Introduction to the Transcription

Each British infantry serving in America during the War for Independence had a grenadier company, which was historically positioned on the right flank of the line when serving with the regiment in the field. This positioning caused them to be termed a “flank company” as was also each regiment’s light infantry company which formed on the left flank of the arrayed line.

Captain 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…”

Except during a brief period following the return to the New York area in 1778, the grenadier companies, rather than actually remaining with their “home” regiments, were as a general rule detached from those regiments to form composite grenadier battalions. Two such battalions were formed at Halifax 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.

Following the arrival of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment and the 71st (or Fraser’s Highland) Regiment at New York in July and August, 1776, General Sir William Howe ordered the formation of a fourth grenadier battalion under the command of Major the Honorable Charles Stuart, 43rd Regiment of Foot. The battalion was made up of three large Highland grenadier companies from the two Highland regiments. Captain 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 Regiment was captured at Boston in June 1776, a company was reformed at New York under Captain Francis Skelly and was of similar strength to Graham’s. Captain Patrick Campbell’s grenadier company from the 2nd Battalion, 71st Regiment 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 September 19 Major 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”. 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 Comp¹ to be answerable that this order is comply’d with – An Officer of a Comp. to visit the Messes of their respective Comp. daily & to Specify in a Written Report if the Messes are properly regulated & provisions Cook’d – “ Based on a later order it appears that most of the sick were from the two 71st Grenadier companies.

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 Batt. Grenad. being very Sickly are to join their Regt. The 42d Grenad. Company of said Batt. will join the 3d Batt. of Grenad. under the Command of Major Marsh and Major Stewart.”

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

- Sept. 15, 1776: Grenadiers are part of first wave at Kip’s Bay landing on Manhattan Island.

**Key Documents**

_Captain Bennet 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.


General Order Forming the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Staten Island, New York, August 6, 1776

Dyker’s ferry, 6th. Augt. 1776...


Source: 4th British Grenadier Battalion Order Book.

Excerpt of Account of the 4th British Grenadier Battalion at the Landing at Kip’s Bay and the Battle of Harlem Heights by Major the Hon. Charles Stuart, 43rd Regt., September 15-16, 1776

Blomindel Heights Camp, Sept. 26, 1776

On the 16th [15th] of this month we marched from Newtown Camp, and the Corps of Reserve consisting of three Battalions of Lt. Infantry, the German Jagers, my Battalion of Highland grenadiers, the 42nd and 33rd Regts., embarked on board flat-bottomed boats in Newtown Creek, from whence we proceeded on our way to land upon New York Island. A 50 gun ship and two Frigates were drawn up to cover the landing.

Upon the enemy perceiving our boats, they sent several columns of men to line sunk breast-works that they had previously made to prevent a landing. We steered to the right and landed about three miles above the town under an incessant fire from the shipping.

A more glorious scene I never beheld; the thunder of the ships, the appearance of the enemy, the ardor of our troops, the whole army drawn up on Long Island ready to support us, surpassed everything of...
magnificence. So well did the army do their business that the enemy evacuated their lines, and we landed without opposition.

We immediately rush’d for wood and took possession of a Hill about a mile from the spot where we landed. In our way we had some skirmishes in which our Brigadier Gen. [John] Vaughan was wounded, and some few men of the Hessians; when the whole army was landed we proceeded on the Harlem road to these Heights. The enemy made a show of giving us battle several times as they retreated; we lay on our arms that night. The next morning we were alarmed by some musquetry on the left, the grenadiers were ordered to march to the support of two Battalions [2nd and 3rd] of Lt. Infantry who, with more zeal than prudence, had ventured too near the enemy, which gave [American Gen. George] Washington the advantage of trying a ruse which had nearly proved fatal to them all.

Gen. [Sir William] Howe had sent a small party to take possession of a house, which was effected; then Washington, to decoy them still further, took possession of the next house, having flung a thousand men into the woods right and left hoping to surround them. Upon our coming to their assistance, we found our people smartly engaged, hemmed in and almost surrounded.

The Lt. Infantry were ordered to retire, which they were enabled to do under cover of three Companies of the 42nd.

In this brush we had more than 100 killed and wounded, three men of my Batt. wounded, and, what was more singular, my dog as he was lying by me. We afterwards encamped on this spot.

Source: New Records of the American Revolution, The Letters, Manuscripts and Documents sent by Lieut.-General Sir Charles Stuart, to his Father, the Earl of Bute, 1775-79..., Published by L. Kashnor, London, 1927, p. 11. Contrary to Stewart’s account there were five ships supporting the landing and the 42nd Regt. crossed the East River in a transport as part of the second wave, not in the first wave flatboats.

**General Order Disbanding the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, New York, October 8, 1776**

G:O: Head Q’s. New York Island 8th. Ocr’. 1776...


Source: 4th British Grenadier Battalion Order Book.

**Definition of Grenadier from Military Dictionary, London, 1778**

*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...

Source and Note: A Military Dictionary, Explaining and Describing the technical Terms, Phrases, Works, and Machines used in the Science of War, Printed for G. Robinson, London, 1778. Although published in 1778, this definition had been used at least as early as 1745. By the period of the American war, grenades were no longer used by the grenadier battalions.

**Identified Officers**

42nd or Royal Highland Regiment Grenadier Company

Capt. Charles Graham
Lt. John Peebles (Duty as Adjutant)
Lt. William Graham
Lt. Harry Gilchrist

1st and 2nd Bn., 71st Highland Regiment Grenadier Companies

Capt. Francis Skelly 1st Bn.
Capt. Patrick Campbell 2nd Bn.
Lt. David Kinlock
Lt. Thomas Fraser
Lt. Dougal Campbell
Lt. Patrick Cumming
Lt. James Fraser
Lt. George Stewart
Lt. Thomas Fraser
Ens. Angus McDonald

Transcription Standards

Information in square brackets was added by the transcriber/editor. The spelling is as shown in the original order books. Many of the words are phonetically spelled. In general, abbreviated words have the last letter of the word shown in superscript as in the original document. Occasionally line spaces were inserted to separate battalion and higher organization orders.

Following the end of the Order Book for the 4th Grenadier Battalion, Lieutenant John Peebles continued to document his experiences in the American war. His journal has been published by The Army Records Society as John Peebles’ American War, edited by Ira D. Gruber, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg (Pa.), 1998. The 4th British Grenadier Battalion order book was not included in this work.

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Order Book

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4th Batt’s Grenad’rs
4th Battalion Grenadiers

Notes: Although the original notebook is labeled as above, the first portion of the notebook, from July 30, 1776 to Aug. 15, 1776, is a 42nd Regt. order book. The 4th Grenadier Battalion orders begin after Aug. 16, 1776, when the author, Lt. John Peebles, is appointed Adjutant of the 4th British Grenadier Battalion. At the beginning of the order book the 42nd and 71st Regiments had just arrived at New York after sailing together from Greenock, Scotland on Apr. 29, 1776.

Ship Greyhound Sandy hook 30 Juni 1776

General Orders

The Army to Land on the Shortest Notice –

As the Inhabitants of this Country are known to be well affected to Government and consequently have suffer’d great depredations from the Rebels, The Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe] fully convinced of the superiority & humanity of the Troops under his Command, recommends to their protection the families & property of the People of the Country – Any person belonging to the Army, or
Transports found guilty of plundering, & any soldier stragling from his platoon, will be executed on the Spot.

The flatboats to be immediately hoisted and a sentry kept always onboard of them for their security – no boat to be Allow’d to go on shore on any Account

Sign’d J: Patterson
Adjl. Genl.

Head Q°. Dykers ferry Staten Island 1st. August 1776 –

Parole Hanover C°. Sign Bolhon

The 1st. Brigade to furnish a Working party of a Cap. 2 Sub. & 100 Men for 3 days to parade at the Watering place near the Artillery Encampment tomorrow Morn2. at 5 O’Clock –

Upon the removal of the Army each Regiment (the Artillery, Light Dragoons Light Infantry Gren®. 42d. & 71st. Regts. excepted) will Embark on board one Ship only; The Commanding Officers of Regts. will therefore immediately move their Women & heavy Baggage out of the Ship they make choice of to contain the Reg. & put them on board of the second Ship, to be prepared to make room for their Camp Equipage –

The Light Infantry, Grenadiers, 4th. 42d. 43d. & 71st. Regts. are to receive their orders of Embarkation from the D.Q.M.G.

Reports in writing to be made to the Adj. Genl. as soon as the above order is complied with –

The Infantry without exception is order’d upon all occasions to form two deep with the files at eighteen inches interval till further orders.

A Pacquet to Sail in a few days for England: all letters to be sent to the Adj. Genl.


Notes: The “Watering place” was a brook near present day Tompkinsville, Staten Island that was used by ships to replenish their water supplies. The “D.Q.M.G.” is the abbreviation for the Deputy Quartermaster General. “Reg’d Orders” or regimental orders (sometimes abbreviated further as R.O.) are those issued by the regimental commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling in contrast to the “General Orders” issued by Gen. Sir William Howe. It is Lt. Peebles’ style to often leave out the term “General Orders” and list only the date of the order. He does, however, always designate the regimental orders (R.O) or grenadier battalion orders (B.O.).

Head Q°. Dykers ferry Staten Island, 2d. Aug° 76

Parole Clinton C°. Sign [sic]

Four days provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow as usual.

John Hunter, private Soldier of his Majesty’s 42d. Regt. try’d by the Genl. Court Martial of which L. Co. Sir Henry Calder [49th Regt.] is Presid. for disirition The Court is of Opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the Crime laid to his charge & therefore adjudge him to suffer death.

The Com°. in Chief is pleas’d to approve of the Sentence, and to order the Court Martial to be dissolved –

States of the Eight Regiments under the Command of Lieut. General [Henry] Clinton that have join’d the Army, to be made up agreeable to a form that will be delivered to them by the D°. Adj°. Genl., and given tomorrow at orderly time – The Light Infantry & Grenad®. of those Regiments are to continue under the Command of the Officers appointed by L°. Genl. Clinton.

The 50th. Regt. to remain on board of Ship till further orders.

The Regts. Encamp’d are strictly forbid to destroy any Enclosures or fences or commit any depredations Whatsoever.

The Major of Brigades of the Corps will receive a Copy of the Standing Orders of the Army which he will immediately communicate to the respective Regts. –

R: O) [Regimental Order] When the Men disembark, they are to take nothing with them, but 3 Shirts, 2 p° of hose & their Leggings which are to be put up neatly in their packs, leaving their knapsacks & all their other necessaries on board o [sic] Ship which are carefully to be laid up by the Commanding
Officers of Companys in the safest manor they can contrive. A small guard to be left on board each ship and only 4 Women per Com’ to come ashore.

Note: Lt. Gen. Clinton was arriving in New York from his unsuccessful attempt to seize Charleston, S.C. “Majors of Brigade” were the principal staff officers of the brigade commanders.

Dyers ferry 3d. Aug. 1776
Parole Cornwallis C’. Sign Willimstatt
The Regt. under the Command of Lieu. Gen’. [Henry] Clinton that have lately join’d the Army are to be paid to the 24 Aug inclusive by [Dep. Paymaster Richard] Molesworth Esq’. Those that have Recruits on board are immediately to send for them –

Dyers ferry, 4th. Aug. 1776
Parole Vaughan C’. Sign Berwick
A working party of a Cap. 2 Sub’. & 100 Men for 3 days to be furnish’d by the 42d. & 71st. Regt. to parade at the Watering place near the Artillery Encampment at 5 O’Clock tomorrow Morning.

L: Co’. [Thomas] Stirlings Ordr’s [sic]
The 42d. takes the working party tomorrow, the 71st. to have it for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Note: After the loss of a number of transports captured by the Americans, there were about 900 soldiers of the 42nd Regt. and 1500 soldiers of the 71st Regt. available for duty. Accordingly the working parties are weighted by regimental strength.

