would remain in the Company, whose turn it was to give one.

Recruits are improper for the Grenadiers, as that Company should always appear at Exercise, as compleat as possible, and have such Men only in it, as are perfect masters of their business: it will also be necessary, during the low establishment in time of Peace, for each Battalion-Company occasionally to strengthen the Grenadiers, at Exercise, with an additional Man, who must be of a proper size and figure, and in every respect cloathed and appointed like a Grenadier.

It is a mistaken notion, that size alone is a qualification for Grenadier, if a full face, broad shoulders, and well proportioned legs do not accompany it, his figure does no great credit to the judgement of whoever chose him, as experience proves that Grenadier Company, which covers most ground when under Arms, to be much superior in point of Marching, and every sort of fatigue, to one, which only boasts of Size.

Source: *Cuthbertson's System for the Complete Interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry*, Capt. Bennet Cuthbertson, Printed for A. Gray, London, 1776, Google Books, pp.15-17.



British transports sailing from Halifax to New York from “20 June 1776,” by Capt. Archibald Robertson

Picture Source: *Archibald Robertson: his diaries and sketches in America, 1762-1780*, New York Public Lib., Digital Collection.

**Brevet-Maj. William Grant’s 42nd Grenadier Company Embarked on Transport
Thames for the Voyage to America; Greenock, Scotland, Apr. 29, 1776**

A List of the particular Transports carrying out each Company of the Royal Highland Regiment

[Lt.] Colonel [Thomas] Stirling	Brilliant
Major [William] Murray	Thomas
[Brevet] Major [William] Grant [Grenadiers]	Thames
Cap ^t . [the Hon. George] M ^c Kenzie [Lt. Infantry]	Houston
Cap ^t . [Charles] Graham	Peggie
Cap ^t . [Archibald] Erskine	Bowman
[Brevet] Major [Duncan] M ^c Pherson	Minerva
Cap ^t . [John] Smith	Oxford
Cap ^t . [Lt. John] M ^c Intosh	Neptune
Cap ^t . [Charles] Grant	Glasgow
[Adj. Hugh Fraser and QM Colin Smith]	[Joseph & Henry]
[Shared Hospital Ship]	[Globe]

Convoy the [32-gun *HMS*] Flora Cap^t. [John] Brisbane

All sailed from Gonroch [Greenock] Harbour at Seven oclock fornoon with a fair wind for America on Monday the Twenty – ninth of April 1776 –

Source: *Gen. Sir Thomas Stirling Papers*, Item 0398/6, Black Watch Regiment Archives, Perth.

**Orders for the Arrangement of the Two British Grenadier Battalions
Before the Arrival of the 42nd Regt., Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 14, 1776**

Head Quarters Halifax 14th May 1776...

The Commander in Chief is pleased to form the Grenadier and Light Infantry Companies into four Battalions.

1st Battalion of Grenadiers, composed of the following Companies, To be Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel [William] Meadows [55th Regt.] and Major [Edward] Mitchell [5th Regt.], Viz.: 4th, 5th, 10th, 17th, 22^d, 23^d, 27th, 35th, 38th, 40th.

2^d Battalion of Grenadiers composed of the following Companies, To be Commanded by Lieut.-Col. [Hon. Henry] Monckton [45th Regt.] and Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43rd Regt.], viz.: 43^d., 44th, 45th, 46th, 49th, 52^d, 55th, 63^d, 64th, 1st. and 2^d. Marines...

Source: Gen. Sir William Howe's Orders, 1776, "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, pp. 352-353.



Detail of "The Hon^{ble} Major General Charles Stuart," 1794, after George Romney Commander, 4th British Grenadier Battalion

Picture Source: Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection, Brown Univ.

General Order Assigning Capt. Charles Graham's 42nd Grenadier Company to the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Staten Island, New York, Aug. 6, 1776

Dyker's ferry, 6th. Aug^t. 1776...

The Corps de Reserve consists of 4 Battalions of Grenad^{rs}., 33^d. and 42^d. Reg^{ts}.. The 4th. Battⁿ. of Grenad^{rs}.. to be formed of the Grenadier Company of the 42^d. Reg^t.. and two Grenad^r. Companies of the 71st. Reg^t.. under the Command of Maj. [Hon. Charles] Stuart of the 43^d. Reg^t..

Source: "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers" in "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*, National Records of Scotland, at GD 21/492/2, Edinburgh, hereafter "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers."



Detail of "A View from Richmond on Staten Island," 1777, by Lt. and Capt. Patrick Bellew, 1st Regt. of Guards

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

Excerpt of 42nd Regt. Order Realigning Company Commanders and Dispatching the 42nd Grenadier Company to Join the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Staten Island, Aug. 8, 1776

Staten Island 8th Aug^t 1776

Morn^g [42nd] Regimental Orders.

[Brevet] Major [William] Grant is appointed to Captⁿ [Charles] Grahams Company & Captⁿ Graham is appointed to the Grenadiers –

Lieu^t [Harry] Gilchrist is appointed to the Grenad^r Company in room of L^t [Harry] Munro...

The Grenad^r Company to march tomorrow Morning to Richmond & join their Brigade under the Command of Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart and receive their orders from him...

Source and Note: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers.*" Because Brevet-Maj. Grant was assigned as the Battalion commander of the provisional 2nd Bn. he had to give up his command of the Grenadier Co. which went to the senior battalion company captain, Charles Graham. Capt. the Hon George M^cKenzie was senior to Graham, but was already commanding the other flank company, the 42nd Light Infantry Co.

Lt. John Peebles and Sgt. Alan Stewart, 42nd Grenadier Co., Appointed Staff Officers of 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Staten Island, New York, Aug. 16, 1776

GO. Head Q^{rs} Staten Island, 16th Aug. 1776

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L^t [John] Peebles of the 42^d Gren^{rs} is appointed Adju^t & Serj^t [Alan] Stewart of d^o is appointed Q^r M^r to the 4th Battⁿ of Grenad^{rs}.

Source and Note: "*Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers.*" As a new organization, staff officers had to be appointed from the assigned companies of the battalion. "D^o" is an abbreviation for ditto.



Reproduction 42nd and 71st Regt. Uniform Buttons

General Order Disbanding the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Oct. 8, 1776

G:O: Head Q^{rs} New York Island 8th Oct^r 1776...

The two 71st Grenadier Company's of the 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs} being very Sickly are to join their Reg^t. The 42nd Grenad^r Company of said Battⁿ will join the 3rd Battⁿ of Grenad^{rs} under the Command of Major [James] Marsh [46th Regt.] and Major [Hon. Charles] Stewart [43rd Regt.]...

Source: Source: "Orderly Book, 4th Battⁿ Grenad^{rs}, 4th Battalion Grenadiers."

General Order Changing 2nd British Grenadier Battalion Commander, New Rochelle, New York, Oct. 23, 1776

Head Quarters New Rochelle 23^d Oct. 1776...

Lieu^t Col. [Hon. Henry] Monckton [45th Regt.], being recovered of his Wounds, is to take the Command of the 2^d. Battalion Grenadiers.

Source: "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.

Excerpt of Notebook of Lt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Records Change of Command for the 3rd British Grenadier Battalion, At Sea Off Rhode Island, Dec. 7, 1776

Saturday 7th. Dec^r... [Lt.] Colo: [James] Marsh [43rd Regt.] took his leave in orders & gave up the Com^d. to Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43rd Regt.]

Source and Note: NRS, *Peebles' Journal* Entry Dec. 7, 1776 and published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira D. Gruber, Army Record Society, Stackpole Books, 1998, p. 70.

