

*Historical Re-enactment at
Le Haras du Pin
(Normandy, France)*

30-31 July & 1st August 2010



Les chasseurs à cheval de la
Grande Armée
- 12^{ème} régiment -

Dearest comrades,

Following my initial contact with yourselves, you had kindly provided a positive response regarding participating at the Karas Du Pin event being organised on 30-31 July and 1st August 2010.

With this dossier, you will find:

- The participation and rules of conduct for the event;
- The inscription form to register your unit;
- The programme of events;
- The camp hours and scenarios.

May I ask that you return the inscription form **BEFORE** 1st June 2010 to Marc Middleton. Cavalry groups will need to express their requirements in terms of horses **BEFORE** the end of June.

Please note that beyond these dead-lines, we may not be able to accommodate your requirements but we promise to do all we can to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.

I hope that the information contained in this dossier will be, for you, the demonstration of our commitment to a quality event and an additional source of motivation to be amongst us in Normandy.

Regards,

Frédéric Duprez

Chairman « Les Chasseurs à Cheval de la Grande Armée – 12^{ème} Régiment »



Rules of participation and conduct for all participants

At LE HARAS DU PIN 2010.

Introduction :

In order to guarantee a quality event for re-enactors, organisers and visitors alike, a certain number of points of order will need to be established. You are asked to make sure all your participants understand and adhere by them during the event.

These rules of participation and conduct are based upon military regulations and customs that were active during the Napoleonic Wars that are then to be applied to our level. Naturally, these rules are also influenced by the way our association wishes to see the hobby practised and wishes to shared with you it's vision. I know that having heard of your reputation or having seen your work first-hand, you will most certainly agree with our approach.

Your presence will be assimilated to your acceptance of these rules. We would be most regretful that we would have to complain of your non-compliance to these rules once on site with us.

Naturally, all comments or suggestions are more than welcome.

Our objective is to propose a living-history event that is pleasant for all and where everyone respects the wishes of his neighbour.

Arrival and reception:

The event will be carried out over 3 full days and there will be two arrival times and reception organised: the first on Thursday 29th July and the second on Friday 30th July.

On both these days, you will have a reception to the Haras du Pin. The exact meeting point will be communicated later and signage will be installed.

For those that arrive on Friday, it is asked that they do not arrive on the event site before 4pm (16h00). This is to respect the re-enactors who arrived on Thursday and have already started their immersion to benefit of a full day of re-enacting.

After 4pm, depending upon your arrival time, you will either be orientated towards your bivouac or you will be able to have a full induction of what to expect during the weekend.

The Haras du Pin is next to the village of NONANT-LE-PIN. You will find many shops and stores in this village should you wish to stock up on something.

Napoleonic camp life will be in force from 29th July at midnight (00h00). If certain participants should arrive on Saturday, please make sure you make this clear on your inscription form in order for us to better prepare your arrival.

Supplies:

Food is at your charge and needs to be as authentic as possible. However, period prepared bread will be supplied by the organiser.

Fire pits will be prepared in accordance with period regulations. No other fire pits will be authorised. Straw and wood will be supplied.