Dyers ferry, 5th. Aug. 1776
Parole Chichester C’. Sign Richmond
The 50th. Regt. to be in readiness to be drafted immediately –
Sir William Erskine is appointed Brigadier Gen’ in America –
The Provision Guard at Watson ferry to be Augmented to one Subaltern 2 Serjt’s. 2 Corp’s. & 20 privates –

Dyker’s ferry, 6th. Aug. 1776
Parole Goodwoad –

Four days Provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow as usual
The Regt. lately join’d the Army under the Command of L’. Gen’. [Henry] Clinton are posted as follows:

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The 57 Recruits raised for the 26th. Regt. are to be turn’d over to the following Regts. the first 40 on the list to 23d. Regt’. The remainder to be equally divided between the 4th. 5th. 38th. & 43d. Regts.

A Serj & 4 Light Dragoons to mount at Head Q’s at 6 O’Clock in the Morning till further Orders. The Regts. that have lately join’d are to apply immediately to the Artillery Store for Materials to make up cartridges to complete them to the order of 60 p man.

All Application for forage to be made to M’ [George] Brinley at the forage Camp, where attendance will be constantly given –

A Return of the Effective Horses of the Officers of the 17th. Dragoons to be given in tomorrow at orderly time.

The Regts. in Camp near the Watering place to take the Guard of Provision Store till further Orders –

Note: The reserve was considered a position of honor. Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis was the Colonel of the 33rd Regt. which likely explains its selection for the reserve under the command of the Earl. In this order the 1st and 2nd Bn., 71st Regts, which lost about 500 men to the rebel navy, are being split further into three temporary battalions for service in America.

Dykers Ferry 7th. Aug. 1781 [sic]
Parole Spithead C’s

A list of the Officers of each Regt. to be given tomorrow, Specifying the Rank & date of their Commissions –

Muster rolls to be immediately prepared by the 17th. Light Dragoons, the 15th, 28th. 33d. 37th. 46th. 54th. & 57th. Regts. of foot from the time they were last Mustered to the 24th. June inclusive –

The Commissary of Musters will wait on the Com’ officer of course & fix the time for their being muster’d –

The 15th. 28th. 33d. 37th. 46th. 54th. & 57th. Regts. to give a working party for 3 days of a Cap’t. 2 Sub’in. & 100 Men to parade at 5 O’Clock tomorrow Morn’. & to receive their orders from the Engineer –

The Command’s. Officer of course, contiguous to the Watering place are upon no Account to suffer the water to be disturb’d, & will order sentries to be placed as he shall judge proper for that purpose –

A Corp’t. & six Men from the Corps of Grenadiers, lately Arrived to mount tomorrow Morn. at 6 as a guard at the Gen’. hospital near the Artillery Encampment

Lieut’ [Ralph] Gladstanes Light Company 28th. Regt. is appointed to act as Adjutant to the 3d. Battalion of Light Infantry, Serj’t. Hewlett of the 37th. Regt. to act as Quarter M’. to the said Batt’n.

R:O: ) The 9 companies to parade tomorrow Morn’. on the Exercising ground at Reveille beating –

Notes: The rebel brig Andrew Doria captured the transport Oxford carrying Capt. John Smith’s Company on May 29 on the way to America. Accordingly there were only nine companies in the 42nd Regt. present at this time.

Staten Island 8th. Aug. 1776
Morn’, Regimental Orders.


The Grenadier Company to March tomorrow Morning to Richmond & join their Brigade [battalion] under the Command of Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart and receive their orders from him.

Gen. Orders 8th. Aug. 1776
Parole Carrisbrook.

Cap. [Archibald] Erskine of the 42d Regt. is appointed Major of Brigade –
The prisoner John Hunter of the 42d Regt. is to suffer death on Monday the 12th inst in consequence of the sentence of a Genl Court Martial of which LCol Sir Harry Calder was President. –

Notes: The Major of Brigade was the primary staff officer of the brigade commander. Initially Erskine was major of brigade to Brig. Gen. Sir William Erskine who commanded a brigade made up of three temporary battalions of the 71st Highland Regt.

Dykers ferry Staten Island 9th. Aug. 76
Parole Redbridge –
The 3d Batt. of Light Infantry to be under the Command of Brig. Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie
The Regts. lately join’d the Army are for the future to make out all Returns upon the new Establishment –
The 50th Regt. to parade tomorrow Morn at 8 OClock to be drafted on the Exercising ground of the 5th Brigade –
Necessary Rolls for each Man to be prepared – The Mens Acco’s to be Settled to the 24th. Aug. inclusive & the Balances to be deliver’d over to the Regts. that receive them – each draft to have his Arms Accoutrements & Ammunition compleat.
The Adjutants of the 4th. 5th. 10th. 17th. 22d. 23d. 38th. 43d. 44th. 45th. 40th. [sic] 49th. 52d. 63 [sic] & 64th Regts. to Attend to receive their drafts and the Mens Acco’s. –
The Regts. lately join’d the Army under the Command of LCol. [Henry] Clinton will as soon as possible remove their heavy Baggage & Women to the Transports allotted to them for that purpose of which they will make a Report to the Adjt. Gen.

Dykers ferry Staten Island, 10th. Aug. 1776 –
Parole Stockbridge.
The Regt. Encamp’d who have got upon bad ground have permission to change it as their Commanding Officers shall think most expedient – Strict orders to be given to fill up the necessary houses before any Regt. Attempts to move.
Cap. [Henry] Bruen of the 63d Regt. is appointed Deputy Q’ M’ Gen’t. to the Army
Lieu. [James] Cramond 42d. Regt. is appointed an Assistant to the Adjt. Gen’s. Department.
The Troops will receive 4 days Provisions as usual –
The Regts. Encamp’d near the Watering place are to furnish a Working party for 3 days of a Cap. 2 Subs. & 100 men to morrow Morn at 5 OClock in front of the Artillery Encampment. –

Dykers ferry 11th. Aug. 1776 –
G. O:) The Picquets of the 1st. & 3d. Brigade Under the Command of a Field Officer to parade tomorrow Morning at 10 OClock at Dykers ferry to attend the Execution of John Hunter soldier in the 42d. Regt condemned to suffer death for desertion by sentence of Genl. Court Martial. LCol. [William] Butler 38th. [Regt.] for this duty –
Forty Cartridge Boxes containing 18 rounds ball Cartridges each to be delivered from the Artillery Store to Major [Hon. Henry] Johnston of the Light Comp’y. 28th. Regt. –

Dykers ferry 12th. Aug. 1776
Parole Georgi  C Sign Prince of Wales

The Troops to be provided till further notice with three days salt provisions & three days bread drest, those Corps who have not convenience for Cooking their provisions on shore must have it dress’d on board their Transports.

A Return to be given in to the Adj’l. Gen’l. of the names of such Men as have been employed & do understand carrying works by sap, Should there be occasion for these sappers they will be paid according to the nature of their work – when they are not immediately employ’d on that service they will assist the fascine layers and receive the usual Allowance of 1 shilling p day & ½ a pint rum each man.

A Return to be given in to the Adj’l. Gen’l. of such Men as thoroughly understand fascine laying – A Return to be given in to the Chief Engineer of the Several working parties that have been employ’d in that department since the Troops arrived in Staten Island to the 10th. Aug’d. inclusive that pay lists may be made out, when the Q’Masters of the different Corps will be acquainted therewith & directed where to receive the Money that the whole may be immediately paid –

The 42nd. and 71st. Reg’t. to be in readiness to be muster’d, the Commissary of Musters will wait on the Commanding Officers & settle the term for their being Muster’d –

The following appointments to take place in the 71st. L’d. [Thomas Tawse] Taas to be Adj’l. and Volunteer [William] Rankin to be Q’M’l. to the 2nd. Batt’l. – L’d. [Robert] Hutcheson to be Adj’l. Volunteer M’l Alpine to be Q’M’l. M’l [John] Stewart Surgeon & M’l Murdoch Mate to 3rd Batt’l.

R:O:) The 7 companies to Embark on board the Brilliant Thames Glasgow & Houston – The officers are to carry nothing with them but their Tents bedding [sic] & a Portmateau [sic]

Notes: Fascines were long bundles of sticks used to support walls of fortifications. There is no record of the ordered muster of the 42nd Regt. in the UK National Archives. With the grenadier and light infantry companies having joined flank battalions, there are now only seven companies in the 42nd Regt. formed into two provisional battalions. The transports Brilliant, Thames, Glasgow and Houston were part of the fleet carrying the 42nd Regt. to America.

Dykers ferry 13th. Aug’d. 1776

In consequence of a Representation from the Officers of the 4th. Reg’t, respecting some improper conduct of Cap’l. [William] Holmes of that Reg’t, & which the Gen’l. transmitted to the Secretary at War to be laid before his Majesty. The King’s pleasure has been signified, that his Majesty does not think it proper that Cap’l. Holmes should not be continued be continued in the Service, the Gen’l. therefore Suspends Cap’l. Holmes from further duty & he has liberty to go to Europe. –

Promotions [sic]

Notes: The results of a court-martialed for Capt. Holmes was published in general orders in Boston on Sept. 2, 1775. He had been tried and found guilty for “Unsoldier like behavior upon Service in his Willfully neglecting his Duty by pretending to be Ill making practise of it and thereby imposing a hardship on the Officers of his rank in the Regiment.” Holmes was sentenced to be reprimanded by a general officer at the head of his brigade.

Dykers ferry 14th. Aug’d. 1776

The Order of the 12th. instant for three days provisions to be ready dres’d is suspended till further

Orders

His Majesty has been pleas’d to appoint Major [Mathew] Dixon Chief Engineer to the Army in America

Cap’l. [John] Montresor [Royal Engineers] is appointed Aid de Camp to the Com’l in Chief Cap’l. [Jeremiah] Tinker 33d. Aid de Camp to Lord [Charles] Cornwallis

Note: Miscellaneous notes which were likely written on end papers have been moved to the correct chronological position at Sept. 7, 1776.

G:O: Head Q’s Staten Island 16th. Aug’d. 1776

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G: O: Dykers ferry
Head Quarters Staten Island 19th. Aug. 1776
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Cap°. [Richard Symes] Sims of the 52d. Regt°. is appointed Major of Brigade in the Room of Major [Daniel] Disney [71st Regt°.]

Those Regt°. that have Received Canteens, Hatchets, Camp Kettles, or any other kind of Camp Equipage, are order’d to replace them immediately into the Quarter M°. Gen°. Store, on board the Fanny, out of their new Camp Equipage lately arrived –


The officers to send their heavy Baggage on board of Ship tomorrow Morn° by the Provis°. Wagons

Capt°. [Patrick] Campbells [2nd Bn., 71st Regt°.] Comp°. to Parade every Morn°. at 6 O’Clock, and the other 2 Comp°. at Seven

for Picquet tomorrow night L. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt°.]


Gen° Orders Dickers ferry 18 Aug°. 76
Parole Westphalia –
Counter Sign Munster –

The 15th, 28th, 37th, 46th, 54th, 57th. Regt°. to Embark tomorrow at 9 O’Clock at the Watering Place they are to go on board the Single Ships they have made choice of; the 71st. Reg°. to Embark tomorrow at 9 O’Clock at Coles ferry –

The Corps under the Command of L°. Colo: [William] Dalrymple [14th Regt°.] are to march from their present Ground at five O’Clock tomorrow Morning & Encamp at the Center Redoubt, where they will be furnisht’d with Tents from the D°. Q°. M°. G°.

The 2d, 3d, & 4th. Brigades as soon as Relieved in their Cantonments will march to the Watering place in order to Embark on Tuesday –

The 6th. Brigade to Embark at Coles ferry on Tuesday Morning at 9 O’Clock –

Colo: Duopis Danou [likely Donop’s] Detachm°. to Embark from the Hessian Head Quarters on Tuesday at 9 O’Clock – The Gen°. Officers will Embark with their Respective Brigades on Tuesday Morning at 9 O’Clock –


[Edmond] Stevens is appointed Major of Brigade to the Brigade of Guards – If the Guards should not be Disembark’d in their proper turn, the Gen°. desires they may understand it is on account of the distant Situation of their Transports –

The Detachm°. of Hessians under the Command of Major Gen°. [Johann David] Stern that were to have march’d this Morn°. are to March tomorrow Morn°. at 4 O’Clock according to the Orders given yesterday by the Adjut°. Gen°. – The Masters of Transports on board whose Vessels the Troops are now Embarking, or are Embarked, are to deliver three days Provisions to the Troops to be Cook’d on tuesday Morn°. to consist of 13 oz. & a half of Pork Pursers weight, p man, p day, & one pound of bread p man p day full w°.