General Order for the 3rd British Grenadier Battalion and Others to Recover their Men, New York, Feb. 5, 1777

Head Quarters New-York Feb^y 5th 1777...

The Flank Corps, and 3^d Brig^{de} lately arriv'd from Rhode Island, will take up all their recover'd Men found in New York and order them to join their Regiments immediately.

Source and Notes: *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. (Hereafter "Orderly Book of General Sir William Howe, Kept By Major Stephen Kemble." The 42nd Grenadier Company, as part of the 3rd British Grenadier Battalion, is covered in this order as part of the "Flank Corps."



Reproduction 46th, 57th and 42nd Regt. Uniform Buttons

General Order Disbands the 3rd British Grenadier Battalion and Assigns Capt. Charles Graham's 42nd Grenadier Company to Lt. Col. Hon. Henry Monckton's 2nd British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Mar. 23, 1777

Head Quarters New York 23rd March 1777...

The third Battⁿ. of Grenadiers & 3rd Battⁿ. Light Infantry are to be Incorporated into the 1st. & 2nd. of each as Follows,

The 15th. 28th. 33rd. & 37th. Companies to the 1st Battⁿ Grenadiers

The 46th. 57th. & 42nd to the 2nd Battⁿ. Grenadiers...

Source: Order Book of the 1st Regt. of Foot Guards called *William Howe orderly book*, Great Britain. Army, 1776-1778, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Mich.



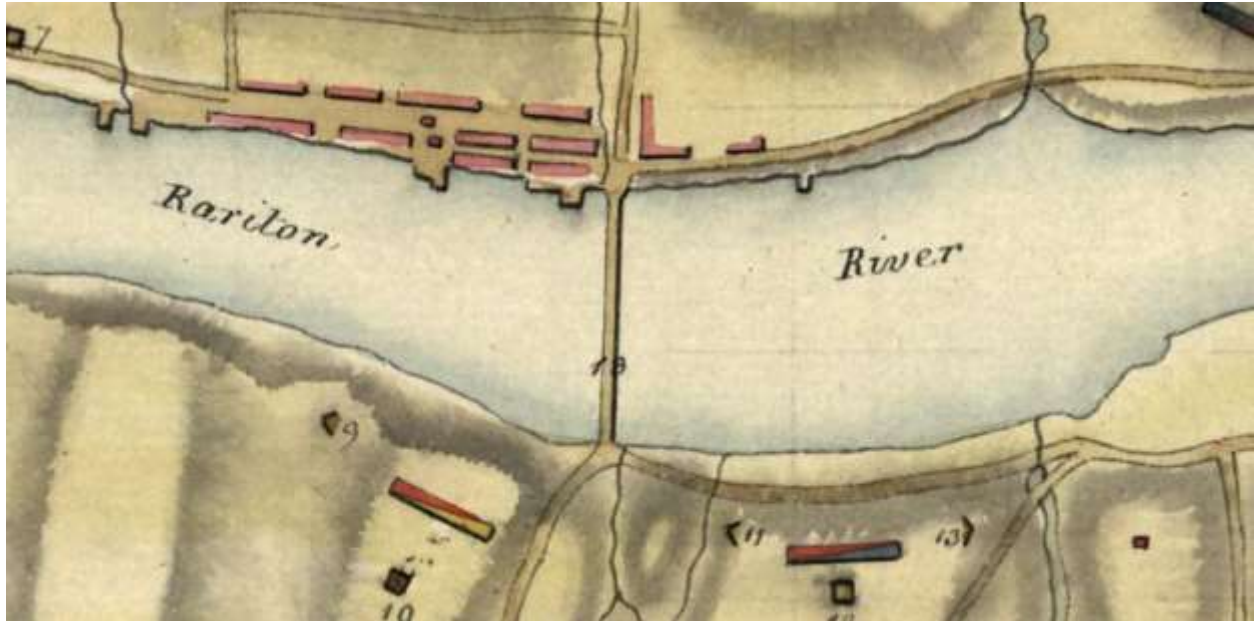
Recreated Grenadier Company, 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment

Photo courtesy of Susan R. Gable and *Muskets of the Crown*

Excerpt of Notebook of Lt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Describes the Disbanding of the 3rd British Grenadier Battalion, Amboy and Brunswick, New Jersey, Mar. 26, 1777

Wednesday 26th. March the [3rd] Light Infantry [Battalion] & [3rd] Grenadiers disembark'd at 7 o'clock, Baggage & sick men put on bord 3 sloops we mar'd between 8 & 9 o'clock with 6 waggons carrying our bedding pass'd thro' Bonam Town about 11 & thro Piscataway about an hour after they [the 42nd Highlanders] have been all quiet in their quarters for these 3 weeks past We went round by the Bridge & arrived at Brunswick about 2 oclock when the 3^d. Battalion of Grenad^{rs}. was divided between the 1st. and 2^d. the 15th. 28th. 33^d. & 37th. [Grenadier] Comp^{ys}. join'd the 1st. Battⁿ. & the 42^d. 46th. & 57th. join'd the 2^d. Battⁿ. The men Quarter'd in Store Houses & have got some bedding The Officers in Empty Dwelling Houses. This Place quite full of troops the duty easy & the Post quiet. [Lt. Gen. Charles] Lord Cornwallis & [Maj.] Gen^l. [James] Grant commands

Source: *Peebles' Journal* Entry for Mar. 26, 1777 and published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira D. Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa.), 1998, pp. 105-106.



Detail from "Sketch of Brunswick," 1777, by Alexander Sutherland and John Hills

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Brunswick, New Jersey, Apr. 30, 1777**

His Majestys 42. ^d Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray					
		Charles Graham		Captain	
		John Peebles		} Lieutenant	
Resigned 25 th April 1777		William Graham		}	
Resigned 5 th March 1776		John Grant		}	
Commission dated 6 th March 1776		Sick Hary Gilchrist		}	
Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers & fifers	
Sick	Alan Stewart		Donald M ^c Craw	Taken prisoner 23 ^d Feb ^y 1777	{ John Kirkham
	Andrew Smith		Angus M ^c Donald		{ Hugh M ^c Leod
Sick	Alexander M ^c Kenzie		Alexander M ^c Pherson	Duty with the Reg ^t	John Adams
Sick	Angus M ^c Pherson	Sick	Robert Bisset	D ^o	William Adams
	Simon Lawson		Alexander Thompson		

Source: TNA, War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1759-1776 at WO 12/5478.



Detail of Grenadier Quarters, Philadelphia at “*Bettering House - Philadelphia Almshouse,*” 1884 “
From an Engraving executed about the year 1769”

Picture Source and Note: Free Library of Philadelphia, Digital Collection from *History of Philadelphia, 1609-1884*, Vol. 2, J. T. Scharf & T. Westcott, (Philadelphia) 1884, p. 1451. The House was located between Spruce and Pine and 10th and 11th Sts.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1778**

Promoted 5 th October 1777 Retir ^d 22 ^d Ap ^l 1777 Duty From Cap ^t Grants 22 ^d Ap ^l 1777 Sick	Charles Graham John Peebles William Graham Alex ^r Grant James Campbell	Captain } } Lieu ^{ts} } }			
	Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers and Fifers
Duty Transferred to C ^t Erskines 2 ^d May 1777 From Corp ^l 2 ^d May 1777	Allan Stewart Andrew Smith Alex ^r M ^c Kenzie Angus M ^c Pherson Simon Lawson Donald M ^c Craw	Made Serjeant 2 ^d May 1777 Transferred to Cap ^t Grants 10 May 77 From Private 2 ^d May 1777 & died 2 ^d June From Private 18 th May 1777 Duty From Priv ^t 2 ^d June 1777 Sick	Donald M ^c Craw Alex ^r M ^c Pherson Angus M ^c Donald Robert Bisset Alex ^r Thompson Alex ^r Davidson Duncan M ^c Phie Alex ^r M ^c Donald	Taken prisoner by the rebels 23 ^d Feb ^y 77 } } Duty Duty	John Kirkham Hugh M ^c Leod John Adams William Adams

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479. Capt. Lt. Peebles’ journal entry of Dec. 16, 1777 indicates the grenadiers were quarters in the “House of Employment” or Bettering House.



