

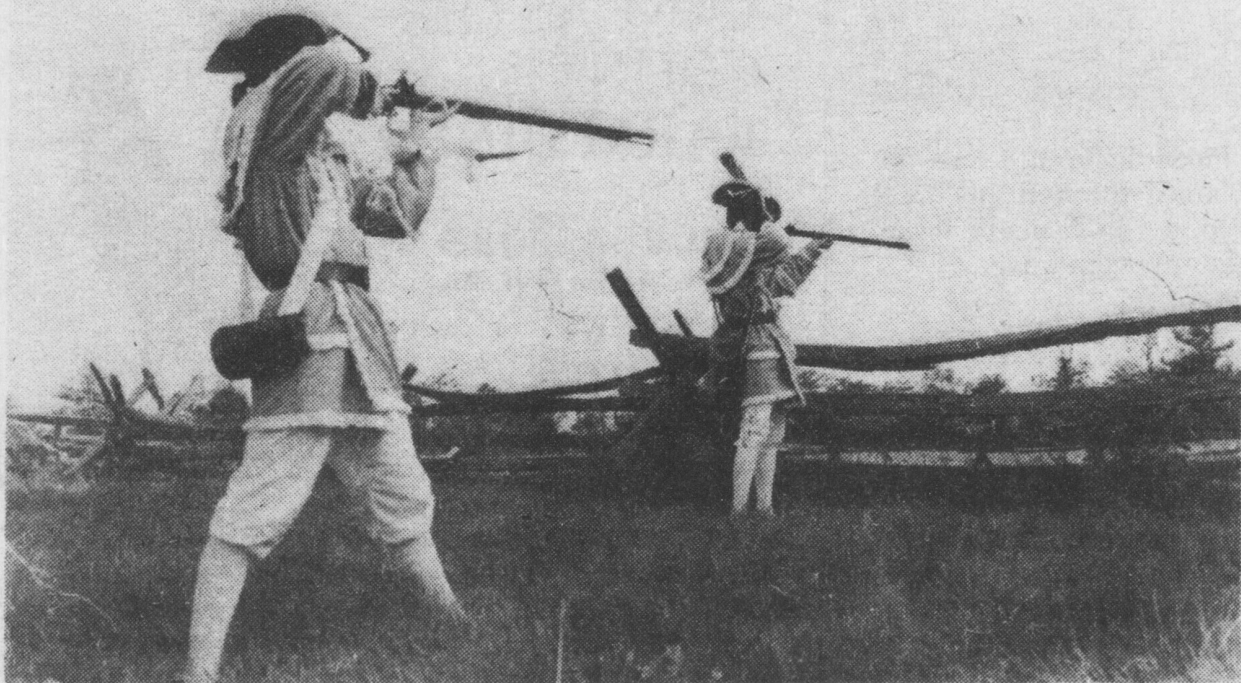
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Rangers take aim with unerring Pennsylvania Rifles

Donegal Rangers come back to life 200 years later, July 4, 1975

The Donegal Rangers, first organized during the French and Indian War, are still going strong here.

During the American Revolution the Rangers were absorbed into Captain Matthew Smith's Company, part of Thompson's Battalion.

They marched from here to Boston during July, 1775. The first Pennsylvanian to die in the Revolution, William Simpson, was in Smith's Company. His heel and ankle were shattered by a cannonball at Bunker Hill. He lingered for several days and was visited by General Washington before he died.

Another member of Smith's Company, John Joseph Henry from Lancaster, was only sixteen. He survived the war and became a judge in Lancaster County. He was to write his memoirs of the war which included some unflattering comments about his Captain, Matthew Smith.

Smith's Company went to Quebec in the fall and took part in the unsuccessful siege there under the command of Benedict Arnold.

This fall, 200 years later, the present Donegal Rangers are going to Quebec to take part in the re-staging of that battle, and will attempt to take the fort from a British garrison there.

They will fight under the original battalion flag which contains the Latin words:

"Domari nolo" ("I am unwilling to be tamed").

They will go on foot like the Rangers of 1775 from Portland, Maine, to Quebec, sleeping out as their forebears did.