The following Gentle° are appointed to the Commissary Gen°. Department

Major John Morrison { }
Pet. Premuire Esq.  } Deputy Commissarys  
Geo: Brunlee Esq.  }  
Ja’s Christie Gent:  } Assisting Commissarys  
Ja Portis Gent.  }  

Batt’n Orders  
For Piquet tomorrow night Lt. [Thomas] Fraser [71st Regt.]

Note: Lt. Col. William Dalrymple Corps was a collection of convalescents and recruits. As the new adjutant of the 4th British Grenadier Battalion, Lt. John Peebles’ order book now includes the battalion orders (B.O.) of that battalion and not of the 42nd Regt.

The Batt’n to Parade, Arm’d & Accoutred at [sic] with their Packs, haversacks & Canteens and everything else as for a March, at 12 OClock at the Exercising Ground. all the officers to attend–  

Head Quarters Dekers Ferry Staten Island  
19th Aug’76  
Parole Paderborne  
Counter Liepstadt –  

His Majesty has been pleased to approve of Major Gen’. [James] Robertson’s acting as Major Gen’. in North America –  
The Light Infantry, Grenad’ns., 33d & 42d. Reg’s. & Colo’. [Carl von] Dunope’s Corps with the New York Comp’ns. & Volunteers are to hold themselves in readiness to embark on the shortest notice –  
Any Convalescent Soldiers that cannot march with their Reg’s. are to do duty with Colo: Dalrymples Corps – All orders deliver’d by Cap’ [William] Congreave of the Royal Artillery from the Commander in Chief are to be considered as coming from an Aid de Camp –  
The Recruits arrived for different Reg’ts. on board the Jersey Hospital Ship to be sent for immediately by their respective Corps – the Officer Commanding on board the Jersey is order’d to deliver them when demanded.  
M’ Hawkins Surgeons Mate of the Hospital to do duty as Surgeon to the 4th. Battalion of Grenad’n.  

Batt’n Orders –  
The Women of the different Companys to go on board their Respectiv Ships tomorrow Morning at 6 OClock. The Cap’. of Companys to be Answerable that this order is punctually complyed with, A Waggon goes at that hour to the landing place which will carry their luggage –  
The Piquet tomorrow night Ens’d [Angus] M’Donald [71st Regt.]

Note: This order begins the preparations for the amphibious attack on Long Island on Aug. 22. “The “New York Comp’n” were two provincial (or Loyalist) companies commanded by Capt. Archibald Campbell and Capt. Alexander Grant. Although Ens. M’Donald was assigned on paper to the 1st Bn., he did duty with the 2nd Bn. Grenadier Co.  

Head Quarters Staten Island 20th. Aug’. 1776  
Parole Lorain Countersign Mosselle  

The 4th Division to consist of the three Bns of the 71st. Regt. under the Command of Brig'. Genl. Sir Wm. Erskine.

These Troops to have three days Provisions ready dress'd tomorrow Morning – Colonel Donops Corps to Embark tomorrow Morning at 9 OClock at the Hessian Head Quarters –

The Pioneers of each Brigade to form in the rear of their respective Brigades, und [sic] the Direction of an Engineer appointed by the chief Engineer –

The Corps that are Encamp'd are to stack their Tents tomorrow Morning and put their Camp Equipage onboard their respective Transports –

When the Troops Land, they are to carry nothing with them but their Arms, Ammunition, Blankets and three days Provisions –

The Commanding Officers of Companys will take particular care that the Canteens are properly fill'd with Rum & Water & it is most earnestly recommended to the Men to be as Saving as possible of their Grog –

The Commanding officers of those Regts. whose Light Companies form the 3d. Batt. L. Infantry, to make good the defficient Arms & Accoutrements of their Respective Companies immediately in the best manner they are able –

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| { Archd. Robertson}              |                      |
| { Tho'. Hartcup}                 |                      |
| 1st. Lieu'.                      | Alex'. Sutherland    |
| Assistants                       |                      |
| { Cap'. Adair}                   |                      |
| { L'. [George] Sproule [16th Regt.] |                |
| { L'. Doyle}                     |                      |

| **Third Brigade**                |                      |
| Captains                         |                      |
| James Moncreiff                  |                      |
| 1st. Lieu'.                      | Mathew Potts         |
| 2nd. Lieu'.                      | Richd. Bendyshe      |
| Assistant                        |                      |
| Manly Dixon                      |                      |

In Consideration of the distance this Army is from Great Britain & of the Loss which the Regimental Surgeons must sustain by ordering out all the Necessary Medicines, from the Allowance
unusually made them, it is directed that they be furnish’d in future as occasion Shall require, from the Gen1. Hospital – The Quantity & Quality of medicines required being first, Assertained by the Physicians & Surgeons of the Hospital, & also that no Stores be destroyed or rejected as Unserviceable except by an Order from the Hospital board on due consideration –

Major [Samuel Johannes] Holland is appointed Aid de Camp to his Excellency Gen1. [Leopold Philip] D’Heister –

Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart will March tomorrow Morn6. with his Corps of Grenad6. & take up the Cantonments of the 71st. –

The New York Companies will march immediately toward the Watering place –

Batt6. Orders

The Company to Parade tomorrow Morn6. at 3 oClock fully Arm’d & Accoutrim in readiness to march. three days provisions to be dress’d this Night –

Notes: The reserve was made up of the four British grenadier battalions, the 33rd Regt. and the two battalions of the 42nd Regt. All companies of the 42nd Regt. were in the first division to land. The 42nd Light Inf. Co. with the light infantry battalions, the 1st and 2nd Bns., 42nd Regt. and the 42nd Grenadier Co. in the Reserve. “Cantonments” were military quarters in existing buildings.

The Gen1. Orders of the 21st. follows the Batt6. orders


The Company to parade tomorrow Morn6. with their Arms Accoutrements & Packs at half after 2 OClock at Major [Hon. Charles] Stewarts Quart6. The Commanding Officers of Comp6. to be particularly carefull they do not excide this hour.

G: O: Dukirs ferry Head Quarters Staten Island

8 O’Clock P.M. 21st. Aug1.

The Light Infantry & Reserve to be upon the beach at Coles Ferry tomorrow Morn6. at 4 O’Clock in order to embark. 1st. Batt6. on the Right, the 2d. on the left, the 3d. in the Center – The Grenad6. are to form to form in front of Gen1. [Francis] Smiths Quarters, 1st. Batt6. on the Right, the 2d. on the left of the 1st. The 3d. on the left of the 2d. & the 4th on the left of the Brigade – The 33d. & 42d. Reg6. are to Embark at a small distance from the left of the 4th. Grenad6. The 33d. on the Right & the 42d. on the left – The Volunteers & New York Companies to embark on the left, of the first Debarkation. The Whole to be under the direction of Commander [William] Hotham & the Sea Officers under his Command –


L1. Gen1. [Hugh] Earl Percy will be pleas’d to embark with the 17th. Reg5. on board [transport] Felicity where a Barge will be sent to receive his orders. The other Gen1. Officers will go on board the eldest Reg6. of their respective Brigades when they come to anchor and will Disembark with the Sea Officers Superintending the Debarkation of their respective Divisions.

The Provincial Corps will receive their orders of embarkation from the Deputy Quar7. Master General on the Beach –

Head Quarters New Utrecht Long Island, 22d. Aug1 1776 –

Parole Hotham C: Sign Donop

The Gen1. Officers are Authorized to post such Guards as they shall judge Proper for the Security of their Quarters –
A communication must be kept open between the Battalions particularly to the Rear where there may be a necessity for support –

It is strongly recommended to the Army to preserve good order & discipline and upon no account to molest or commit any depredations upon the Inhabitants of the Island –

Each Reg¹. is to send early tomorrow for their Tents, Camp Kettles, & Knapsacks. The Q'. M'. Gen¹. will endeavour to furnish Waggons to convey them from Water side and it is hoped that Officers will bring as little Baggage as possible on shore and & for some time make use of Soldiers Tents or fly Tents.

In the present distribution of Cantonments the Brigade of Guards is to furnish the Guard at Head Quarters to consist of one Serjeant 3 Corp⁵. & 20 Men, to mount as usual at 8 O’Clock with an Orderly Serj¹. –

All Horses & Cattle that may be seize’d on the Island are to be immediately sent to head Quarters for the use of the Army & the owners will be paid for them.

The Volunteers under the Command of Cap¹. [John] Stanton [14th Regt.] are order’d for th with to join their Reg¹s. B.O. For Piquet Lt. [David] Kinlock [71st Regt.] & 30

Notes: Each mess of five soldiers was issued a tent, tent poles, hatchet and tinned camp kettle for camp equipment. A fly tent was similar to a soldier’s tent except that it had an additional canvas stretched slightly above the tent to provided additional protection from the elements. The “Picquet” (or picket) was a small number of soldier posted as sentinels in front of the line to provide advance warning and to delay any attacking force to allow the regiments to assemble.

New Utrecht Long Island, 23d. Aug¹. 1776
Parole Luximberg
C¹. Sign Atetz

The Brigade of Guards, 1st. 2nd. 3d. 5th. & 6th. Brigades to Encamp tomorrow, the Ground of 1st. 3d. & 5th. Brigades will be marke’d out by order of L¹. Gen¹. [Henry] Clinton. The Ground for the Guards 2d. & 6th. Brigades will be mark’d out by the D². Q². M². Gen¹. at Six OClock tomorrow Morn⁶. –

The Corps de Reserve will be Encamp’d by order of L¹. Gen¹. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis –

The Commander in Chief desires it may be Signified to the Army that he is determined to show no mercy to any man found Guilty of Marauding –

The Commanding Officers of Brigades are desired to order the Rolls to be called & to take every step they shall judge necessary toward Suppressing such Scandalous & infamous behavior –

The Army to receive three days Provisions tomorrow at 12 OClock at the Store House near where the Artillery were Landed & where the 23d. Regt are now Quarter’d –

A Serj¹. & Eight Drag⁴. to be detach’d every Morn⁸. by order of Sir W⁶. Erskine to Head Quarters – It is requested that Officers will not detain Waggons longer than is absolutely necessary, Otherwise the business of the Army must Stand Still –

[Reserve] Brigade Orders by L¹. Gen¹. E: Cornwallis

A Piquet consisting of one Field Officer two Cap⁷. Six Sub⁸. & 200 Men to Parade immediately at the Head of the 33d. Reg¹. L¹. Colo: [James] Webster [33d Regt.] for this Duty

Detail  C.  S.  S.  C.  D.  Privates
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B: Orders for Piquet Cap¹. [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt.] & Lt. Doug¹. Campbell [71st Regt.] –

Notes: “C S S C D” is an abbreviation for Captains, Subalterns (Lts. and Ens.) Sergeants, Corporals and Drummers.

GO
Head Quarters, New Utrecht, 24th. Aug¹. 1776
Parole Burgundy
C. Sign Tyrol
The order of the 22\textsuperscript{d}. inst. with respect to Horses seized in the Country is to be Strictly complyed with. All Wagons also are to be sent to Head Quarters in order for a proper distribution of them to be made thro’ the Army –

The Reg’s. Encamp’d are to mount a Piquet consisting of a Cap\textsuperscript{t}. Sub\textsuperscript{n}. & 30 Men & a Quarter Guard of 1 Sub\textsuperscript{n}. & 18 Private. They are to have Sentry’s on each well –

The Corps that have Landed more Tents than they have occasion for are to Embark them again immediately. The Light Infantry are not to have Tents as they expect to be in constant motion.

The Brigade of Guards will immediately mount a Serj\textsuperscript{t}. & 12 at L’. Gen\textsuperscript{l}. [Hugh] Earl Percys Quarters –

[Reserve] Brigade Orders –
Field officer of the Piquet this Evening Major [William] Murray [1\textsuperscript{st} Bn., 42\textsuperscript{nd} Regt.]

Gen\textsuperscript{l} After Orders
A Working Party of two Captains four Subalterns Six Serjeants Six Corp\textsuperscript{t}. & 200 Men to Parade before Earl Cornwallis’ door at 8 OClock this Even\textsuperscript{t}.