Detail of Lt. Colonel the Hon. Henry Monckton, by John Smart

Picture Source: www.mutualart.com

**Bill for Carpenter Work Performed for the 2nd British Grenadier Battalion, Including
Capt. Charles Graham's 42nd Grenadier Company, Philadelphia, Mar. 9, 1778**

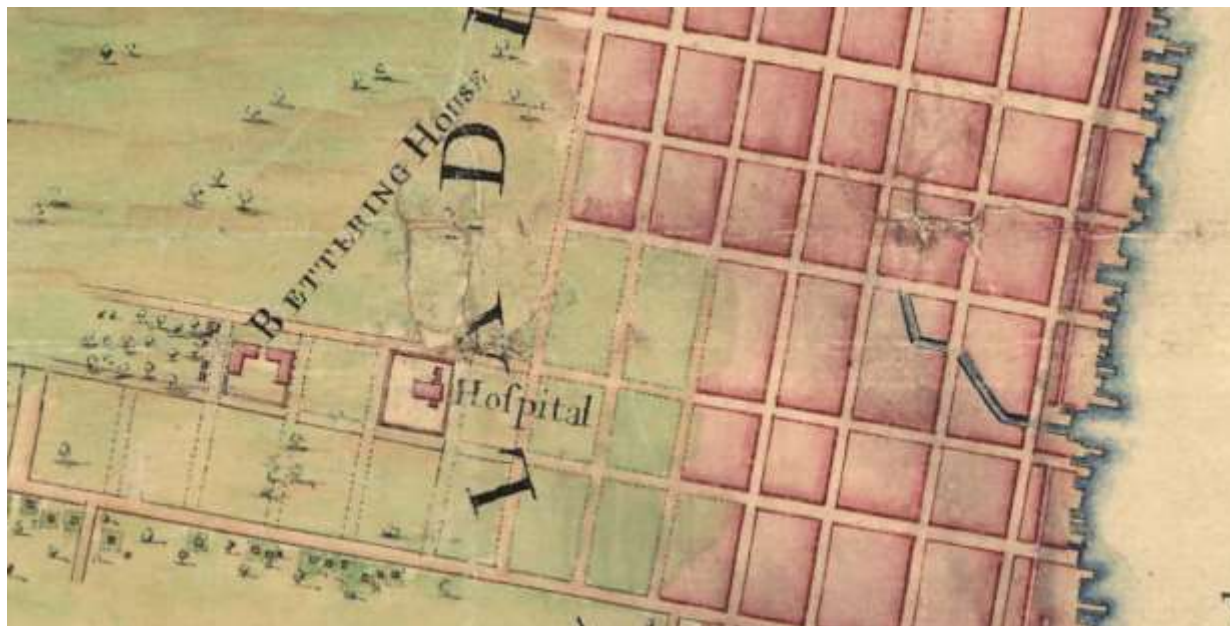
Return Carpenters Work &c.. don in Building Births, Repairing Windows, Hospital, and Guard House of the 2nd.. Battalion of British Grenadiers, Command^d.. by the Honb^{le}.. Lieutenant Colonel Monckton, Philadelphia the 9th.. of March 1778

Barrack Births	Companys	Capt ⁿ Names	£	S	d
To Workmanship, Nails &c	26 th ..	W ^m .. Myre	2	12	..
To dito	42 ^d ..	Cha ^s .. Greaham	3	18	3
To dito	43 ^d ..	John Hatfield	1	11	6
To dito	44 th ..	Colin Campbell	2	14	..
To dito	45 th ..	Alexand ^r Ross	2	1	3
To dito	46 th ..	Baldw ⁿ Leighton	1	14	6
To dito	49 th ..	John Nixon	1	15	10½
To dito	52 ^d ..	John Powell	1	11	..
To dito	55 th ..	Rob ^t Lucas	1	13	..
To dito	57 th ..	John Cannon	1	14	..
To dito	63 ^d ..	Hen ^y .. Lysaught	2	19	..
To dito	64 th ..	James Stuart	2	2	..
To dito	Marin	John Avaren	3	17	..
Total			30	3	4½
To Tools purchas ^d for the use of the Batt ⁿ .., as P ^r .. Receipts			5	9	½
To 104 days for one carpenter, Employ ^d .. in Repairing the Hospital, } Barracks Guard House, Windows &c } Doll ^r .. at 4 ^s /8					
Total £					

104 day at 1/3 is 6.10
 Stg. 30.3.4 ½ is 51.14. 3¼ York
 Materials 9. 5. 6¾ is 5.9.4 ½ Stg

£ 67. 9. 10. – H. Monckton L^t. Colo: 2^d: Grenad^{rs}:
 Received the Abov in full for the 2^d. Battⁿ. of British [off page]
 W^m Stuart Q^r. M^r

Source: New York Public Library, Emmet Collection, Lossing's Field Book of Revolution, Item EM. 5975.



Detail showing 42nd Grenadier Co. Quarters at the "Bettering House" from "A survey of the city of Philadelphia and its environs shewing the several works constructed by His Majesty's troops, under the command of Sir William Howe, since their possession of that city 26th. September 1777, comprehending likewise the attacks against Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, and until it's reduction, 16th November 1777," by Pierre Nicole and John Montrésor

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
 Philadelphia, Mar. 28, 1778**

Promoted 5 th Oct ^r 1777	Charles Graham	Captain				
From Cap ^r Erskines 5 th Oct ^r	John Peebles } Harry Gilchrist }	Lieutenants				
Sick	James Campbell }					
Duty	Alex ^r Grant }					
Serjeants		Corporals				
Duty	Allan Stewart	Angus M ^c Donald	Taken Prisoner by the rebels 23 ^d Feb ^y 1777 }	John Kirkham		
	Andrew Smith	Robert Bisset			Duty	Hugh McLeod
	Alex ^r M ^c Kenzie	Alex ^r Thompson	Duty	John Adams		
	Angus M ^c Pherson	Duncan M ^c Phie			Duty	William Adams
	Donald M ^c Craw	Alex ^r M ^c Donald				
	Duty					
	Sick					

Source: TNA, War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786 at WO 12/5479.



Detail from "View of Neversink Hills: From 5 fathom water within the hook, distant about 5 miles.," 1777, by Capt. Patrick Bellew, 1st Regt. of Guards. (Seen from Staten Island across Sandy Hook.)

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

General Order to Disband the British Flank Battalion and Return the Grenadier Companies to Their Regiments, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, July 5, 1778

Head Quarters Sandy Hook 5th July 1778...

The Flank Companies of all the British Regiments in this division of the Army are to join their respective Corps until further Orders, to settle their Accounts, &c...

Source and Note: "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 was issued following the departure from Philadelphia and the battle of Monmouth Courthouse, New Jersey on June 28, 1778. The officers of the grenadiers and light infantry, took this order to disband as an insult to the elite status of their battalions and it was soon reversed.