Present members of the Donegal Rangers are: Lewis D. Bechtold, William Best, Pat Boas, Michael D. Cohan, Dennis Doyle, Charles Heistand, Reaves Gehring, William B. Landis, James Landis, and Thomas Willis.

The Rangers will march in the July Fourth parade in Marietta, bearing their authentic Pennsylvania Rifles, made by Charles Heistand. On September 14 they will participate in the Maytown Open House Tour. Ranger Cohan has issued a warning to Maytown residents, not to be surprised if they see some British redcoats about town on that day.

In December, the Rangers wearing their gray coats with the white fringe will be in the Candlelight Tour sponsored by the Marietta Restoration Associates. And next spring, they will attend the Bicentennial Ball.

The Revolution had just begun in the summer of 1775, and the Rangers were looking for recruits. The Bicentennial has barely begun, and today's Rangers are also looking for recruits.

Persons interested in joining this organization tracing

its history back more than two hundred years should call Ranger Cohan at 1-252-3477, Wrightsville.

Bulletin takes a vacation

Twice a year, the staff of the *Susquehanna Bulletin* takes a vacation - July 4 and Christmas.

The *Bulletin* will not come out next week, Wednesday, July 9.

Weekly publications will resume with the Wednesday, July 16, issue.



Ranger Cohan inspects team of Conestoga wagons before March to Boston

Marietta Jaycees plan gala, glorious Fourth

The Marietta Jaycees are sponsoring a flea market along with the Fourth of July celebration at Marietta War Memorial Park.

Anyone with something to sell can rent space in the park from the Jaycees on the 4th and 5th, and set up a stall beneath the rocket's red glare.

Entertainment in the park will include music by 'Whisley Train' on Friday

What was happening here on July 4, 1775?

MAYTOWN, PA., July 1, 1775— Capt. Matthew Smith, Paxtang, has organized a military company of many volunteers from Donegal township, including members of the Donegal Rangers.

Meanwhile, in Lancaster, Capt. James Ross has formed a similar company.

Both groups were formed in response to the June 14 call from the Continental Congress to raise companies of expert riflemen.

In the Donegal area there are now two military companies, the other being the one formed this May by Capt. Jacob Cook, after news had reached here of the battles of Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts, fought on April 19.

Smith and his men are reported ready to make the long trek immediately to Boston, to help their beleaguered countrymen

evening (the 4th) starting at 6.30 p.m.. The fireworks will go off Saturday (the 5th) at 10.30 p.m.. The 'Fat Cats' will provide music Saturday afternoon.

If you would like to set up a stall, call Don Simmons, who is in charge of arrangements.

Jim Yeaglin is chairman and publicity manager for the event.



Ghewatok and Wanhulta in fatal plunge from Chiques Rock

Wittell tells of tragic leap

A legend about a lovers' leap from Chiques Rock has persisted for many generations, but nothing very definite has been known about it.

Now thanks to Chester Wittell, composer, poet, and Arabic scholar who lives in Mount Joy, the *Susquehanna Bulletin* can publish the tragic story of the love of a Susquehanna Indian brave, Ghewatok, for the Indian maid, Wanhulta.

Wittell did considerable research on the legend and then recorded it in the form of a narrative poem included in his work of *Saga of the Susquehanna*.

The moving story is best told in Wittell's rhyme and metre. Mr Luther Heisey, President Emeritus of the Lancaster County Historical Society, has described the poem as "brilliant and most successful" in rescuing "from utter oblivion one of the most moving and picturesque episodes related to the past history of our locality. Although the thread of tragedy runs through it all, it is permeated throughout by sustained romantic interest which must appeal to all readers, whether they like poetry or not."

Wittell's poem appears on pages 10 and 11 of this week's *Bulletin*, with illustrations by Ramona Sell.

But most people in the present crisis with England are willing to forgive and forget the past. Smith enjoys a reputation as a fighting man, and as a Scotch-Irishman, a sworn enemy of England.

Ever since Lexington and Concord, martial enmity to Britain is the spirit of the American colonies.