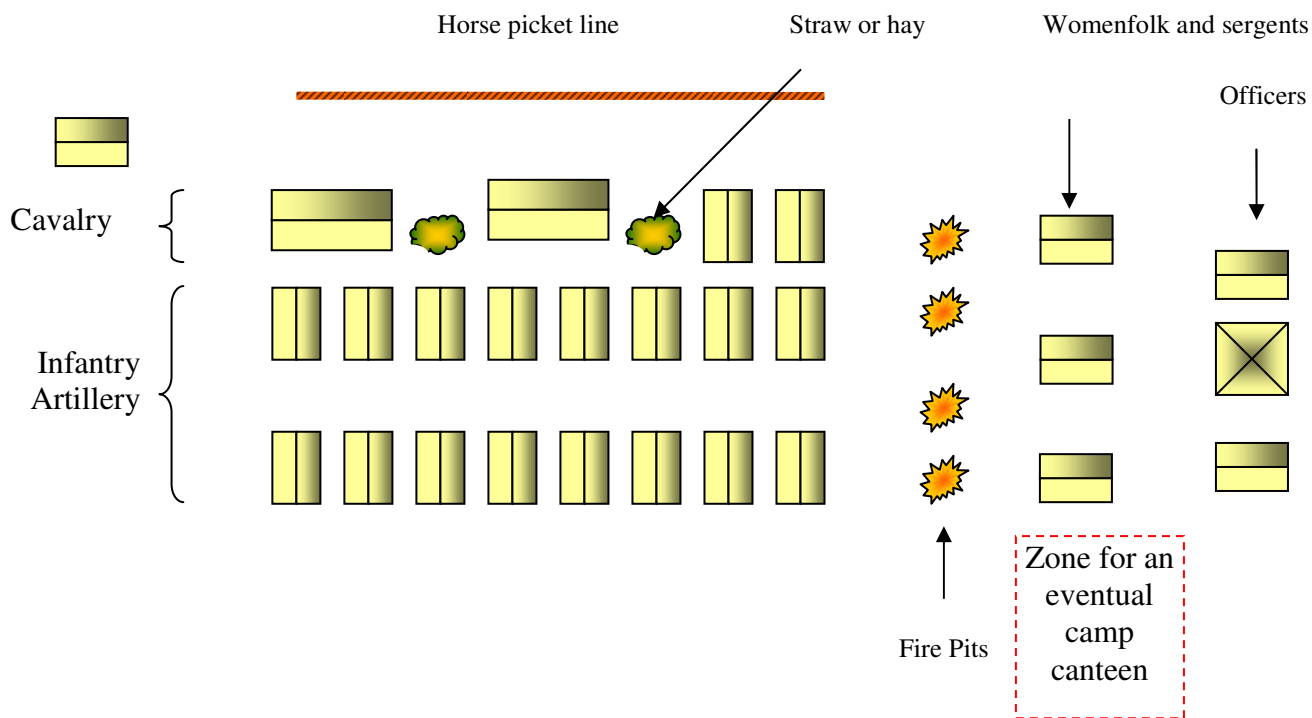
TRAVEL SUBSIDIES :

Continental-based allies will be subsidised along the same lines as the French participants. The organisers will be able to offer an additional travel subsidy of 50 €/vehicle to help transport costs of our British-based participants.

It is asked that each association presents a “bill” for his participation which includes the number of soldiers and civilians participating, the address of their association as well as their international bank details in order to be able to perform a bank transfer.

Camp organisation :

The camp layout will be inspired by the military rules and regulations that were in vigour during the Napoleonic Wars:



- ✓ Groups will take up their positions within this plan with regards to their role and rank.
- ✓ It is asked that no straw be left outside tents and that straw inside should be either in a straw mattress.
- ✓ No other fire pits, except those prepared by the organisers, are to be dug
- ✓ One fire pit will be attributed to one or several groups, which will be in charge of its up-keeping.
- ✓ No fire will be allowed outside the fire pit line. Furthermore, no tables, chairs or other furniture is to be present inside the bivouac (apart eventually for officers)
- ✓ Any lanterns must be extinguished after the drum beats the Tattoo.
- ✓ Tables may be employed in the following areas: - 1 table for the guard tent, 1 table for each officer tent. All other tables, benches and chairs are to be parked within a camp canteen area that participants are to organise under the direction of the organisers.
- ✓ When re-enactors are not present on the camp, all tents are to be securely closed off.
- ✓ During the day, all muskets are to be piled together in a line facing the enemy camp and will be watched by the soldiers on guard duty.

Camp Life:

During the event, re-enactors will take on the role and duties of their ranks. This means that, for example, soldiers working on behalf of the provost are to be respected as such. These soldiers have a mandate from the organisers to ensure that everything and everyone on camp sticks to the rules and that all anachronisms stay out of sight and that the CO's standing orders are respected.

Likewise sergeants and officers will be solicited to carry out tasks associated with their rank and function to get the various activities of the camp underway. Again, participants are asked to accept this state of affairs within a military structure that they have freely agreed to adhere. This also includes standing to and saluting officers which have to return the compliment. All this is to be done within the natural sense of fellowship that is encumbered within our common hobby.

A guide of different orders of dress for the event is listed below. The participants will commit themselves to respect it and it is down to group chairpersons to ensure that their members are properly attired for the event as best as possible and with the organisers' consent. Here are some further guidelines:

- Everyone is to remain covered (camp bonnet or cap/shako) from reveille to evening tattoo (lunch may be taken uncovered).
- Regimental jackets are to be carried buttoned up and with a stock or neckerchief.
- Standing camp orders regarding dress are to be complied with.
- Public demonstrations are to either be undertaken in parade dress or campaign dress.