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Batt\textsuperscript{a}. Orders
For Piquet tonight L’. [Patrick] Cumming [71\textsuperscript{st} Regt.] & 33
For the Working Party Ens\textsuperscript{s}. [Angus] M’Donald [71\textsuperscript{st} Regt.] & 30

The Commanding Officers of Companys will take particular care that the Non Commissioned Officers of Squads or Messes see the Men comb their hair & clean themselves before they come to the Parade –

The Comp\textsuperscript{s}. to Parade in their respective Streets a quarter of an hour before the Troop & Retreat beats, When the Commanding Officers will review the Mens Arms Ammunition & march them in order to the front of the Bell Tents where they will form the Battalion in open order –

The Parties from the 4\textsuperscript{th}, Battalion (or Highland) Grenad\textsuperscript{t}. sent upon Detachment, are not to load without express Commands from the Officer Command\textsuperscript{g}. the Detachment –

All Parties returning from duty are to be march’d to the Batt\textsuperscript{a}. Parade and there regularly dismissed –

Notes: “Bell Tents” were small conical tents placed at the front of a street of tents to hold the soldiers muskets.

G: O:
Head Quart\textsuperscript{s}. New Utrecht 25\textsuperscript{th}. Aug\textsuperscript{l}. 1776
Parole Dijon C\textsuperscript{t}. Sign Rhone
The Gen\textsuperscript{l}. wishes to Express his Satisfaction at the Diligence & good order with which the Artillery & the Stores were Landed on the 22\textsuperscript{d}. instant And desires his thanks may be given in Public Orders to the
 Officers & Men of that Corps as well as to M. Land Agent of Ordnance Transports – The Genl. also highly approves of the Spirited behavior of Capt. Archibald Campbell & Alexander Grant & Detachment of New York Comps. upon the Scouting parties of yesterday

Regts. are to prepare formers so as to be able for the future to make up their own Cartridges and it is impossible for the Artillery to supply the Whole Army –

L. [John] Piper of the 6th. Regt. is appointed as a Assistant D. Q. M. Genl.

The Undermention’d four Hospital Ships are in Rotation to send boats daily for the Reception of Sick & wounded. Viz. Dutton Grovenor, British King, & Pigot. These boats to Attend on the beach near the Stone House where the provisions are issued –

A Guard of a Corp & Six men to mount immediately from the 2d. Brigade at the Genl. Hospital –

Note: “Formers” were wooden dowels used to roll the paper the proper size to fit the muskets in order to make a cartridge of powder and ball. The “Stone House” was likely the home of Mr. Denyse, at Denyse ferry.

[Reserve] Brigade Orders –

An Adjutant of the day to be in waiting till further orders – Adj. of the day for tomorrow 1st. Batt. Grs.

The Piquet to mount at Six this Even.

For Piquet this Even. Major Francis Marsh [46th Regt. and 3rd Brit. Gren. Bn.]

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A Working Party of 2 Capts. 4 Subs. & 170 Men to parade at 7 OClock –

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Head Quarters Long Island, 26th. Aug. 76
Parole Geneva C. S. Coni –

Plundering is become so excessive that Commanding Officers of Corps must be responsible that the Soldiers do not quit their Encampments unless upon Duty in which case the Officer Commanding is to be answerable for their behavior of his Men.

The Mens Canteens are to be immediately filled with Rum & Water. Their Provisions & Necessaries put up in the best Manner for Carriage –

The Commander in Chief desires that the Soldiers may not Huzza in getting in our out of their Boats –
M: Bº. Orders The Commanding Officers of Compºs. will see that the Mens necessary’s are pack’d up in their Blankets immediately.

It is expected in future that the Men constantly Parade with their Packs & that they do not undo them until Night —

An Officer of a Comp’. constantly to see the Mens Rum mixed, if the Men cannot get Buckets they must see the Canteens carried to the Well —

Notes: “Necessaries” generally means the soldiers’ extra clothing, shoes and musket tools. This order likely means some smaller subset of the necessaries were to be carried into battle are carried in their rolled up blankets, here called “packs,” while the knapsacks are left under guard with the remaining articles.

G: After Orders, 5 O’Clock —
The Army will Strike their Tents & Load their Baggage at 8 O’Clock this Night to form at the head of their respective Encampments & there wait for further orders, the men to carry their Canteens, Camp Kettles, Provisions & Necessaries, no more than two Waggons can be allowed to each Regt. for their Tents & Baggage, the overplus of Rum that Regt. may have in Store is to be carried in the Waggons with the Mens Tents —


The Advance Guard is to be follow’d by the Brigade of Guards with two 6 pounders & two Howitzers – The 3rd. Brigade with two 12 Pounders. The 5th. Brigade with four light 12 Pounders & two 6 Pounders, and 2nd. Brigade with two 6 Pounders, the 49th. Regt. with four medium 12 Pounders & four Waggons with intrenching Tools to form the Rear Guard –

Lº. Genº. [Hugh] Earl Percy will take Post with the Brigade of Guards at the Head of the Line –

The Men are not to Load till ordered by their respective Commanding Officers & the greatest Silent Attention to be Observed by the Troops.

The Regº. to Wheel by half Companies & march from the Right, each Regt. will have a flanking Party of a Non Commissioned Officer & four Men per Company under the Command of a Commissioned Officer of the Regt. –

A Serjº. & Six Men of each Regt. to take charge of the Baggage under the Command of a field Officer one Capº. & 4 Subº. of the Line –

The Hospital Waggons with their own Guard to follow the 49th. Regt. –

Genº. Officers Baggage with their Respective Guards next, & then the baggage of the Line –

The Qº. Masters of Regº. & Pioneers are to form at the head of each Brigade under the direction of an Engineer, one Wagon is allowed to each Genº. Officer. Lº. Genº. will have two if they can be procured –

The 4th. & 6th. Brigades will receive particular orders for their march. Six 6 Pounders two 3 pounders & two Howitzers will Attend these two Brigades. Capº. [James] Moncrieff Engineer & an Assistant Engineer. to receive their Orders from Major Genº. [James] Grant

The Baggage of the 6th. Brigade will be embark’d in flat Boats at Gravesend –

The New York Compºs. are immediately to Escort the Artillery from Head Quarters to Denys’s House where they will receive further orders –

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Detail for Baggage Guard
Notes: This order documents the preparations made for the Battle of Long Island on Aug. 27, 1776. The 4th British Grenadier Bn. took part in Lt. Gen. Henry Clinton’s flanking movement around the rebel left. Artillery of the period was designated by the weight of the cannonball, accordingly a “6 Pounder” threw a cannon ball weighing six pounds, etc.

Gen¹. Orders Head Quarters Bedford

Long Island 27th. Aug. 1776

Parole Brooklin
C’. S’. Flatbush

The Advance Guards of the British to be taken by the Piquets, of the 1st. 2d. 3d. & 5th. Brigades (49th. Reg’. excepted) & Colo¹. [Karl von] Donops Corps

The Picquets to consist of 1 Capt. 2 Sub. & 50 Men under the Command of two Field Officers & a Brigadier Gen¹. of the Day. They will be posted by L¹. Gen¹. [Henry] Clinton to whom they are to make all Reports. These Picquets to Parade at 5 OClock this Evening behind the Hill near the Bedford Road.

The Reg’s to Encamp as soon as the Picquets are Posted – The Q’. M’. Gen¹. will give them their Ground –


Parole London  C’. Sign Fontenoy


The Gen¹. Parade to be on the Ground in front of the 38th. Reg¹. –

The Commander in Chief is thoroughly sensible of the very distinguish’d behavior of all the Troops that were yesterday Engaged, & of the Universal Ardor he perceived throughout all Ranks of the Army of discharging their Duty with Spirit & conduct –

A Return of the Killed, Wounded, taken prisoner by the Enemy, & Missing to be given in tomorrow at orderly time –

A Working Party of a Field Officer, 2 Cap⁶. 6 Sub⁶. & 400 Men, to Parade this Even⁶. at Gun firing, & Receive their orders from the Chief Engineer. Field Officer for this Duty L¹. Col: [William] Walcot [5th Regt.] – A Detachment of 300 men under the Command of a field officer to be taken from the Picquets of the Line to Cover the Working Party –

40 Sappers & 20 fascine Layers to be Attach’d to the Engineers Corps till further orders.

A Ser¹. from the first Brigade to be sent to the Sappers, & one from the 2d. Brigade with the fascine layers, the Whole to Encamp with the Corps of Engineers –

A Morning & Evening Gun to be fired at the Artillery Park –

The Commanding officers of Brigades will take care that a free communication is open between the Reg’s, in front of the Camp –

The two Comp’s. of Marine Grenad’s. are to be join’d in one, under the Command of Cap¹. [Thomas] Averne –

Cap¹. [John] Campbell of the Corps of Engineers to attend Brigad’. Gen¹. Sir Wmn. Erskine –

All Arms taken with Prisoners are to be sent to the Artillery Store, the Captors will be paid for them according to the Regulation.

Such of the Wounded as can be Removed will be carried to New Utrecht; a Return of the Numbers in each Corps to be given to the D⁹. Adjut¹. Gen¹. tomorrow at orderly time that Waggons may be provided accordingly.
The Reserve will move their Ground to the Right. L. Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis will take his orders from the Commander in Chief [Gen. Sir William Howe]. 1st. & 3rd. Batt. of Light Infantry to hold themselves in readiness, to Attend L. Gen. Earl Cornwallis, from whom they will receive their orders. The 2nd. Batt. to remain as they are till further orders – four days Provisions will be issued to the Troops at the Stone House near the Landing from the 29th. Aug.' 1776 to 1st. Sept inclusive.

The Regt. that got Horses from the D. Q. Gen. to Return them immediately.

The Q. Masters of the Different Corps will Attend the D. Comm'y. [Commissary] Gen. near Head Quarters at five this afternoon to receive Cattle for their respective Corps –

The 4th. & 6th. Brigades & 49th. Regt. being Omitted in yesterdays detail to do duty in the Line –

The Regts. are to sink wells for themselves as near their ground as possible –

The Return of Women for Nurses to be given in by the Several Regts. in Line tomorrow at orderly time – Any Man who discharges his firelock when in Camp or Quarters without leave of his Commanding Officer shall be punished with the utmost Severity –

Note: The Battle of Long Island was fought against the large number American forces posted in front of the line of defensive positions across the western end of Long Island. After the American forces were defeated in the battle, Gen. Howe ordered the defensive works to be taken by traditional 18th century siege techniques of digging a set of ever closer trenches. Fascines were long tied bundles of small straight limbs used to shore up earthworks.

Head Q'st. Bedford Long Island 29th. Aug.' 1776
Parole Guilford C'. S't. Courtray –

Bushwick, Earl Cornwallis’s orders for the Reserve – The Piquets Consisting of 2 Capt's. 5 Sub's. & 150 men to Parade this Even', at 5 O’Clock at the Head of the 3d. Batt. of Grenad's.


It being represented to L’. Gen. [Charles] Earl Cornwallis that several Horses have been taken today from people well Affected to Goverment [sic], his Lordship desires all horses taken on the March today may be sent to [Maj.] Gen. [John] Vaughan’s Q's. to be return’d to the owners that may prove their right to them.

Detail for the Piquet

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Batt’s. Orders –
For Piquet this Night L’. [Dougal] Campbell [71st Regt.] 1 Serj's. 1 Cor'. 27

Head Q's. Bedford Long Island 30th. Aug.' 1776
Parole Petersfield C'. S't. Lisle

H: Q's. Newtown Aug.' 31st. 1776
Parole Utrecht C'. S't. Paris
Field Officer for Picquet Colo. [James] Webster [33rd Regt.]
The Picquet to Mount at 6 OClock consisting of 2 Cap\textsuperscript{b}. 5 Sub\textsuperscript{b}. & 150 private, Adju\textsuperscript{t}. 4th. B\textsuperscript{b}. B\textsuperscript{t}. G for Pic\textsuperscript{t}. L\textsuperscript{t}. [Thomas] Fraser [71\textsuperscript{st} Regt.]

Notes: During the night of Aug. 30, the rebel commander, Gen. George Washington, successfully withdrew his forces from Long Island, ending the need for the British siege of the Brooklyn defensive positions.