Detail showing Bedford in the lower right corner from "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island, survey'd in the years 1781, & 82.,"

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster, Camp near Bedford, Long Island, New York, July 27, 1778

Prisoner with the Rebels	Charles Graham	Captain			
Sick	Harry Gilchrist	}			
	James Campbell	}	Lieu ^{ts}		
	Alex ^r Grant	}			
Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers	
Duty	Allan Stewart	From Capt ⁿ Dun ⁿ	Norman M ^c Kay	Prisoner with the Rebels	John Kirkham
	Andrew Smith	M ^c Pherson 24 th Ap ^l 1778	Alex ^r Thompson		Duncan M ^c Intyre
	Angus M ^c Pherson	Transfer ^d to Gen ^{ls} D ^o	Robert Bisset		John Adams
	Donald M ^c Craw	Sick	Duncan M ^c Phie		William Adams
Discharg ^d 24 th Ap ^l 1778	Alex ^r M ^c Kenzie	Sick	Alex ^r M ^c Donald		
From Corp ^l 24 th D ^o D ^o	Angus M ^c Donald	From Private 24 th Ap ^l	John Thompson		
		Made Sergeant 24 th D ^o	Angus M ^c Donald		

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.



Detail from "British grenadier," 10 of 15, 1778, by Philip James de Loutherbourg

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

General Order to Reestablish the British Flank Battalions at Bedford; New York, July 31, 1778

Head Quarters New York July 31st 1778...

The Command^g Off^{rs} of the British Grenad^{rs} & L^l Inf^y are to Assemble their respective Batt^{ns} as soon as they conveniently can at Bedford, Long Island.

Source: "Captured British Army Orderly Book, January 29-August 9, 1778," *George Washington Papers* at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799: Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798

General Orders Appointing Lt. Col. Henry Hope, 44th Regt., to Command the 2nd British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Aug. 5, 1778

Head Quarters New York 5th August 1778...

L^t Colo [Henry] Hope of the 44th Reg^t is appointed to the Command of the 2nd Battⁿ of British Grenad^{rs}, in the Room of the Hon^{ble} L^t Colo [Henry] Monckton Kill'd, And the Hon^{ble} Major [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox of the 49th Reg^t is appointed to do duty in that Battⁿ in the room of Maj^r Gardnor [William Gardiner, 45th Regt.] laid up with his Wounds...

Source: *George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799*: Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798, Captured British Army Orderly Book, January 29-August 9, 1778.

**General Order to Transfer the 42nd Grenadier Co. from the 2nd to the 1st British Grenadier Bn.,
New York, Aug. 10, 1778**

Head Quarters New York [illegible date – likely Aug. 10, 1778]

The 42nd Grenadiers are to be transferred from the 2nd to the First Battⁿ Grenadiers...

Source: *George Washington Papers, Series 6, Military Papers, 1755-1798*, Subseries 6B, Captured British Orderly Books, 1777-1778: Captured British Army Orderly Book, August 4-October 13, 1778, Image 14.

**Journal Entry Noting Capt. Lt. John Peebles, Gen. Lord Murray's Company, 42nd Regt.,
Takes Command of the 42nd Grenadier Company Vice Capt. Charles Graham,
Whitestone, Long Island, Aug. 27, 1778**

Thursday 27th....

join'd the 1st. Bⁿ. G^{rs}. this morn^g vice C: Graham promoted...

Source and Note: *Peebles' Journal* Entry Aug. 27, 1778 and Gruber, *John Peebles' American War*, p. 211. Whitestone, Queens is on the northern coast of Long Island across the Long Island Sound from Throg's Neck.

**General Order to Prepare for Drafting Three British Regiments,
Resulting in the Loss of Grenadier Companies, New York, Sept. 16, 1778**

Head Quarters New York 16th Sept^r 1778...

The Flank Companies of the 10th: 45th: & 52nd: are to Join their respective Reg^{ts} as soon as Convenient in order to their being Drafted into other Corps - - -

Source: *Orderly Book, British Headquarters Orders, New York, kept by Lt. Col. Stephen Kemble*, Sept. 11-Oct. 24, 1778, Item 69 of Research Publications Inc. Early American Orderly Books, 1748-1817, Woodbridge CT.

**General Orders Announcing Promotion of Capt. Lt. John Peebles, 42nd Regt.,
New York, Sept. 17, 1778**

Head Quarters New York 17th Sept^r 1778...

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...

42nd Reg^t:

Captⁿ Lieu^t: [John] Peebles to be Captⁿ: vice [Alexander] Donaldson Promoted} 18th Augst 1778...

Source and Notes: *Orderly Book, British Headquarters Orders, New York, kept by Lt. Col. Stephen Kemble*, Sept. 11-Oct. 24, 1778, Item 69 of Research Publications Inc. Early American Orderly Books, 1748-1817, Woodbridge CT. Although Capt. Peebles was promoted to replace the commander of one of the additional companies in Scotland (Capt. Donaldson who had received the majority of the new 76th Highland Regt. (MacDonald's), Peebles remained in America, leaving the additional company under the command of Lt. John Grant. Peebles had moved to the command of the 42nd Grenadier Company on Aug. 27, 1778.



Detail from "General Grant of Ballindalloch," 1770

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory*

General Order for Ten British Regiments to Join Maj. Gen. James Grant's Expedition to the West Indies, Resulting in the Withdrawal of Grenadier Companies, New York, Oct. 24, 1778

Head Quarters New York 24th Octobr 1778...

After Orders

The 4th, 5th, 15th, 27th, 28th, 35th, 40th, 46th, 49th and 55th Regiments are to embark tomorrow. Henceforth those Regiments will receive their Orders from Maj. Gen. [James] Grant...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. With the loss of these ten companies and the prior loss of three more companies on Sept. 16, there were insufficient companies to support two grenadier battalions as shown in the general order below dated Nov. 3, 1778.

General Order to Form the Grenadier Companies into One Battalion, New York, Nov. 3, 1778

Head Quarters New York 3^d Novem^r 1778...

The British Grenadiers and Light Infantry are to be immediately formed into one Battalion each... and the Grenadiers under the Command of Lieut Col^o [Henry] Hope [44th Regt.]...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The grenadiers were consolidated into one battalion each after losing thirteen companies due to drafting three companies and assigning ten regiments with their grenadiers to the West Indies campaign under Maj. Gen. James Grant.

Excerpts of Notebook of Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Records the Consolidation of the Grenadiers and Light Infantry into One Battalion Each, Long Island, Nov. 3 – 4, 1778

Tuesday 3^d. Nov^r. frost last night the day pleasant & sunshine – orders for the flank corps to be form'd into one Battalion each, the Light Infantry [including the 42nd Lt. Inf. Co.] under the Command of

L^t. Colo: [Robert] Abercromby [37th Regt.] & the Grenad^{rs}. [including the 42nd Gren. Co.] of L^t. Colo: [Henry] Hope [44th Regt.] ... [Lt.] Col^o [John] Yorke [22nd Regt.] took his leave of the 1st. Battⁿ. Gr^{rs}. om a verbal message by the Adju^t. wishing us much happiness & Glory...

Wednesday 4th. Nov^r. pretty cold wind at N:W: – orders in the morn^g: to have the wagons loaded by 8 o'clock & to march at 9 – before the 1st. Battⁿ got under arms & drew up on the right of the Parade when presently after the 2^d. Battⁿ. march'd from their Encampment by ½ Com^{ys}. to that of the 1st. who when they came near their left they presented arms & beat a march, the 2^d. Battⁿ. then form'd on their left & return'd the compli^t. [compliment] & Col^o Hope rode up & took the Command, they were then form'd into one Battalion, according to Seniority of Companies & marched off by ½ Comp^{ys}.