GUIDE OF ORDERS OF DRESS

- This guide is for indicative purposes only.
- The adaptation of this guide by the different participating association remains the responsibility of their chairmen. They can naturally be adapted to take into account each individual's equipment.

| Dress | Head-Dress | Jacket | Trousers | Shoes | Accessories |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Camp/Exercise | Off-duty cap | Shirt / Off-duty jacket | Grey / White | Clogs / Shoes / Boots (c) | None, bread-bag and canteen can be carried if so wished |
| Walking Out | Shako / Highland Bonnet | Regimental Jacket | Grey / White (i/a) Charivari (c) Hongroise (c) | Shoes (i/a) Boots (c) | Bayonet belt and bayonet (i/a) Cavalry sabre and belt (c) |
| Service/Campaign | Shako / Highland Bonnet | Regimental Jacket | Grey / White (i/a) Charivari (c) Hongroise (c) | Shoes (i/a) Boots (c) | Backpack Bread-bag Canteen Shako-Cover Belts |
| Parade | Shako / Highland Bonnet | Regimental Jacket | Grey / White (i/a) Charivari (c) Hongroise (c) | Shoes (i/a) Boots (c) | Belts Shako Ornaments |

- i: Infantry
- c: Cavalry
- a: Artillery



Absolutely no cross-dressing is allowed (modern with period clothing) at any time during the event.

Decorations which are not an entitlement to the bearer or that did not exist during the Napoleonic Wars are prohibited.

The following document has been established in order to push forward an active camp life. Two examples will be available on camp: 1 in the guard tent and 1 in the CO's tent.

The document also talks about "punishments" these are naturally scenarios. Groups and individuals that wish to take part in this scenario are invited to manifest themselves so as to allow the organiser to plan this important part of army life on campaign or in garrison.

The existence of these punishment scenarios does not mean that it has to be pushed to the limit. Officers that might suffer from a flogging frenzy or soldiers that wish to push their "bad boy" antics too systematically and deliberately, will be invited to not "over do it".

Modern or non-period effects:

A normal effort will be asked of participants not to pollute the bivouac with non-period/modern items:

- ✓ Once unloaded, vehicles are to immediately evacuate the camp area and be parked in the parking area designated for this purpose.
- ✓ It does not matter to the organisers what participants decide to sleep in (duvets, camp beds, four-poster beds, inflatable mattresses...) but it is asked that once reveil is sounded until evening tattoo, these articles are specifically hidden under either a straw-mattress or blankets or even straw.
- ✓ Ground sheets for tents (in order to facilitate collecting straw) are authorised but must at all times be hidden from view.
- ✓ For cooking, brewing, drinking and eating **AT ALL TIMES OF THE EVENT**, it is asked that only period utensils and cutlery are used (no aluminium cooking pots or mess tins, no modern glasses or containers, etc.). In particular regarding drink, plastic containers, packaging and cardboard boxes are strictly forbidden. It is asked that participants prepare their food and drink in period acceptable containers and to make sure that glass bottles are "sanitised". (E.g. take off labels and aluminium sheeting, etc.)
- ✓ Get rid of modern items upon one's person (watches, sun glasses, etc.). The organisers have complete confidence that the chairmen of the different participating groups will be more than capable of policing this.
- ✓ Taking photos is authorised. It is asked however that groups make sure that only one of their members carries out this role for the event.
- ✓ If, for personal or professional reasons, participants need to keep their mobile phones active, they must in turn promise to limit its usage and when in use, do this in a most discrete manner.

Security with fire-arms and black powder:

Black powder will be supplied graciously.

Units which wish to fire on Friday or Saturday will be authorised to do so. These firings are to be done only under the direction of an officer/NCO, no individual is to take it upon himself to go fire his musket without prior authorisation from the organisers.

These firings are to be conducted well away from the camp site (and not adjacent to it) where horses will be present; and in order to avoid any accident or surprises with these.

On Sunday, firings will be conducted during the demonstrations and animations programmed for the public. All mis-fires are to be cleared prior to quitting the display arena.



Security around horses:

Apart from the cavalrymen, no-one must approach the horses whilst they are on the picket line. Their safety and surveillance is under the responsibility of the cavalrymen. A night watch will be organised amongst the cavalry participants. Cavalrymen are responsible for watering and feeding their mounts. The horse master for the event is Yves DUPREZ, iron-smith at the 12^{ème} chasseurs.

Horses, participating in a specific mission, training or patrol, will be guided in and out of the camp by hand. It is **strictly forbidden for cavalrymen to enter the bivouac on horseback**. On Sunday, the provost will assist the cavalrymen in keeping the public away from the horse picket. For those groups who may be interested, the 12^{ème} chasseurs will be organising a work-shop for infantry and artillery participants regarding the dangers linked with horses. This work-shop will also be in English if participants are unfamiliar with the French language.

Security on the camps and the provost:

During the Pouvrai event we held in 2009, there were some issues with the activation and rotation of the guard post, which has hopefully now been rectified. The organisers wish to underline that a guard is a historic necessity and brings another string to the event's bow.