G: O: Newtown Long Island 31\textsuperscript{st}. Aug\textsuperscript{t}. 1776 [sic]

The Gen\textsuperscript{t}. again repeats it in orders that no mercy will be shown to any Man found guilty of Plundering –

The Q\textsuperscript{t}. Masters of Corps will attend Cap\textsuperscript{t}. [Benjamin C.] Payne [18\textsuperscript{th} Regt.] a D. Q. M. G. tomorrow at Bedford to receive Rum & Bread. They will take the Waggons now in their possession for that purpose, which Waggons they will keep till further orders

Head Q\textsuperscript{t}. Newtown, Long Island 1\textsuperscript{st}. Sept\textsuperscript{t}. 1776

G: O: Parole Exctor C\textsuperscript{t}. S\textsuperscript{t}. Portsmouth

Gen\textsuperscript{t}. Officer for this Even\textsuperscript{g}. Brig\textsuperscript{t}. Gen\textsuperscript{t}. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie who will Report to Lieu\textsuperscript{t}. Gen\textsuperscript{t}. [Hugh] Earl Percy –

Field Officer for Picquet Major [Francis Richmond] Humphreys [52\textsuperscript{nd} Regt.] –

No Officer or Soldier to go beyond the out Posts except upon duty – The Advanced Posts or Pickets are to continue out till relieved –

Reserve Orders

A Review of the State of the Ammunition and the deficiencies to be made good immediately –

Field Officers [sic] for Picquet Major [Edward] Mitchell [5\textsuperscript{th} Regt. and 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn. Grenadiers]

Detail C S S C D Privates
4\textsuperscript{th}. Batt\textsuperscript{a}. 1 1 27

Adj\textsuperscript{t}. for the day tomorrow 33\textsuperscript{d}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}.

G: O: Head Q\textsuperscript{t}. Newtown Long Island 2\textsuperscript{d}. Sept\textsuperscript{t}. 1776

Parole Devonshire C\textsuperscript{t}. S\textsuperscript{t}. Embden

The Q\textsuperscript{t}. M\textsuperscript{a}. of Corps to Attend Immediately at the Publick House near Head Q\textsuperscript{t}. to receive 4 days bread & Rum they will bring the Waggons Assign\textsuperscript{d}. for the use of their Corps to take it away.

Reserve Orders) The Picquets to mount this Even\textsuperscript{g}. at ½ after 5 OClock Consisting of 1 Cap\textsuperscript{t}. 4 Sub\textsuperscript{b}. 5 Serj\textsuperscript{t}. 5 Corp\textsuperscript{h}. 2 Drum\textsuperscript{f}. & 98 Private – Field Officer for the day & to visit the Picq\textsuperscript{t}. L\textsuperscript{t}. Col [Robert] Abercrombie [37\textsuperscript{th} Regt.]

Adj\textsuperscript{t}. for tomorrow 1\textsuperscript{st}. Batt\textsuperscript{a}. Grenad\textsuperscript{f}.s.

Orderly Serj\textsuperscript{t}. for tomorrow 4\textsuperscript{th}. Grenad\textsuperscript{f}.s.

Notes: A “Publick House” was a tavern or inn. The assignment of Lt. Col. Abercromby in the reserve orders is unusual. Although he later commanded the 1\textsuperscript{st}. Lt. Inf. Bn., at this point in the war he was still commanding the 37\textsuperscript{th} Regt. in the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Brigade. It is likely Lt. Peebles inadvertently included a General Order for field officer duty in the Reserve Order section.

Gen\textsuperscript{t}. Orders continued) The Commanding Officers are desired to place Sentries over the Corn in the neighbourhood of their Respective Posts that the Men may not make use of it for Straw until it is thrishted out – Major [Thomas] Dilkes of the 49\textsuperscript{th}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. is appointed to the 2\textsuperscript{d}. Batt\textsuperscript{a}. Grenad\textsuperscript{f}.s.

The Commander in Chief in order to Establish the Current Value of Gold for Payment of the Army in all Situations without regarding local Currency, directs that the Contractors Agents shall pay the Gold to the D\textsuperscript{f}. Pay M\textsuperscript{t}. Gen\textsuperscript{t}. in the following manner & that they shall pay it to the Troops accordingly Viz\textsuperscript{t}
A Guinea weighing 5\text{ dwts} 7\text{ grs} to be received equal to 4 Dollars & two thirds – A Single Johannes 9\text{ dwts} 3\text{ grs} equal to 8 Dollars – The Dollar to pass for 4/8 Stirling or 8/NYork Currency, which will serve to regulate proper Currencies less in Circulation but whose weight & Value may be determined by thus specified – The Agents supplying Money or those who pay it to the troops are not to Offer Gold of less weight, & no allowance will be made for any overplus weight –

B: O: ) The Major is extremely sorry to be under the necessity of reminding the Officers that a Battalion required their strictest care & attention.

No Officer whatever to quit the Camp without mentioning it to the Major –

It having been represented that men from the 71st Comp\textsuperscript{y} took away Articles from, & otherwise ill treated several persons near this Encampment

The Commanding Officer requests that the Officers make diligent search to discover such offenders & that they pay such attention to their non Commission Officers and Men as may prevent them in future from being guilty of the like infamous practices –

An Officer of the Day – His duty is to Visit the Men before Roll Calling see that their Tents are made clean the Straw taken out & air’d the Canvass roll’d up – They will also see that the Messes are properly regulated & that the Men are fed by tattoo – The 2 Comp\textsuperscript{y}s. of the 71st. to parade every Morning at 6 O’Clock till further orders –

For Picquet L\textsuperscript{l}. Tho’ Fraser [71st Regt.] for the day tomorrow L\textsuperscript{l}. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.]

Notes: “Dollars” refers to Spanish milled dollars, common coins in the American colonies. For some reason the lieutenants of the 42nd Grenadier Co. are not listed for any duty in the 4th British Gren. Bn. Lt. John Peebles, as Adjutant, would perform rotating duty in that position, but there is no known reason why Lt. William Graham and Lt. Harry Gilchrist are not listed for any duty.

G: O: Head Q\textsuperscript{r}s. Newtown Long Island 3\text{d}. Sep\textsuperscript{r}. 1776

Parole Dorset C\textsuperscript{r}. S\textsuperscript{t}. Prague –

All the Waggons & Horses belonging to Staten Island employed in the Army, to be sent in immediately in order to be exchanged, those nearest to Bedford to be deliver’d to the D\textsuperscript{y}. Q\text{r}. M\text{f}. G\text{h}. there, & those nearest to Newtown to be sent to Head Q\textsuperscript{r}s. –


Adju\text{t}. for Tomorrow 2\text{d}. Batt\text{n}.

Orderly Serj\text{t}. 33\text{d}. Reg\text{i}. –

Six men from each Batt\text{n}. of the Reserve w’ a Commissioned Officer to go out immediately to drive in fresh Stock –

Batt\text{n}. Orders) Officer for tomorrow L\textsuperscript{l}. Dougal Campbell [71st Regt.] –

For Picquet tonight 1 Serj\text{t}. 1 Corp\text{s}. & 17 –

G: O: Head Q\textsuperscript{r}s. Newtown Long Island 4\text{th}. Sept\textsuperscript{r}. 76

Parole Blandford C\textsuperscript{r}. S\textsuperscript{t}. Long Island

The fascines & picquets order’d to be made by each Reg\text{i}. to be immediately sent off in the Reg\text{tal}. Waggons to L\textsuperscript{l}. Gen\text{r}. [Henry] Clintons Q\textsuperscript{r}s. –

Two days Salt Provisions will be issued to the Troops tomorrow, those Reg\textsuperscript{rs}. who have not rec\text{d}. Provisions to the 7th. inst\text{r}. inclusive are to draw tomorrow for what may be due to them to that day. –

Reserve Orders) Field Officer for Picquet this Evening. Major [John] York [33rd Regt.] –

Adj\text{t}. 3\text{d}. Batt\text{n}. Orderly Serj\text{t}. 1st. Batt\text{n}.

4\text{th}. Batt\text{n}. Sub Serj\text{t}. Corp\text{s}. D Private
For the day tomorrow L¹. Tho³. Fraser [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Qrs. Newtown Long Island 5th. Sept'. 76
Parole Bristol  C°. S°. Amsterdam


B^n. O:) Officer for tomorrow L¹. [Dougal] Campbell [71st Regt.]

Camp Long Island 6th. Sept'. 1776
Morn⁶. Reserve Orders) For the future when the Picquets are allowed to return to Camp in the Morning some non Commissioned Officers of the old Picquet will attend the parade of the New one to show where it is to be posted.
A man to be sent from all guard [illegible] main out before the time of the relief to conduct the New Guard – The Adjut of the Day to see that this order is observed –

Parole Nottingham  C°. S°. Vienna
The Commander in Chief disapproves of the Sentences of the Gen¹. Court Martial of Whi³.
[which] L¹. Colo: [John] Campbell of the 57th. Reg¹. was President, and orders the Court to Assemble again tomorrow the 7th. at 9 O'Clock & revise their Proceedings.
The Provost Martial has a Commission to Execute on the Spot, any Soldier he finds guilty of Marading [sic] & to take up all Soldiers above one mile from their Posts.
The Absolute necessity of frequently calling the Rolls in the presence of all of the Officers off Duty is once more Strongly urged & recommended, as the present licentious behavior of the Troops is a disgrace to the Country they belong to –
It is the Gen⁹. order that no person shall sell a Horse taken upon this Island unless he can produce a receipt, for the Money he paid for Him –

Orderly Serj¹. 3d. Batt⁰.
Detail
4th. Batt². 1 Sub. 1 Serj¹. 1 Corp¹. & 17 Private

B^n. O) For Picquet to Night L¹. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.]
Officer for tomorrow Ens^n. [Angus] M'Donald [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Qrs. Newtown Long Island 7th. Sept'. 1776
Parole Canterbury  C°. S°. Berlin
A Return to be given in tomorrow at orderly time by each Corps of the Number of Officers & Men they have prisoner with the Rebels.
The Army to be Supply'd till further orders with fresh Provisions for two days only in this week.
Two days fresh & two days Salt Provision from the 8th. to the 11th. inst¹. inclusive will be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the Public House near Head Qr

B: O:) Officer for the day tomorrow L. Tho. Fraser [71st Regt.]

Parole Rochester Cⁿ. Sⁿ. Munster

One day’s Provision to be kept ready dress’d till further orders –
The Detachment of Artillery will draw Provisions with the Brigade or Corps they do duty with –
A Return of Horses in each Corps to be given in tomorrow at orderly time in order to ascertain the number intitled to receive forage, Specifying the Officers Names to which they belong – Three men per Reg¹. to be Appointed to do duty with the Brigade Guns till further Orders –
The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following Promotions Viz⁴:
[Francis] Dulival Gent: to be 2d. L¹. vice Wilkinson promoted d⁰.

76 Staff – Surgeon Richard Procter from the 5th. Reg¹. to be Apothecary to the Hospital Vice [John] Jameson deceas’d 7th. Sept⁰.

Adju⁴. for tomorrow 2d. Battⁿ. – orderly Serj¹. 4th. Battⁿ. –
Detail
4th. Battⁿ. 1 Sub: 1 Corp¹. & 17 Private

B:O:) For Picquet L¹. Doug¹. Campbell [71st Regt.]
Officer for tomorrow L¹. Ja¹. Fraser [71st Regt.]

Notes: The Commander-in-Chief in North America was authorized to make promotions in most regiments subject to final approval by the King. The commissions bore date from the date issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

Parole Dover Cⁿ. Sⁿ. Halifax –

Two days Provisions to kept ready dress’d till further –
Detail 4th. Battⁿ. 1 Sub. 1 Serj¹. 1 Corp¹. & 17 Private

Memo⁷. All Horses found with the Kings Mark GR to be seiz’d and sent to the Artillery –

Note. “GR” was an abbreviation of the Latin words “Georgius Rex” meaning King George.

B: O:) For Picquet L¹. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.] officer for tomorrow L¹. [Dougald] Campbell [71st Regt.] –

After Orders 5 OClock
Each Reg¹. to make 30 fascines a day till further orders –
Parole Dartford C°. S°. Boston

John Winters private Soldier in his Majestys 59th. Reg'. tried by the Genl. Court Martial whereof L‘ Colo: [John] Campbell of the 57th. Reg'. is President & found Guilty of Desertion is Sentenced to suffer Death – The Commander in Chief is pleas’d to Order it to be put in execution tomorrow the 11th. inst.‘ between the hours of eight & ten before Noon, at the head of the 6th. Brigade.