Right Wing

7. 22. 26. 37. 57. 64

Left Wing

71. 71. 63. 44. 42^d. 33. 23. 17.

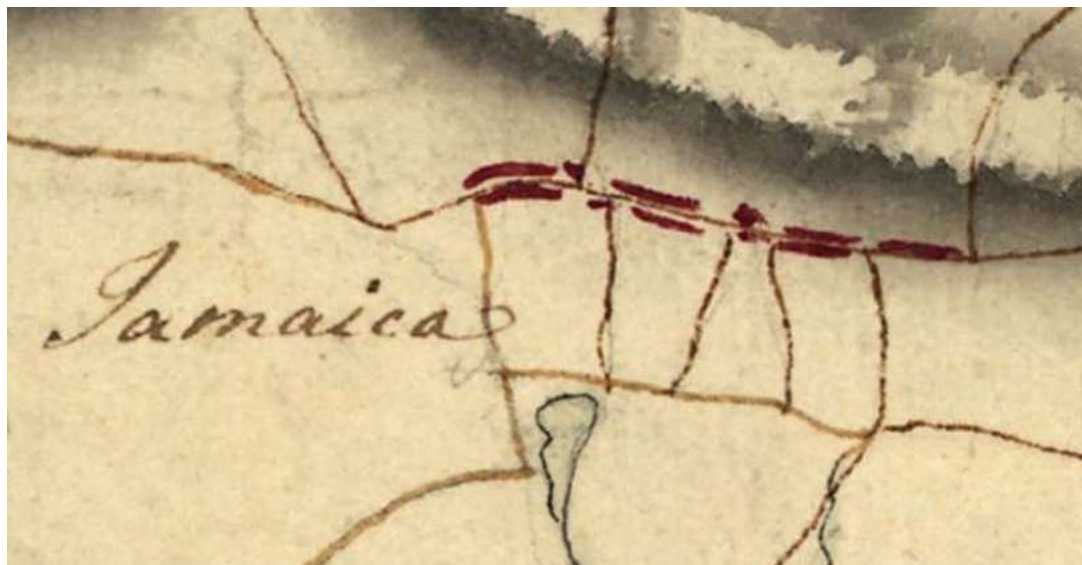
Source and Note: NRS, *Peebles Journal* Entries for Nov. 3-4, 1778, and as published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa), 1998, pp. 229-230. The consolidation of the flank corps was due to the loss of a number of regiments and their flank companies to other expeditions. British Army tradition placed the most senior unit on the right flank of the line, followed by the extreme left flank. Less senior units would then alternate right and left toward the center of the line. The 71st Regt. is listed twice because it had two battalions in America and therefore two grenadier companies. It seems the left wing is much stronger than the right wing of the battalion.

General Orders Appointing Lt. Col. John Yorke, 22nd Regt., to Command the British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Nov. 26, 1778

Head Quarters New York 26th Nov^r 1778...

Lieutenant Colonel [John] Yorke [22nd Regt.] is appointed the Command of the British Grenadiers until further Orders.

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.



Detail showing Jamaica from "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island," 1780's

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,

Jamaica, Long Island, New York, Dec. 29, 1778

Promoted 25 th August 1778 To Major	Charles Graham	}	Captains
Commission dated 25 th August 1778 To Battalion 27 th August	George Dalrymple	}	
From Battalion 27 th August 1778	John Peebles	}	
	Alex ^r Grant	}	Lieutenants
Promoted in Athole Highlanders 3 ^d August 1778	James Campbell	}	
Died of his Wounds 26 th August 1778	Harry Gilchrist	}	
Commission dated 26 th D ^o D ^o from Additional Comp ^y	Dougal Campbell	}	
Transferred to Cap ^t Erskines 27 th Aug ^t 1778		}	
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Erskines 27 th August 1778	Rob ^t Rollo	}	
Commission dated 3 ^d August 1778 Received from Cap ^t Erskines	Alan M ^c Lean	}	
Serjeants		Corporals	
Duty	Alan Stewart	Disc ^d 19 th Novem ^r 1778	Prisoner with the Rebels
	Andrew Smith		
	Angus M ^c Pherson		
Duty	Donald M ^c Craw	From private 19 th Nov ^r 1778	Duty
Duty	Angus M ^c Donald		Duty
		Norman M ^c Kay	John Kirkham
		Rob ^t Bisset	Dun: M ^c Intyre
		Duncan M ^c Phie	John Adams
		Alexander M ^c Donald	Will ^m Adams
		John Thompson	
		Alex ^r Leslie	

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
New York, Sept. 7, 1779**

			John Peebles	Captain
			Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}
			Robert Rollo	}
		Sick	Allan M ^c Lean	}
Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers and Fifers
Duty	Allan Stewart	Duty	Normand M ^c Kay	Prisoner with the Rebels
	Andrew Smith	Transf ^d to Cap ^t M ^c Intoshs	Duncan M ^c Phie	Deserted 13 th June 1779
	Angus M ^c Pherson	Comp ^y 5 th Jan ^{ry} 1779		On Duty
Sick	Donald M ^c Craw	Sick	Alex ^r M ^c Donald	D ^o
	Angus M ^c Donald	Duty	John Thompson	
		From C ^t M ^c Intoshs Comp ^y	Rodrich M ^c Donald	
		5 th Jan ^{ry} 79	Alex ^r Leslie	
				John Kirkham
				Dun: M ^c Intyre
				John Adams
				William Adams

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.

**General Orders Appointing Lt. Col. Henry Hope, 44th Regt., to
Command the 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Sept. 8, 1779**

Head Quarters New York 8th Sep^r 1779...

Lieut: Colo: [Henry] Hope 44th Regiment is to return to the Command of his Battalion of Grenadiers...

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

**Excerpt of Notebook of Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Records the
Split of the British Grenadier Battalion into Two Separate Battalions Under
Lt. Col. Henry Hope and Lt. Col. John Yorke, Long Island, New York, Sept. 11, 1779**

Saturday 11th. Sept^r. a cool breeze from the S:W: went in the morn^g. to Newtown... came home to dinner found the Battalion divided as follows 1st. [Battalion] Hopes consisting of 7th. 17th. 23^d. 33^d. 37th.

38th. 42^d. & 43^d. – 2nd [Battalion] York's, the 22^d. 54th. 57th. 63^d. 64th. 70th. & 74th. they changed ground & pitch'd accordingly...

Source: NRS, *Peebles Journal* Entry for Sept. 11, 1779, and as published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa), 1998, p. 292.



Detail of Portrait of Lt. Gen. Hon. Henry Edward Fox, 1805, by C. Turner after Phillips

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Head Quarters James Island 13th March 1780...

The Hon^l Lieu^t Colo [Henry Edward] Fox [38th Regt.] is appointed to do duty in the 1st and Maj^r [Thomas] Coore of the 28 Reg^t in the 2^d Battalion British Grenadiers...

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The 42nd Grenadier Co. under Capt. John Peebles was assigned to the 1st British Grenadier Bn. on Aug. 10, 1778.

**General Orders Appointing Sgt. Andrew Smith, 42nd Grenadier Company,
to be Quartermaster, 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, July 7, 1780**

Head Quarters, New York 7th July 1780...

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions...
Serjeant [Andrew] Smith of the 42^d regiment is appointed to act as Quarter master of the 1st Battalion of British Grenadiers vice Stewart who retires...

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.