In order to put this scenario in place, it is necessary that units participating furnish part of their rank-and-file with an NCO to take command of the guard post and conduct sentry duty. This duty will naturally be organised so that participants need not miss out on the more "interesting" parts of the event. On Friday and Saturday, the camp guard shall be conducted by individuals that, for one reason or another, cannot join their unit in the field activities. Bearing in mind that these days will be closed to the public, this might easily be conducted by the camp-followers (if any). On Sunday, an historic guard will be set-up. This guard will not be in service during the afternoon programme. The provost will patrol the camp site and have full authority on the public to avoid any dangerous situations or malicious acts:

- Prevent the public from touching equipment and cloths without the owner's consent.
- Prevent the public from approaching the horse picket lines.
- Prevent the public from opening tents that are closed off to them.
- Make sure that the public keep away from certain areas of the site.
- Prevent any member of the public from entering the event without paying an entrance fee.

CAVALRY:

The organisers expect that the cavalrymen will be in possession of harnesses that are as historic as possible. Nylon rope is forbidden outside of horse boxes. We are at Le Pin in the *Versailles of the Horse*. The public that will be present will be a public of connoisseurs. We cannot, by inappropriate behaviour, take a risk of having our hobby discredited in this region. The owners of the Haras demand that all riders be in possession of a FFE (French Equestrian Federation) license as well as certain horse hirers. If you are not a holder of this license, you can ask the organisers to get you one for the event. Please advice on your participation form.

HORSES:

Hay, as well as straw, will be graciously provided by the organisers. There is a 40 € fee required for each participate wanting to hire a horse. Please respond promptly in order for your horse to be booked with the hirers. Horse owners which will be bringing their own mounts will be subsidised on the follow scale:

- Transport from 1 to 200 kilometres: 40 € per horse.
- Transport from 200 to 400 kilometres: 80 € per horse.
- Transport > 400 kilometres: 120 € per horse.

CAVALRY RESPONSE DATE:



For the cavalry, it is asked that your participation form be returned by **MAY 15th AT THE LATEST** and not June 1st as previously indicated for several reasons:

- The horse hirers need to start providing stock for the event.
- In order to guarantee that the organisers can meet their prices and subsidies detailed below, it is important that they have an exact number of horses to hire in order not to over spend on horses that will, ultimately, not be used.

Therefore, please provide answers before the May 15th if you want the certainty of having a mount hired for you. Beyond this date, the organisers cannot guarantee having a horse, or the same hiring costs, for you but will do everything they can to accommodate you.

RE-ENACTEMENT PUBLICITY STAND:

A location on site has been set aside to allow groups to set up their publicity stand on Sunday for the public. Each group is welcome to use this area to display publicity material or sell items to the public. (No publicity material or selling is allowed in the camp area).

Interested groups must have a 1mx1m panel to be able to display both literature and photos of their unit. The presence of this stand will be left to individual associations. Furthermore, Marc Middleton has kindly accepted to translate all English-based publicity literature for our British and Dutch guests should they wish to have such a stand. Please make a note of it in your participation form.

THE SITE:

Apart from organisational changes, the image below shows the different areas of the site for the event. A certain number of items are still to be properly located but need to have the site owners' agreement beforehand, which we are still awaiting while going to press. These details will naturally be communicated to you in due time.



PI « Parc du Haut Bois » - Event arena

RAS DU PIN

Horse Boxes

Parking re-enactors



Thursday 29 July 2010:

16h00: Registration opens.

Friday 30 July:

07h00 Reveille

08h00 Assembly

08h30 Horse distribution (cavalry) / workshop « dangers around horses » (infantry)

09h00 Horse warm-up session (cavalry) / Infantry School.

12h00 Lunch

13h00 Skirmishes (to be confirmed depending on the number of participants)

16h00 Registration re-opens / Visit of the site

18h00 Dinner

20h00 Officer meeting

23h00 Lights out

Saturday 31 July :

07h00 Reveille

08h00 Assembly

08h30 Horse distribution (cavalry) / workshop « dangers around horses » (infantry)

09h00 Horse warm-up session (cavalry)

10h00 Battle rehearsal (including cavalry breaking a square)

12h00 Lunch

13h30 « Colonel Defrance Trophy » for French cavalry starts / Infantry School.

18h00 Dinner

23h00 Lights out.

Sunday 1 August:

07h00 Réveil

08h00 Assembly

09h00 Continuation of the « Colonel Defrance Trophy »

10h00 Public Opening / Start of displays (2 by the infantry and 1 by the cavalry)

10h30 Conclusion of the « Colonel Defrance Trophy »

12h00 Lunch

13h00 Displays start again.

15h00 Battle.

17h00 End of event.