The Picquets of the Line that are not advanced to Attend the Execution –

John Dun & John Lusty private Soldiers in the 57th. Reg'. tried by the above Genl. Court martial & found guilty of having committed a Rape are Sentenced to Suffer Death.

The Commander in Chief is pleas’d to Approve of the above Sentence.

John Kelly private Soldier in the 27th. Reg‘. of Foot tried by the above Genl. Court Martial & found guilty of pillaging & plundering is Sentenced to receive 1000 Lashes –

The Commander in Chief is pleas’d to confirm the above sentence & to order the prisoner to his Reg‘. on order to receive his punishment at the discretion of the Command & Officer –

The Prisoners John Scoffield, Henry Swaffield & Tho Ingram of the 28th. Reg‘ of foot are to be released & sent to their Reg‘. The above Genl. Court Martial is Dissolved –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following promotion Viz 5th. Reg‘. Edw‘. Gair Mate to be Surgeon vice [Richard] Proctor removed to Genl. Hospital 7th.

Sept‘. 76

Memo:
A Return of the No. of Officers Serjis. Drs°. and Rank & file who will be able to Embark –


Orderly Serji. [sic] –
Detail 4th. B: 1 Serji. 1 Corp. 1 Dr. & 17 Private

B:O) For the day tomorrow L‘. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.]

Notes: The embarkation report requested in the memorandum is the beginning of the preparations to make the amphibious assault on Manhattan Island from Long Island which occurred on Sept. 15. The word “ye” is short for “the” and uses an old English letter called a thorn (which looks like the letter “y”) for the sound “th.”

Parole Newark C°. S°. Hanover

Four days Provisions from the 12th. to the 15th. inclusive will [sic] issued to the Troops tomorrow

The Paymasters of Reg°. are desired to send as soon as possible their Subsistence Acco°. from 25th. Aug‘. to 24th. Oct‘. inclosed to Cap‘ [Robert] Mackenzie [43rd Regt.] Secretary to the Command‘. in Chief at Head Q°. in Newtown & that Warrants may be made out for the same in the without delay, The Commanding Officers of Corps will give necessary directions for setting the provision Stoppages from 25th. June, to Aug‘. sending one of the receipts when sign’d, to Capt‘. M‘KKenzie –


Detail
4th. Batt°. 1 Sub: 2 Serjis. & 13 private

Memo:
David Bruno aged 47 years 5 feet 4 & ¼ high & fair complexion, has a Small Scar on the left temple, wears Sandy Hair. Henry Gadmin aged 36 years 5 feet 2 & ¾ high fair complexion, lost several
of his foreteeth, & has a Crucifix on his left arm (a Waterman). The above men Straggled from the
[HMS] Eagles Boat the 8th. Sept', whoever Apprehends them shall be intitled to the reward as Stragglers

B:O: For Picquet this Even⁶. L¹. Ja's. Fraser [71st Regt.] Officer for tomorrow L¹. [George]
Stewart [71st Regt.]

Parole Dresden C°. S°. Scotland –
Reserve orders) Field officer for Picquet this Evening Major [John] York [33d Regt.] –
Adju’. 1st. Batt⁸. –

B:O: For the day tomorrow Ens⁹. [Angus] M’donald [71st Regt.]

Parole Quebec C°. S°. Wolf
The Majors of Brigade are to Attend at Head Q⁹. at half past 4 this Afternoon for Orders –
All the Troops to remain in Camp till further Orders –

Reserve O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even⁶. L¹. Colo: [William] Meadows [55th Regt. and 1st
Bn. Grenadiers]

B:O: The Rolls of the Comp⁹. to be call’d every halffhour [sic] in presence of an Officer P°
Comp⁹. who is to report the absent men to the Commanding Officer –
For the day tomorrow L¹. Tho’s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

General After Orders 13 Sept’. 1776 ½ past 4 O’Clock
An attack upon the Enemy being shortly intended, the Soldiers are reminded of their evident
Superiority on the 27th. Aug. 1776 by charging the Rebels with their Bayonets even in Woods where they
thought themselves invincible, they now place their security in Slight Breastworks of the weakest
construction & which are to be carried with little loss by the same high Spirited mode of Attack. The
Gen¹. therefore recommends to the Troops an entire dependence on their Bayonets with which they will
ever command that Success which their bravery so well deserves –
The Army to draw tomorrow morning two days fresh Provisions to the 17th. inclusive, which they
will use tomorrow & keep their salt provisions ready dress’d

Morn⁶. B°. O) A Court Martial to sit at 10 O’Clock to try the Prisoners Sam¹. Williamson &
– The Prisoners at be acquainted & Evidence to attend –

Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers to Attend at 5 o’clock this Afternoon for Orders.

Adju’. for tomorrow 3⁶. Batt⁸. –
Detail 4⁶. Batt⁸. 1 Sub & 13 privates –

B:O: For Picquet this Even⁶. L¹. Tho’s. Fraser [71st Regt.] Officer for tomorrow L¹. Ja’s. Fraser [71st Regt.]

General After Orders 5 O’Clock
The Brigades Encamped in the Environs of Newtown will Strike their Tents at two in the Morn\(^8\).–

The Tents & Baggage to be put up in the Reg\(^{1}\) Waggons & left upon the ground with a Small Guard from each Reg\(^{1}\).

The Corps will form at the head of their respective Encampments having their Blankets & two days Provisions as formerly directed & there wait for further Orders –

The Hessian Brigade from L\(^{1}\) Gen\(^{1}\). [Leopold Philip] D\(^{3}\)Heister’s Corps will form at 4 in the Morn\(^{8}\). in the Rear of the 4\(^{th}\). Brigade of British at Bedford & both Brigades will march immediately –

One Squadron of Dragoons will march so as to be at Newtown in Six in the Morning & to send forward an Officer to Head Q\(^{8}\). for orders –

The 71\(^{st}\). Reg\(^{1}\). will detach at Gun firing this Even\(^{8}\). a Guard for the Artillery park, of an Officer & 20 Men who will take their orders from Brig\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\). [Samuel] Cleveland

L\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\). [Henry] Clinton will Command the first Embarkation –

L\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\). [Hugh] Earl Percy will Command the Second –

L\(^{1}\). Colo\(^{1}\). [William] Dalrymple [14\(^{th}\) Regt.] will give orders the Recovered men are regularly sent from Staten Island as soon as they are able to do their duty to their respective Corps –

All Reg\(^{n}\). having Demands for Bounty for drafts received are to send the returns of them to the Secretary’s Office as soon as possible –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following promotions Viz:\^1.

10\(^{th}\). Reg\(^{1}\). [Vol.] Alex\(^{1}\). Brodie [42\(^{nd}\) Regt.], Gen\(^{1}\). to be Ens\(^{n}\). vice [Robert Bourne] Bairn by purchase 13\(^{th}\). Sept\(^{1}\). 1776

43\(^{d}\). Reg\(^{1}\). Ens\(^{a}\). Ja\(^{a}\). Rivers to be L\(^{1}\). vice [William] Gubbins who retires d\(^{o}\).

After Reserve O) The Reserve to be ready to march at 5 O'Clock tomorrow morn\(^{8}\). The Commanding Officers of Battalions to see that the Tents & Baggage are pack’d up before that time, a proper Guard from each Corps to be left with them. The Troops to carry their provision with them, but it is left to the discretion of the Command\(^{d}\). Officers of Corps whether the men should carry their Blankets or leave them with the Tents. 42\(^{d}\). Reg\(^{1}\). to be at [Maj.] Gen\(^{1}\). [John] Vaughans Q\(^{n}\). precisely at 5 O’Clock

B: O:) A Guard of 1 Serj\(^{1}\). 1 Corp\(^{1}\). & 12 Private to be left with the Baggage –

Notes: This order gives directions for the British Army’s amphibious landing at Kip’s Bay on Manhattan Island on Sept. 15, 1776. New York City was taken soon after the landing as the rebel army retreated up the island.

Head Q\(^{n}\). New York Island 16\(^{th}\). Sept\(^{1}\). 1776

Parole Brunswick C\(^{c}\). S\(^{n}\). New York

The Brigade of Light Infantry the Reserve the 3\(^{d}\). & 4\(^{th}\). Brigades of British & the Hessian Brigades of Stirn & Donop are to be under the Command of L\(^{1}\). Gen [Henry] Clinton, who will give his Orders for Posting them –

The Brigade of Guards with the 2\(^{d}\). & 6\(^{th}\). Brigades to be under the Command of L\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\). [Hugh] Earl Percy who will give his orders for Posting them – The 5\(^{th}\). Brigade to take the Guards in & about New York. Major Gen\(^{1}\). [James] Robertson will Command in New York –

His Excellency L\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\). [Leopold Philip] D\(^{3}\)Heister will be pleased to remove his Camp from Brooklyn to Hell Gate on Long Island & Encamp upon the Heights where the Brigade of Guards was Encamp’d –

The 1\(^{st}\). Brigade of British to Report to Brig\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\). Sir W\(^{m}\). Erskine & remain Posted as they are till further Orders –

The 71\(^{st}\). Reg\(^{1}\). to remain also as at present Posted –

Cap\(^{1}\). [Archibald] Campbells New York Comp\(^{1}\). to Continue at Bedford & to give Such Guards as are necessary there, These Corps to be under the Command of L\(^{1}\). Gen\(^{1}\) D\(^{3}\)Heister
Cap. Alexander Grants New York Comp. to be posted in the Battery upon Brooklyn Height & to report to Major Gen. Robertson Commanding at New York –

The Turtle Bay & Provost Guards to be taken by the Brigade of Guards, 2d. & 6th. Brigades, & to mount immediately –

All prisoners to be kept in N: York in the Hospital or wherever Major General Robertson shall judge proper –

The Camp Equipage of the Army to be got over as soon as possible –

All Magazines & Stores of every kind taken in N: York are to be secured for His Majesty – The Barrack M. Gen. is order’d to take possession of all empty Houses he shall judge necessary for the more Effectually carrying on the Kings Service. And the Commanding Officer of that Quarter will Afford him the Assistance he may require for the above purpose –

[ Lt.] Gen. [Henry] Clintons Orders
The Troops are to take up their Ground which they occupied last night excepting the 2d. & 3d. Bns. of Light Infantry which will be posted by Brig. Gen. [Hon. Alexander] Leslie –

The 33d. Regt. will march first then the 42d. then the 4th. Batt. Grenads. then the 1st. and 3d. Batt. of Grenads. then the 2d. Batt. of Grenads.


The two Six pounders will march at the Head of the 1st. Batt. of Grenads. The 2 three pounders with the 1st. Batt. Light Infantry –

Notes: After the 2nd. and 3rd Lt. Inf. Bns. advanced too far against the rebels, one battalion of the 42nd. Regt. and the grenadiers were heavily engaged in supporting them against the rebel army in the Battle of Harlem Heights fought on this day. The "Hessian Chasseurs," also called Jägers, were often former huntsmen armed with rifles and performed skirmishing duties.

Head Qrs. New York Island Tuesday 17th. Sept. 76

Parole Blemheim C's. S's. Marlborough

A Return of killed wounded & missing on the 15th. & 16th. ins’d to be given in tomorrow at orderly time distinguishing the loss of each day.

The Commander in Chief entertains the highest opinion of the bravery of the few Troops that yesterday beat back a very Superior body of the Rebels & he desires to return his thanks to the Battalions & to the Officers & Men of the Artillery that came to their Support, with that expedition which so Strongly marks the prevailing Spirit in this Army & which of properly temper’d must always insure Success to His Majesty’s Arms, but at the same time he finds himself under a necessity of disapproving of want of Attention in the Light Companies pursuing the Rebels without that proper disscretion to be observ’d where there are not Troops to Support –

The Gen. has also much Satisfaction in taking notice in the Steady behavior and activity of the Troops under the Command of L. Gen. [Henry] Clinton who made good the Descent on this Island the 15th. Ins’d. –

Four days Provisions from the 18th. to the 21st. inclusive will be issued to the Troops at Turtle Bay as soon as can be Landed –

The Commanding Officers of Brigades will press all the Waggons & Carts in possession of the Corps & immediately [illegible] them for bringing up Provisions for the Troops without loss of time –

Memo.) [ Lt.] Gen. [Henry] Clintons 3 Batt. of Light Infantry, Reserve, 3d. & 4th. & Hessian Brigade of Donop to receive for the future their Provisions at Hell Gate –

Division Orders by L. Gen.