Detail from "A topographical map of Hudsons River, with the channels depth of water, rocks, shoals &c. and the country adjacent, from Sandy-Hook, New York and bay to Fort Edward, also the communication with Canada by Lake George and Lake Champlain, as high as Fort Chambly on Sorel River. 1776," by Claude Joseph Sauthier and William Faden

Map Source: *Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.*

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
East Chester, New York, July 17, 1780**

			John Peebles	Captain
		Sick	Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}
			Robert Rollo	}
	Absent with the Command ^r in Chiefs Leave		Allan M ^c Lean	}
	Serjeants		Corporals	Drummers and Fifers
Duty	Allan Stewart		Alex ^r M ^c Donald	Prisoner with the Rebels
	Andrew Smith		John Thompson	John Kirkham
	Angus M ^c Pherson		Rodrich M ^c Donald	Duncan M ^c Intyre
Sick	Donald M ^c Craw		Alex ^r Leslie	Duty
Duty	Angus M ^c Donald	Sick	Malcolm M ^c Grigor	Duty
				William Adams

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.
Eastchester is located about 25 miles north of Fort George (now Battery Park, Manhattan).



Detail from "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island, survey'd in the years 1781, & 82.,"

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

British Order of Battle for Rhode Island Expedition under Commander-in-Chief and Gen. Sir Henry Clinton, *Grand Duke* off White Stone, Long Island, July 27, 1780

On Board the *Grand Duke* at the White Stone 27th July 80

The Army for the present Expedition is Brigaded as follows

Yagers	} Inspected by	}
1 st Light Infantry	} L ^t Col [Robert] Abercrombie [1 st Lt. Inf.]	} Commanded by
2 ^d Light Infantry	}	} Maj General
		} [Hon. Alexander] Leslie
British Grenadiers		}
Hessian Grenadiers	Maj ^r Gen [Heinrich Von] Kospoth [Regt. Landgrave]	
37 th	}	
38 th	} Brig ^r Gen [John] Leland [1 st Guards Regt.]	
43 ^d	}	
22 ^d Regiment	}	}
Du Corps	} Col [Ludwig von] Wurmb	}
Landgrave	}	} Under the Command of
		} Major Gen [Edward] Mathew
42 ^d Regiment	} [Capt and] L ^t Col [John]	} [Brig. of Guards]
Flank Comp ^y Guards	} Howard [1 st Guards Regt.]	} ...

Embarkation returns are expected as speedily as possible. When the Troops Land they will take 2 days prov^s ready dress'd with them.

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. Gen. Clinton had learned that seven French ships of the line and 36 transports had sailed into Rhode Island harbor. Adm. Arbuthnot and Gen. Clinton agreed to a joint expedition to Rhode Island to attack the French. Whitestone is located on the north shore of Brooklyn, opposite Throgs Neck.

Rules for Maneuvering the 1st British Grenadier Battalion, Long Island, New York, Aug. 21, 1780

Monday 21st. The L^t. Col^l. tells us in orders that he has given out some general Rules for manouevring the Battⁿ. of which we get a Copy. - we march & manoeuvre through the adjoining fields every evening & morning when it is not too hot.

General Rules for Manouevring the Battⁿ. by the Commanding Officer

Whatever Company or Division in the Battalion may be first order'd by the Commanding Officer to perform any Movement, the same is always to be immediately followed by the two next on their right & left, & so on through the whole Battⁿ. without waiting for further directions, The Men receiving the word of Command from their own Officers which should be given in that tone of Voice & to be distinctly heard by whatever member their respective divisions consists of.

In Marching by Companies or division the Officers Commanding each should at all times caution his division to which flank he would have his men dress. Which is to be regulated by different circumstances, remembering always that they should never be required to look in a different direction from that which is intended they should incline to and to facilitate this still more, there should be always either an Officer or Serj^t. on each flank when the Battⁿ. breaks off into Comp^{ys}. or divisions as far at least as the Numbers will admit of their being so distributed, that the men may have some superiour to look to for regulating their movement & Dress by; and When there is only one with each division he should run to the Opposite flank when it is necessary to make his division dress that way: or Otherways it can never be done with precision.

Marching in Line.

When the Battⁿ. is order'd to march in Line, the whole is order'd to march by that particular division in front of which the Commanding Officer Marches; the Officer of which will give the greatest Attention to keep the direction in which he moves, that the same file continue to cover him as when first put in motion.

The Charge.

When the Line is order'd to Charge, either by word of Command from the Commanding Officer or by signal of Drum, each Officer will repeat the word to his own Company & will endeavour as much as possible in rushing forward to prevent his men from breaking their Order; - that either upon being order'd to halt, or after coming up with & forcing the first Body of the Enemy, the Line may be reform'd again with as little confusion & loss of time as possible; so as to throw in a fire upon such of the broken flying Enemy as they can't come up with, or to be in order to charge any second Body that may present itself.

Advancing in Column by Comp^{ys}. or Divisions.

When the Battⁿ. is order'd to advance in Column from any particular Comp^y. Or division, the Officer Commanding it will give the word to March: every other Alternately doing the same when the preceeding one has got to a proper distance and carrying his Division into the line of March; remembering always to caution his Men to which flank they are to oblique and dress: if the Company first put in Motion is of the Right Wing it is to be followed by the next upon its left; if it belong to the Left Wing of the Battⁿ. [then] by the next upon the right and so on Alternately, but if the Column moves in a smaller front than of a Company, the divisions of one Company are never to intervene between those of another.

N.B. the Center of the Battⁿ. (as it now consists) is consider'd to be at the left of the 42^d. & right of the 76th. Companies.

To form the Line from the Column.

When order'd to form the Battⁿ. upon any given Company or Division, the Officer of that Comp^y. or division Orders it to halt and immediately see that his line is dress'd in such direction as may be pointed out by the Commanding Officer; the Other divisions either advance obliquely or go about & retire obliquely in the [nearer or nearest?] line to their proper front in Battⁿ.

N.B. this is never to be done by files except when the Column is quite in close order, at all other open distance the divisions are to keep a front & move to their ground obliquely.

Retreating in Column by Companies or Divisions.

When the Battⁿ. is order'd to retire in one or more Columns from any particular Company; the Officer Commanding that, orders it to the Right about, & march & moves straight to the Rear, or in such other particular direction as he may have been commanded, the other Divisions doing the same alternately; Marching obliquely to the Rear by the nearest Route in the Line of March; remembering not to make his Division go About till the one preceding him is got to a proper distance, & then not to hurry; if they are order'd to fire before they Retreat they shoulder without loading & no Company is to give their fire till their preceding one has shoulder'd. When the Column is retreating the greatest Attention must be given by the Officer Commanding each Division to what the one in his rear may be order'd to do, that if the Rear is directed to halt & come about to the front, the word of Command may pass from one to the Other & the movement be perform'd without noise hurry or confusion.

Columns by files.

In advancing or Retreating by files from the flanks or Center of Companies, the several Columns are to be directed in their March by dressing on that led by the Commanding Officer, & they are to endeavour always to preserve the distance for forming; of obliged to close or open at any time by the nature of the Country, the proper distance [is] to be regain'd as soon as possible without hurrying the men too much.

N.B. The same rule is to be observed at all times when any part of a line may have been obliged from particular impediments in the way to double to its Right, or Left, the manner of doing which will always shew the Attention & judgement of the Officer Commanding that Division obliged to break off; in forming again from files that have either advanced or retired, it is always to be done upon the leading file which halts or fronts to any direction the Commanding Officer chooses, and form upon it.

