

# 4<sup>th</sup> CONTINENTAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT (PROCTOR'S)

(<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/lineage/artty.htm>)

## LINEAGE

[Wright, Continental Army, pp. 339-341]

Authorized 16 October 1775 in the Pennsylvania State Troops as the Pennsylvania State Artillery Company

Organized 27 October-27 November 1775 at Philadelphia

Expanded 14 August 1776 as the Pennsylvania State Artillery Battalion, to consist of two companies

Assigned 21 September 1776 to the Main Army

Expanded 6 February 1777 as the Pennsylvania State Artillery Regiment, to consist of eight companies from eastern Pennsylvania, and relieved from the Main Army

Adopted 10 June 1777 into the Continental Army as Proctor's Continental Artillery Regiment and assigned to the Middle Department

Relieved 14 July 1777 from the Middle Department and assigned to the Main Army

Redesignated 10 August 1779 as the 4th Continental Artillery Regiment

Reorganized 1 January 1781 by consolidation with Captain Isaac Coren's Company, Artillery Artificer Regiment [see Annex 1], Captains Andrew Porter's and Jonas Simonds' Companies, 2d Continental Artillery Regiment [see Annexes 2 and 3], and Captain Jeremiah Freeman's Continental Artillery Company [see Annex 4]; consolidated regiment consisting of ten companies

Relieved 20 February 1781 from the Main Army and assigned to the Southern Department

Reorganized 1 January 1783 to consist of four companies

Relieved 24 April 1783 from the Southern Department and assigned to the Middle Department

Furloughed 11 June 1783 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Disbanded 15 November 1783

## **ANNEX 1**

Authorized 16 January 1777 in the Continental Army as Captain Isaac Coren's Laboratory Company, Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Flower's Corps of Artillery Artificers, an element of the Commissary General of Military Stores' Department

Organized in spring 1777 at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with recruits from central and eastern Pennsylvania

Redesignated 11 February 1778 as Captain Isaac Coren's Company, Artillery Artificer Regiment

Consolidated 1 January 1781 with Captain Andrew Porter's Company, 2d Continental Artillery Regiment, and consolidated unit designated as Captain Andrew Porter's Company, 4th Continental Artillery Regiment

## **ANNEX 2**

Authorized 1 January 1777 in the Continental Army as Captain Andrew Porter's Company, Lamb's Continental Artillery Regiment

Organized in spring 1777 at Morristown, New Jersey, with recruits from Philadelphia City and County, Pennsylvania

Redesignated 10 August 1779 as Captain Andrew Porter's Company, 2d Continental Artillery Regiment

Consolidated 1 January 1781 with Captain Isaac Coren's Company, Artillery Artificer Regiment, and consolidated unit designated as Captain Andrew Porter's Company, 4th Continental Artillery Regiment

## **ANNEX 3**

Authorized 1 January 1777 in the Continental Army as Captain James Lee's Company, Lamb's Continental Artillery Regiment

Organized in spring 1777 at Morristown, New Jersey, with recruits from Philadelphia City and County, Pennsylvania

Redesignated 10 August 1779 as Captain James Lee's Company, 2d Continental Artillery Regiment

Redesignated 12 November 1779 as Captain Jonas Simonds' Company, 2d Continental Artillery Regiment

Consolidated 1 January 1781 with Captain Jeremiah Freeman's Continental Artillery Company, and consolidated unit designated as Captain Jonas Simonds' Company, 4th Continental Artillery Regiment

## **ANNEX 4**

Authorized 20 January 1776 in the Continental Army as a company of artillery from Pennsylvania and assigned to the Canadian Department

Organized 8 February-25 March 1776 at Philadelphia as Captain Bernard Romans' Continental Artillery Company

Relieved 2 July 1776 from the Canadian Department and assigned to the Northern Department

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1777 as Captain Gibbs Jones' Continental Artillery Company; concurrently relieved from the Northern Department and assigned to the Main Army

Relieved 22 November 1778 from the Main Army and assigned to the Highlands Department

Redesignated 16 April 1780 as Captain Jeremiah Freeman's Continental Artillery Company

Consolidated 1 January 1781 with Captain Jonas Simonds' Company, 3d Continental Artillery Regiment, and consolidated unit designated as Captain Jonas Simonds' Company, 4th Continental Artillery Regiment

## **ENGAGEMENTS**

[Wright, Continental Army, p. 341]

Elements of this regiment served in the following:

Delaware Bay 1776

Trenton-Princeton

Northern New Jersey

Defense of Philadelphia

Philadelphia-Monmouth

New Jersey 1778

Iroquois 1779

Yorktown

Greene's Campaign

Captain Bernard Romans' Continental Artillery Company

additionally served in the following:

Defense of Canada

Lake Champlain

# Fourth Continental Artillery

(<http://nwta.com/FldGd/unitgir/ProctGIR.html>)

## **General Impression for Fourth Continental Artillery 1st (Turnbull's) Company.**

Captain Charles Turnbull was giving command of the First Company, Fourth Regiment of Continental Artillery Line. However Captain Turnbull had been captured at Bound Brook, N.J. on April 13, 1777. The company's Captain-Lieutenant acted as commandant until Capt. Turnbull's release on April 30, 1780.

### **General area of origin or recruitment:**

The regiment was organized at Philadelphia from men recruited as far away Pennsylvania Frontier, New England and Georgia.

**Ethnicity** of Proctor's Regiment was diverse. Two-thirds of the unit was foreign-born: In fact 60% of the skilled positions (sergeants, corporals, gunners, etc.) were of this group. The unit included Scotch-Irish, Germans, Scotch, English, and Welsh. Its Domestic distribution included Yankees, Yorkers, Virginians, and Georgians.

**Geography covered on campaigns during the revolution:** The regiment campaigned in Canadian, Northern, Middle, and Southern departments. One company (Graig's) seeing service at Fort Pitt and on the Ohio frontier.

The unit was authorized on October 16, 1775 in Pennsylvania state service as Proctor's Artillery Company. The Regiment was disbanded November 15, 1783, at Philadelphia as the 4th Continental Artillery Regiment Continental Line.

**Period of unit existence portrayed by recreated unit :** June, 1778.

### **Geography covered by unit during period of portrayal:**

The unit served at winter quarters at Valley Forge, as a garrison and provost unit at Philadelphia and with gun sections at Monmouth Courthouse, N.J. General uniform and equipment condition based on conditions of supply, campaign wear and unit discipline. This unit of Artillery were always in Regimental coats and generally dressed well even when the rest of the army suffered from shortages.

**Headgear:** Cocked hat with yellow worsted tape. A red feather to be mounted behind the cockade.

**Coat:** Military issued color, navy blue wool with red facings. Brass buttons and lining of red wool.

**Footwear:** Shoes plain toe with leather soles and heels.

**Legwear:** Gaitered trousers of white linen.

**Stockings:** White or gray cotton.

**Shirt:** White smock pattern of cotton.

**Cartridge box:** British Artillery pattern of black color with white crossbelt with brass buckles

**Sidearm carriage:** British Artillery pattern white leather crossbelt with black frog.

**Firearm:** Brown Bess and/or Charleville.

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