The Picquets to be given from the Reserve except the 42d. Regt. – from the 3rd. Brigade except the 38th. Regt. and from the 4th. Brigade
Will consist of a Field Officers three Capt's, Six Sub's. & 200 Men. They will parade at the Head of the 3rd. Battalion of Grenad's. this Afternoon at 5 O’Clock, when an Officer will Attend to shew them where they will be Posted.

Strength of the Reserve

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Note: The 2nd and 3rd Light Infantry Bns. are being criticized for being pulled too far forward as part of the rebel plan to flank them with circling units. The rebel army took positions on Harlem Heights and was able to prevent further British movement up the island.

Head Q’s. New York Island 18th. Sept. 1776
Parole Petersborrow C’s. S’s. Spain

One Hundred fascines are to be made up per each day per Regt. till further orders by the Brigades of the 2d. Line and lodged at their Respective Quarter Guards the dimensions as formerly directed – 4 pickets for each fascine –

Cap't. [Andreas Emmerich] Emirik is appointed Cap’t. of the Guides & is to be obey’d as such –

Forage will be deliver’d to the Army at Hursts Wharf near L’Gen. [Hugh] Earl Percy’s Q’s. –

The Q’s. Masters of Corps will take care that all the Hay & Straw that has been in use with the Rebels near their respective Q’s. or Camps be immediately destroyed –

Divisional Orders by L’Gen. [Henry] Clinton

The Pickets are to Consist of a Field Officer 3 Capt’s, 6 Sub’s. & 200 Men to [sic] given from the Reserve excepting the 42d. Regt. the 3d. Brigade except the 10th. Regt. and from the 4th. Brigade They will parade at 5 O’Clock this Afternoon at the Head of 3d. Batt. Grenad’s. where an Officer will Attend to shew them where they are to be Posted –

L’Gen. Clinton requests the favour of the Gen’s. Officers of the Corps under his Command to Spare to the Troops as much of the Straw they may find in their respective Q’s. as they may not have occasion for themselves.

Detail

Field Officer for Picquet L’. Colo [Charles] Mawhood [17th Regt.]

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4th. Batt. Reserve 1 1 1 15

Head Q’s. New York Island 19th. Sept. 1776 Thursday
Parole Orange C’s. S’s. Namus

The Purveyor of the Hospital is to send a Return weekly to the Adjutant Gen’s. of the Names of the Men that die in the Gen’s. Hospital Specifying the Regt’s. they belong to.

A Return of Volunteers & to what Corps Attach’d with their respective dates of Service to be given in tomorrow at Orderly time –

No Officers are to take possession of Houses in New York but by application to Major General [James] Robertson thro’ the Barrack M’s. Gen’s. –

An Engineer to Attend & to receive his orders from Major Gen’s. Robertson at New York –

The Commissary Gen’s. of Stores & Commissary Gen’s. of Artillery or their Deputy’s are to Attend and take charge of all Stores left by the Rebels on the Island of New York –
A Guard of an Officer & 20 Men from the Brig. of Guards to do duty at Greenwich to protect all Boats & to preserve order Amongst the Seamen there. this Guard to parade at 4 O’Clock this Afternoon a guide will attend to conduct them –

The Cap. of the Guides & all the Guides off Duty are to Attend at Head Q’s. daily at orderly time & there to remain till dismiss’d –

Division Orders) The Picquet to parade at half past 4 O’Clock & to take their orders from Cap’. [Charles] Eustace [33rd Regt.] –
Field Officer for Picquet this Even. Major [Andrew] Bruce [38th Regt.]
Detail
4th. Batt. Serj. 1 1 15 –

B:O:) 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, it is the Majors orders that a NonCommissioned Officer per Person see that the Men bath or wash their feet thrice a Week. The Commanding Officers of Comp. to be answerable that this order is comply’d with –

An Officer of a Comp. to visit the Messes of their respective Comp. daily & to Specify in a Written Report if the Messes are properly regulated & provisions Cook’d –

Those Gentlemen that call themselves Volunteers, having been sent to the 4th. Batt. as Private Soldiers it is the Majors Orders that they attend all Parades & are not exempt from any Duty; Duties of fatigue they are at liberty to exchange with the Men –

Notes: Volunteers were young gentlemen serving as private soldiers in hopes of showing their merit for commissions as vacancies occurred due to battle losses and promotions.

G:O:) Head Q’s. New York Island 20th. Sept. 1776
Parole Amherst C. S. Canada –

The 3d. & 4th. Brigades will send one Carefull Woman per Reg. to Attend the Gen. Hospital at Hell Gate, these Women will be paid and relieved weekly, any one that quits her duty will be immediately sent home –

All the fascines & pickets made by the 3d. & 4th. Brigades of British & the [Hessian] Brigade of Stirne to be Carried in the Waggons belonging to the Corps to Jones’s House near the North River, those made by the Brigade of Guards 2d. & 6th. Brigades to be Sent in the same manner to Major [Thomas] Musgrave’s [64th Regt. and 1st Lt. Inf. Bn.] advanced Post on the left of M’Gowan’s House; these Troops to continue to make fascines & picquets & to carry them daily to the above mention’d places –

A Vessel will sail for England in a few day’s letters will be receiv’d by L. [James] Cramond [42nd Regt.] at the Adjutant Gen. Q’s. –

Lord Barrington Secretary at War having Signify’d his Majesty’s pleasure that the Appointments taking place on the 25th. Aug. 1775 are to Superseed [sic] those made by Gen. [Sir William] Howe in that promotion all such Commissions therefore give by the Commander in Chief are hereby cancell’d & the Officers to Rank from his Majestys Commission, Cap. [Robert] M’Kenzie [43rd Regt.] will Notify to the Respective Reg’s. a list of the Promotions Alluded to Received from the War Office & if any doubt should arise relative to other Appointments the Commanding Officers of Reg’s. are desir’d to communicate them to Cap. M’Kenzie for further Explanation –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following promotions
Augmentation to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. Vice [George] Thomas 13\textsuperscript{th}. May 1776 – 38\textsuperscript{th}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. Daniel Ord Superceeditid in the 63\textsuperscript{d}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. on the Augmentation to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. vice [Shapland] Swiny 4\textsuperscript{th}. May 1776 – 40\textsuperscript{th}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. Charles Monk Superceeditid in the 44\textsuperscript{th}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. vice Hogg 28\textsuperscript{th}. Dec\textsuperscript{t}. 1775 –

Divis\textsuperscript{t}. O) Field Officer for Picquet this Even\textsuperscript{g}. L\textsuperscript{t}. Colo\textsuperscript{t}. [William] Meadows [55\textsuperscript{th}. Regt. and 1\textsuperscript{st}. Brit. Gren. Bn.] –

G:O: Head Q\textsuperscript{s}. New York Island 21\textsuperscript{st}. Sept\textsuperscript{t}. 76
Parole Cumberland C\textsuperscript{o}. S\textsuperscript{n}. Fontenoy
Four days Provisions will be Issued tomorrow from the 22\textsuperscript{d} to 25\textsuperscript{th}. inclusive –
The Corps under the Command of Lieu\textsuperscript{l}. Gen\textsuperscript{l}. [Henry] Clinton to receive theirs at Marstens Wharf. That under L\textsuperscript{l}. Gen\textsuperscript{l}. [Hugh] Earl Percy & the Artillery at Turtle Bay.
The Troops in Town will receive their provisions there.
The Majors of Brigade & orderly Officers to Attend for orders at 5 O’Clock this afternoon

Division Orders of L\textsuperscript{l}. Gen\textsuperscript{l}. [Henry] Clinton
The Picquet to be Augmented to a Field Officer 4 Capt\textsuperscript{s}. 8 Sub\textsuperscript{s}. & 250 Men to mount at 5 O’Clock –
The Picquet not being compleat last night the Majors of Brigade of the day will for the future be so good as to see the numbers order’d are present
for Picquet this Even\textsuperscript{g}. Major [Francis] Marsh [46\textsuperscript{th}. Regt. and 3\textsuperscript{rd}. Brit. Gren. Bn.] Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52\textsuperscript{nd}. Regt.]
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After Orders –
The Hessian Chasseurs having been by Accident omitted in the thanks of the 17\textsuperscript{th}. the Gen\textsuperscript{l}. is happy to take the earliest opportunity of acknowledging their alertness & of thanking them for their great readiness to Support the L: Infantry
The Hessian Brigade of Stirne to be in readiness to march at 9 tomorrow with their Blankets & one days provision –
The Corps under Orders to Parade this Morn\textsuperscript{g}. at Six to be in readiness tomorrow at Nine.
The fascine making to be Stop’d till further Orders. The Commissary Gen\textsuperscript{l}. will issue fresh Provisions to the Men in Hospital According to the Returns given in by the Commanding Off\textsuperscript{t}s. of Reg\textsuperscript{t}s. –
A Detachm\textsuperscript{t}. of an Officer Serj\textsuperscript{l}. & 10 Dragoons to put themselves immediately under the Command of Major Gen\textsuperscript{l}. [James] Robertson at New York & to be Relieved every 24 hours –
The 3d. & 4th. Brigades & 2d. Light Infantry are to take the duty for the 2d. & 6th. Brigades & 3d. Light Infantry at 7 O’Clock tomorrow morn.—
A Working party of 400 Men with Officers in proportion to parade tomorrow Morn. at day break & march to M’Gowans Hill where an Engineer will attend to conduct them – this Party to leave off Work at Noon, to retire to Camp & be replaced by the same number at 2 O’Clock & continue till 10 at night.
For this duty L’t. Col: [Charles] Mawhood [17th Regt.]
Detail 4th. Batt. 1 Serj. Corp. & 25 private

Parole London C’s. S’n. Great Britain

The Packet for Europe will be ready to Sail on Tuesday the 24th. Instant.

A Spy from the Enemy [Capt. Nathan Hale, 7th Connecticut Regt.] by his own full confession Apprehended last night, was this day executed at 11 O’Clock in front of the Artillery Park –

Divisional Orders –
F:O: for Picquet this Even. L’t. Colo: [Enoch] Markham [46th Regt.]
Major Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.], Adjut. for the day for the Reserve 33d. Regt.—

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Parole Magdeburg C’s. Sign Ferdinand

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The Gen'l expects that the Strictest obedience will be paid to this regulation not only the immediate situation of this Country but the future operations of the Army make it indispensably necessary

Commanding Officers of Corps will be responsible to the General for the due observance of it.

Those Officers who have purchased Horses & by the Establish'd regulation are not allowed to keep any may send them to the D.Q.M.G. & on producing a receipt they will receive the money they have paid for them

All Horses taken from the Rebels or taken up in the Country are to be sent to the D Y. Q. M: G: for the public Service

The Horses for the Gen'l. Officers is not regulated the Gen'l. being persuaded they will not have more than are Absolutely necessary for their Service.

The fascines remaining with the different Reg's. are to immediately sent to Jones's House.
L't. Adam Goldney 22d. Reg't. of foot is Appointed Adju't. to the 1st. Batt. of Grenad'rs. in the Room of Q'r. M'r. [George] Fowler 38th. Reg't. –

Division Orders –
For Picquets this Even'. Major [Thomas] Dilkes [49th Regt. and 2nd Bn. Grenadiers]
d'o. at 2 O’Clock L't. Colo: [James] Webster [33rd Regt.] –

The 1st. & 2d. Batt'rs. of Light Infantry 1st. Batt'. of Grenad'rs. & the Hessian Chasseurs will receive a days bread at the Bakehouse at Hell Gate Fort tomorrow between 8 & 9 O’Clock.

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R:O: [Reserve Orders] Adjut. for the day 42d. Regt.

B. O For Picquet this Evng. Cap’t. [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt.]

for Work at day break L. [Dougal] Campbell [71st Regt.]