Signals by Drum

Preparative.	to begin firing by Companies, which is to go on as fast as each is loaded till the first part of the General when not a shot more is ever to be fired.
Grenad ^{rs} . March.	to advance in Line.
Point of War.	to Charge.
To Arms.	to form the Batt ⁿ . (whether advancing or Retreating in Column) upon the leading division.
Double flam.	to halt Upon the word forward, in forming, the Divisions to run up in Order.

Source: *Peebles' Journal*, Entry Aug. 22, 1780. Transcribed by Ian Burns.

**General Order to Level the Grenadier Companies with the Companies of Their Line Battalions,
New York, Oct. 26, 1780**

Head Qrs N Y 26th Octo^r 1780...

The Grenadier Companies to be compleated immed^y from their Battalions to 56 Rank and File; if there are any men among the recruits from Eng^d for the absent regiments, that are fit for that service, the Captains of the respective companies may take them.

The Companies whose Establishment is 101 are to be Leveled with those of their respective Regim^s in the same manner as ordered for the L^t Infantry.

Returns to be given in by each Battalion of L^t Infantry & Grenadiers, of the numbers received in Consequence of the above order.

Source and Note: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The 42nd Regt. strength report for Oct. 1, 1780 showed on 150 Rank & File wanting to complete for the eight battalion companies. With an establishment of 40 Corporals and 800 privates in those eight companies, the flank companies were likely leveled at around 86 men, including POWs, sick etc.



Detail from Portrait of William Phillips, circa, 1756-1763

Picture Source: Farmview Herald, (Virginia), July 7, 2015

**General Orders Assigning the Grenadiers to a Corps Commanded by Maj. Gen. William Phillips,
New York, Oct. 27, 1780**

Head Qrs N Y 27 Octo^r 1780...

The British Light Infantry, British Grenadiers and 42^d Regiment will form a Corps under the Command of Major General [William] Phillips.

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

**General Orders Appointing Lt. Col. John Yorke, 22nd Regt. to
Command the 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Nov. 11, 1780**

Head Qua^s N Y 11th Nov^r 1780...

Lieu^t Colonel [John] York 22^d Regim^t is appointed to the Command of the 1st Battalion of British Grenad^{ts} in the Room of Lieu^t Colo [Henry] Hope [44th Regt.], going to Europe –

[Maj.] The Right Honble [George] Lord Winchelsea, 87th Reg^t is appointed to the 1st Battⁿ and Lieu^t Colonel [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox 38th Regiment, and the Honble Maj^r [George] Damer 87th Regiment to the 2nd Battⁿ British Grenadiers...

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," Sir Henry Clinton Papers, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. The 42nd Grenadier Company under Capt. Peebles remained assigned to the 1st British Grenadier Bn.

Excerpts of Notebook of Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Record Entering Winter Quarters and Lt. Col. John Yorke, 22nd Regt., Being Appointed Commander of the 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Nov. 15, 1780

Wednesday 15th. fine w^r... The [42nd Gren.] Company went into their Hutts today & got their Barrack bedding & utensils...

Visited the Hospital & reported to L^t. Col: Yorke who is appointed to the Com^d. of the 1st. Battⁿ. 10th. Nov^r. & L^t. Co^l. [Hon. Henry Edward] Fox [38th Regt.] to the 2^d... the 22^d. Com^y. change with the 38th Comp^y.

Source: NRS, *Peebles Journal Entries* for Oct. 28-29, 1780 and as published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa), 1998, p. 415.



Detail from "Plan of New York and Staten Islands with part of Long Island, survey'd in the years 1781, & 82.,"

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster, Newtown, Long Island, New York, Feb. 8, 1781

			John Peebles	Captain	
			Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}	
Retires 6 th Sept ^r 1780			Robert Rollo	}	
Abs ^t by the Command ^r In Chiefs Leave in Britain			Allan M ^c Lean	}	
Purchas ^d 6 th Sept ^r 1780			John Ritchie	}	
Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers and Fifers	
Disch ^d 25 th Dec ^r 1780	Allan Stewart		Alex ^r M ^c Donald	Duty	John Kirkham
Duty	Andrew Smith		John Thompson		Duncan M ^c Intyre
	Angus M ^c Pherson		Rodrich M ^c Donald	Duty	John Adams
Disch ^d 21 st Oct ^r 1780	Donald M ^c Craw		Alex ^r Leslie	Duty	William Adams
Transf ^d L ^t Co ^{ls} 21 st	John Fraser	Died 21 st July 1780	Malcolm M ^c Grigor		

Oct ^r 1780	Angus McDonald	From Priv ^t 21 st July 80	Arch ^d Turner		
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Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.

General Orders for the British Grenadiers, Including the 42nd Grenadier Company, to Prepare to Embark Under Maj. Gen. William Phillips for Virginia, but later Countermanded, New York, Feb. 17, 1781

Head Qrs NY 17th Feb^y 1781...

The British Light Infantry, the British Grenad^s, the Hessian Grenadiers, the 42^d and 76th Regiments, will hold themselves in readiness to Embark at the shortest notice. The above Corps are to give an Embarkation Return Immediately to the Adjutant

Source and Notes: "Orders, 1778-1782," Sir Henry Clinton Papers, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan. This expedition under Maj. Gen William Phillips was being prepared to reinforce Brig. Gen. Benedict Arnold, now a Loyalist officer, in Virginia, based on intelligence that French forces from Rhode Island were headed to the Chesapeake. The 42nd Regt. and Grenadiers were removed from the expedition before it sailed on Mar. 20, 1781.

General Order Appointing Lt. Col. James Marsh, 43rd Regt., to Command 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, May 1, 1781

Head Qrs New York 1st May 1781...

Lieu^t Colonel [James] Marsh of the 43^d Regiment is appointed to command the first Battalion British Grenadiers.

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

Excerpt of Notebook of Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Grenadier Company, Records Lt. Col. James Marsh, 43rd Regt., Appointed Commander of 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, May. 22, 1781

Friday 11th. fine weather Col: [James] Marsh come to join the Battalion ...

Source: NRS, *Peebles Journal* Entry for May 22, 1781 and as published in *John Peebles' American War*, Ed. Ira Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa), 1998, p. 442.



Detail from "Old map of Brooklyn and greater part of King's County, Long Island," 1770's

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div. Title from P. L. Phillips' A list of maps of America, p. 175.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Camp Near Brooklyn, New York, July 11, 1781**

		John Peebles	Captain		
		Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}		
Promoted in the 37 th Reg ^t	28 th Ap ^l 1781	John Ritchie	}		
Received from L ^t Colonels	29 th Ap ^l 1781	William Dickson	}		
Dead	1 st Jan ^y 1781	Allan M ^c Lean	}		
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Grants	2 ^d Jan ^y 1781	Dougal Campbell	}		
	Duty				
Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers and Fifers	
Discharged 25 th Dec ^r 1780	Allan Stewart		John Thompson	Duty	John Kirkham } Dr ^s
Duty	Andrew Smith		Rodrich M ^c Donald		Duncan M ^c Intyre }
	Angus M ^c Pherson		Alex ^r Leslie	Duty	John Adams } Fifers
	John Fraser		Arch ^d Turner	Duty	William Adams }
	Angus M ^c Donald	Made Sergeant 26 th Dec ^r 1780	Alex ^r M ^c Donald		
From Corp ^l 26 th Dec ^r 80	Alex ^r M ^c Donald	From Private 26 th Dec ^r 1780	Peter M ^c Laggan		

Source: TNA, War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786 at WO 12/5479.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Jamaica, Long Island, New York, Jan. 11, 1782**

His Majestys 42 ^d or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray					
		John Peebles	Captain		
		Alex ^r Grant	} Liet ^{ts}		
		William Dickson	}		
	Duty	Dougal Campbell	}		
Serjeants		Corporals		Drummers and Fifers	
Duty	Andrew Smith	Duty	John Thompson	Duty	John Kirkham } Dr ^s
	Angus M ^c Pherson		Rodrich M ^c Donald		Duncan M ^c Intyre }
	John Fraser		Alex ^r Leslie	Duty	John Adams } Fifers
	Ang ^s M ^c Donald		Peter M ^c Laggan	Duty	William Adams }
	Alex ^r M ^c Donald		Arch ^d Turner		

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.

