

Insurance Tips for the Re-enactor

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Anybody, at any time and any place, can be sued. Being sued poses little problem to most people as long as the person has insurance coverage that will protect against the law suit.

A goodly share of re-enactors have a homeowner's Policy. Others who don't own a house carry Renter's or Tenant Policies. In either situation, the re-enactor has liability protection against a law suit. However, an intentional or willful act of the re-enactor, causing death or injury, will place the re-enactor in "Deep Sh," since the policy will not respond.

"Insured means: you, your relatives, if residents of your household, persons under the age of 21 in your care or in the care of your resident relatives."

This is easy to read and understand and the re-enactor should easily know where he stands.

Now there will be re-enactors that don't fall into the above categories for living arrangements. In this case a simple and inexpensive Comprehensive Personal Liability Policy can be purchased. The definition of insured is the same as above. The big difference is that the above policy covers house and personal property and liability under Sec. 11, whereas the CPL only affords the Section 11 coverage.

The re-enactor may also wish to insure his uniform and equipment from just about all risk except rust, wear and tear, inherent vice and vermin. The cost is modest for a personal articles floater attached to your policy. While it won't replace your uniform or equipment, it will give the re-enactor the money to help replace the items.

Equipment & Accoutrements

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An essential piece of equipment for every re-enactor is the flash guard. Unfortunately, many of the brass models available don't stand up to prolonged use with blank cartridges, let alone withstand the pressures generated firing live rounds.

After a long search to find a flash guard that would work on the Silver lock, which has an internal headed

frizzen screw, I came across the firm of "Michael Lea & Daughtier, Gunsmiths", of 2109 Summit Street, Columbus Ohio, 43291 (413) 291-4757.

Lea sells heavy duty STEEL flash guards for \$3.50, as well as assemblies to fit them to the Silver lock (\$7.95), and the Tulle lock (\$8.95). He guarantees them to withstand the pressures generated from five rounds charged with 120 grains of powder. I've purchased this guard and installed it on a .54 cal. rifle; it works flawlessly with charges up to 110 grains of 3F.

If you are tired of straightening or replacing your flash guards, give the Lea model a try. Lea also offers a line of accoutrements.

BONA HISTORY, Cobleskill

Each edition of "the Burning Issues" will strive to include an historical account of a major action involving parent regiments of our member units, preferably from both the Crown and Congressional points of view. Our first offering is Major Glasier's account of the events of May 30, 1778, in the Schoharie District settlement of Cobleskill. 1778 will prove to be a difficult year for Major Glasier, and he is already preparing an account of Cherry Valley for our next edition. Your editorial staff humbly suggests that some enterprising agent of the Crown consider the preparation of a Crown account of the events at Cherry Valley, perhaps delving into the human side of Walter Butler?

"Cobleskill", May 30, 1778

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On or about April 20, 1778, Captain William Patrick was ordered to Schoharie by General John Stark, Commander of the Northern Department. His instructions from General Stark were:

"Sir, You will keep continual scouting parties in the adjacent country to where you are posted, to discover the motions and movements of our internal enemies. If any of them should be found under arms, aiding, assisting, or holding correspondence with our enemies, you will forthwith detect them (if in your power), and with their crimes send them to me or to the commanding officer at this place. You will do the utmost in your power to find out if any British officers should come to that country,