**General Order Appointing Maj. Charles Brownlow, 57th Regt.,
to Command the 1st British Grenadier Battalion, New York, Apr. 6, 1782**

Head Quarters New York 6th April 1782...

Major [Charles] Brownlow is appointed to the Comm^d of the Battⁿ of Grenadiers in the room of Lieu' Colo [James] Marsh 'till further orders...

Source: "Orders, 1778-1782," *Sir Henry Clinton Papers*, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Grenadier Camp, Ireland Heights, Long Island, New York, July 12, 1782**

Resigned 2 ^d Feb ^y 1782		John Peebles		}			
Commission Dated D ^o – Transferred to Captain Anstruthers 14 Feb ^y 1782		William Dickson		}		Captains	
Received from the Battalion 14 th Feb ^y 1782		David Anstruther		}			
Promoted 2 ^d Feb ^y 1782		Alex ^r Grant		}			
Commission Dated D ^o – Transferred to Capt ⁿ Rutherfurd's 14 Feb ^y 1782		William Dickson		}		Lieutenants	
Rec ^d from C ^t Rutherford's 14 Feb ^y 1782 – In Britain his leave of absence expired 31 st July 1781 – But supposed to be in 2 ^d Batt ⁿ		William Edmundstoun		}			
Transferred to Capt. Grants 14 th Feb ^y 1782		Alex ^r MGregor		}			
Rec ^d from Cap ^t Campbells 14 th Feb ^y 1782		Dougal Campbell		}			
		William M ^c Donald		}			
Duty	Andrew Smith Angus M ^c Pherson John Fraser Angus M ^c Donald Alex ^r M ^c Donald	Sejeants	Duty	John Thompson Rodrick M ^c Donald Alex ^r Leslie Arch ^d Turner Peter M ^c Glaggan	Corporals	Duty	John Kirkham } D ^{rs} . Duncan M ^c Intyre }
						Made Serj ⁱ in C ^t Dalrymples 23 ^d June 82	John Adams }
						Rec ^d from the Majors 23 ^d June 82	Peter M ^c Grigor } Fifers
						Duty	}
						Duty	William Adams }
							Drummers & Fifers

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.



Detail of "Richmond Hill House, Varick Street, between Charlton and Vandam Streets," 1897

Picture Source and Note: Wikimedia Commons, from *Reminiscences of an octogenarian of the city of New York, 1816-1860*, by Charles Haynes Haswell (New York, 1897). Richmond Hill was the home of Maj.

Abraham Mortier, Paymaster gen. of the British Army during the French & Indian war. It was located about two miles north of Fort George.

**General After Order Issued to Return the 42nd Grenadier Company Back to the Regiment,
Richmond Hill Mansion, New York, Aug. 9, 1782**

Head Quarters Mortiers House 9th August 1782...

After Orders

The Grenadiers Companies belonging to Regiments now in this District are to join their Batt^{ns} on Monday the 12th Inst^t the Com^s belonging to absent Regiments are to be formed into one Battⁿ under the Command of the Hon^{bl} Lieut. Col [Henry] Fox [38th Regt.]

Major [William] Keppel [82nd Regt.] to be Major to this Battⁿ. Boats are to be at Denyces to carry the 22^d & 57th Companies to Staten Island & at Brooklyn Ferry to Cross the 37th 40th & 42^d Companies to this Island the same Day.

Maj^r Gen^l [James] Paterson will please to give the necessary orders for these movements & the Quar^r Mas^r General is requested to see that Boats are ready at the proper Time.

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 men of the 42nd Light Infantry Co. were still being held prisoners-of-war.



Detail from "Map showing the west shore of the North or Hudson River," 1767, by Bernard Ratzert

Map Source: Library of Congress Geography and Map Div.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Paulus Hook (Now Jersey City), New Jersey, Jan. 4, 1783**

				David Anstruther	Cap ^t					
				Duty Alex ^r Grant	}					
				William M ^c Donald	}	Lieu ^{ts}				
				Alex ^r MGrigor	}					
				Henry Graham	}					
Transferred to 2 ^d Battalion 1 st Aug st 1782										
Rec ^d from D ^o D ^o but not joined since appointed										
On Command	Andrew Smith	Serjeants	Duty	John Thompson	Corporals	Sick Deserted 19 th July 1782	John Kirkham Duncan M ^c Intyre Rich ^d M ^c Cullogh Peter M ^c Grigor William Adams	Drummers & Fifers		
Duty	Angus M ^c Pherson			Rodrick M ^c Donald						
	John Fraser			Alex ^r Leslie						
	Angus M ^c Donald			Arch ^d Turner						
	Alex ^r M ^c Donald		Duty	Peter M ^c Glaggan						

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Paulus Hook (Now Jersey City), New Jersey, July 28, 1783**

Absent by the Comm ^r in Chiefs leave in Europe David Anstruther Cap ^t Rec ^d from Capt ⁿ Rutherfurds 8 th Feb ^y 1783 Alex ^r Cummine } Transferred to Capt ⁿ Dalrymples Ditto Date Alex ^r Grant } Rec ^d from Colonels 18 th May 1783 Will ^m M ^c Donald } Lieu ^{ts} Transferred to Ditto Ditto Ditto Will ^m Fraser } Henry Graham }								
Duty Disch ^d 23 Feb ^y 1783 From Corp ^l Ditto	Angus M ^c Pherson	Serjeants	Duty Serj ^t 23 ^d Feb ^y 783	Rodrick M ^c Donald	Corporals	Dead 23 ^d June 1783 Rec ^d from C ^t Campbells Ditto	Richard Wollock	Drummers & Fifers
	John Fraser			Alexander Leslie			Peter M ^c Grigor	
	Angus M ^c Donald			Archibald Turner			William Adams	
	Alexander M ^c Donald			Peter M ^c Glagon			John Kirkham	
	Andrew Smith			John Thompsen			John M ^c Bean	
	John Thompsan			William Duff				

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.

**42nd Grenadier Company Leadership from Company Muster,
Paulus Hook (Now Jersey City), New Jersey, Oct. 6, 1783**

absent by the Commander in Chiefs leave in Europe								David Anstruther	Captain
								Alexander Cummine	{
								William M ^c Donald	{ Lieutenants
Reduced upon half pay 24 th Aug ^t 1783 & Abs ^t by the Comm ^r in Cheifs leave in Europe								William Fraser	{
Disch ^d & Subs ^d to 24 Dec ^r 783	Angus M ^c Pherson	Serjeants	duty	Rodrick M ^c Donald	Corporals	Disch ^d & Subs ^d to 7 th Nov ^r 1783	Richard M ^c offesh	Drummers & Fifers	
duty	John Fraser			Alex ^r Leslie			Peter M ^c Gregor		
	Angus M ^c Donald			Archibald Turner			William Adams		
	Alexander M ^c Donald			Peter M ^c Laggan			John M ^c Bean		
	John Thompson			Willam Duff		Sick			

Source: TNA, *War Office, Commissary General of Musters, Infantry, 42nd Foot, 1777-1786* at WO 12/5479.