Parole Worcester C’s. S’t. Denmark

The Working Party at M’Gowan’s Hill to consist of 200 Men only till further orders. to Parade at
day break & be relieved as directed in the After orders of the 21st. –

The Brigade of Guards 2d. & 6th. Brigades, to furnish one Sub’s. 3 Serj’s. & 100 Men to be
employed in making Cartridges, they will parade at Six O’Clock tomorrow Morn. & march immediately
to Turtle Bay where they will receive further Directions –

The Establishment of the Brigade of Guards being equal to that of the Hessians the same No. of
Waggons viz’ Six per Batt’ are to be allowed them. Cap’t. of the Guards as field Officers of the Line are
as Such Allowed forrage for two horses.

Division Orders

Major of Brigade [William] Brown [52nd Regt.]

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B:O: For Picquet L. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.]


Parole Eugene C. S. Savoy –

A Guard of a Corp & 4 Men from Cap. [Alexander] Grants New York Comp' to mount immediately at Brookland Hospital –

Four days Provisions from the 26th. to the 29th. inclusive to be issued to the Troops tomorrow.

Officers who from Wounds or Infirmity are not able to march with their Comp' to apply to the Commanding Officers of their respective Corps, who will make a Return of their Names to the Commander in Chief for permission to have horses –

The Working Party at M'Gowans Hill to consist of 100 men only till further Orders –

The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to make the following Promotions. 64th. Reg't Lord [George] Viscount Deerhurst to be L. Vice [James] Galbraith by purchase 25th. Sept. 1776 –

Division Orders

For Picquet this Even. L. Colo: [William] Butler [38th Regt.]

Major of Brigade [Benjamin] Baker [5th Regt.]

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G:O: Head Qr. New York Island 26th. Sept. 1776
Parole Lancaster C°, S°, Bristol –

All Returns that are call’d for are to be given in at Head Qrs. by the Majors of Brigade or Adjutants at orderly time –

The Pay Masters of British Corps are desired to give in immediately to L° Colo: [William] Sherriff [47th Regt.] DQMG the Names & Rank of Such officers as have join’d the Army since last distribution of Batt & forrage [sic] Money that their Acc° may be forthwith made up –

Cap° Henry Knight of the 43d. Reg°, is appointed Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief –

Cap° [Robert] Fenwick of the Royal Reg°, of Artillery is appointed Bridge M°. in the Room of Captain [William] Congreve –

The Battalions of Light Infantry instead of an additional Waggon will have a horse p’ Comp° allow’d them –

Regulation of forage to issued by the Commissary Gen°. – the Ration for Dragoon horses of both Officers & Men is to consist of 14 lb° of Hay & 10 lb° of Oats or 7 lb° of Indian Corn – the ration for Waggon horses is to consist of 12 lb° of Hay 8 lb° of Oats or 5 lb° of Indian Corn –

Memo°.
All Persons who can give any information of the incendiary’s who set New York on fire are to wait upon [Maj.] Gen°. [James] Robertson early tomorrow Morn°. for that purpose –

Division Orders
Field Officer for Picquet Major [Francis Richmond] Humphries [52nd Regt.]

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for Work at Day Break 4th. Batt°. 7 Private d°. at 2 OClock & 1 Suba°.

Reserve Orders
Adju°. for tomorrow 3d. Batt°.

B:O: For Fatigue at 2 OClock tomorrow L°. Ja°. Fraser [71st Regt.]

G:O: Head Qr. New York Island 27th. Sept. 1776
Parole York C°, S°, Gibraltar –

The Gen°. having considered the inconvenience that may arise to Capt°. not having horses in the course of active Service allows one horse of each Cap°. of Infantry, notwithstanding the restriction so absolutely necessary upon forage, in the present State of this Country no forage to be drawn but effective horses –


A Gen°. Court Martial to be held at New York on Monday the 30th. inst°. at ten O’Clock Consisting of 3 Field Officers 6 Cap°s. & 4 Sub°s. from the 5th. Brigade for the tryal of all such prisoners as shall be brought before them – L°. Colo°. [John] Gunning of the 43d. Reg°. Presid°. The dates of the
Members Commissions Prisoners Names & Crimes & Evidence Names to be given to the D^3. Judge Advocate –

Two days fresh provisions to be issued to the Troops tomorrow Morn^6. early at Hell Gate, which Victuals them to 1^st. Oct^t. inclusive.

Memo: Those Cap^e. who have sent horses to the D^3. Q^r. Mr. Gen^t. on applying & returning the money may have them again –

Division Orders –

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B:O: For Picquet this Even^6. L^i. [David] Kinloch [71^st Regt.] & 16

G:O: Head Q^o. New York Island Saturday 28^th. Sept^t. 1776
Parole Potsdam C^p. S^n. Silesia –
A Working party of 100 Men with Off^p. in proportion to Parade tomorrow Morn^6. at day break upon the road to the right of Jones’s House where an Engineer will attend & receive them. This party to work till twelve at Noon & be replaced by the like number who will work till sunset.
Fifty more men to be added to the Cartridge makers from the same Corps order’d to give them before –

Division Orders
Field Officer for Picquet Major [James] Cousseau [37^th Regt.]

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Morn. B:O: 29th. Sept. 1776
The Battalion to Attend Divine Services by the Chaplain [James M'Lagan] of the 42d. or Roy.
Highland Regt. at 12 O’Clock in front of the Camp –

Notes: Many of the Highlanders had limited understanding of the English language. Chap. M'Lagan was a Gaelic scholar and was known during the French and Indian War to alternate giving his sermons in English and Gaelic.

G:O: Head Qrs. New York Island Sunday 29th. Sept. 1776
Parole S’. Phillips C’. Sign Mahon
The Pay Masters to make out the Acco’s. in the usual form of the Baggage Batt & forrage Money, due to the Officers of the respective Regt. that have join’d since the last distribution, also Specifying those that have been promoted since that time –
A Working Party of 300 Men from the Brigade of Guards 2d. & 6th. Brigades to parade tomorrow Morn. at daybreak & March to the Battery in New York where an Officer of the ordnance will receive them, they are to be employed in making Cartridges & will take their formers with them –
Officers & Men belonging to the Garrison of Halifax are to be in readiness to Embark for that Place at the Shortest Notice.
The following Gentlemen having offered their Services to raise a Brigade of Provincials of 3 Batt’s., of 500 Men each, for the Service of His Majesty & the Suppressing of the present unnatural Rebellion, the Commander in Chief has made the follow Appointments.

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Field Off. for Picquet this Even. L’. Colo: [John] Campbell [57th Regt.]

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B:O: For Picquet this Even. L. J: [James] Fraser [71st Regt.]

Note: “Baggage Batt & forrage Money” was additional money paid to deployed officers austensibly for the upkeep of baggage animals.

G:O: Head Qrs. New York Island 30th. Sept. 1776
Parole Peru C's. S's. Mexico

Fifty more men with Officers in proportion to be added to the Working party are order’d to be Paraded to the right of Jones’s House

Returns to be immediately given in to Major Genl. [James] Robertson by the different Departments of the Stores they have respectively secured in & about New York for His Majesty’s Service to enable him to make a Report of them to the Command. in Chief –

Cap. Willm. Bumford of the 40th. Regt. is appointed Town Major to the Garrison of New York – Serjt. Major Thompson of the 37th. Regt. is appointed Town Adjutant to the Garrison of New York. they are to be Obey’d as such –

L. Mich. Six of the 64th. Regt. is Appointed Barrack M. to the Garrison of New York –

The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following Promotions ...


17th. Regt. Ens. F: Augustus Vicherall [Frederick Augustus Wetherall] to be L. Vice [William Stone] Mortimer By Purchase to Endemify [sic] Ens. [James] O'Brien who first Purchased this L. while he was otherwise provided for 3d. of May 76 –


23d. Regt. 2d. L. Wm. Wills to be 1st. L. Vice [Thomas] Welch promoted 27th. Aug. 1776 –


Capl. L. Tho. Williamson to be Capl. vice [Andrew] Nielson killed 27th. Aug. 1776
L. John Powell 49th. foot to be Capt. Lieut. Vice Williamson d.
– Capt. L. John Lewis to be Capt. Vice M’Illwrath d. – L. Warren Simonson from 33d. foot to be Capt.

Division Orders
Field Officer for Picquet Major [Hon. Charles] Stuart [43d Regt. and 4th Bn. Grenadiers]
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Parole Cuba C’s, S’s Havannah –

No Soldier (Parties upon duty & Off’ Servants excepted) are to be allowed to go to New York –
No Soldier to be absent from his Camp after Even’s. Gun firing –

Complaints having been made that the Reg’td. Waggons are Work’d upon every occasion which
has rendered many of their horses unfit for use, it is expected that the Commanding Officers of Reg’t. will
be answerable that they are not used excepting upon the necessary Service of the Reg’t. The Soldiers &
Women except the Sick, are not to be carried in the Waggons.

Intercession having been made by the injured party in favour of two prisoners under Sentence of
death for committing Rape, the Commander in Chief hoping that an act of Mercy will have the proper
effect is pleas’d to grant his pardon to John Lusty & John Deen of the 57th. foot. they are forthwith to join
their Comp’t.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to make the following promotions. 14th. Regt. Ens’s.
[Thomas] Park 45th. to be L. vice [Andrew] Laurie promoted [to Capt. in 2nd Bn., 71st Regt.] 30th. Sept.’ –

Four days provisions from the 2d. to the 5th. inclusive to be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the
usual places.

The Reg’ts. that have not already received Straw since they arrived on this island are to receive it

Division Orders
Field Off’t for Picquet this Even’s. Major [Samuel] Bradstreet [40th Regt.] Major of Brigade [Benjamin]
Baker [5th Regt.], Adjut. 2d Batt. G’ts. –

B:O: For Picquet this Even’s. L.’ [Dougal’d] Campbell [71st Regt.] & 14
For Work at daybreak 10 d. at noon S. C. P.
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Division After Orders
At Eight o’clock tomorrow Morn’s. the 3d. & 4th. Brigades will Strike their Tents & move forward
to the ground& Posts now occupied by the Light Infantry & Reserve, who will move nearly to the ground
which these Brigades quit – the 10th. Reg’t. as being the Right of the 3d. Brigade will occupy the Post at
M’Gowans House, the 38th. will Encamp to the right of that Post to sustain M’Gowans the 52d. on the left of road & the 37th, its left so as to Support the right redoubt on the Hill.

Two Battns. of the 4th. Brigade will Encamp where the 42d. are at present & the other two so as to Sustain them –

G:O: Head Qrs. New York Island 2d. Oct’ 1776
Parole S’t. Johns C’s. S’t. Albany –
The Pay Masters of Regt. to call at the D’s. Q’s. M’s. Gen’s. Office in New York tomorrow Morn’s. at 10 O’Clock to settle & receive y’s. Batt & forage Money due to their respective Officers
The Regt. to compleat their Light Coms. immediately –
1000 fascines with picquets in proportion to be immediately made by the Corps under L’t. General [Henry] Clintons Command and sent as soon as possible to the Rock Redoubt on right of Jones’s House –

Division Orders
Memo’en, the 4th. Batt’n. of Gr’s. & 33d. Regt. may receive 3 days bread tomorrow.
33 fascines p’t. Batt’n.

B:O: For Picquet this Even’t. L’t. [Patrick] Cumming [71st Regt.] 1 Serjt. 1 Corp’s. & 15 – Work at day break 8 private d’t. at Noon 8 –
It having been represented to the Major that yesterday Even’t. the Picquet of the 4th. Batt’n. refused to be march’d home & contrary to the express desire & order of the Cap’t. who commanded them ran irregularly to their Tents in consequence of which it is the Majors Orders that the Cap’ts. reprove their several Companies for their insolent & disobedient behavior, & acquaint them with the Enormity of the Crime –

Parole Tudor C’t. Sign Plantagenet
The Commanding Officers of Regt’s. are to Apply to the Barrack M’t. Gen’t. for Store houses in New York that they may immediately be able Land their Cloathing & Reg’tal. Baggage from their Respective Transports
Lieu’t Humphry May of the 17th Light Comp’t. is Appointed Adju’t. to the 1st. Batt’n. Light Infantry.
All Witnesses that have been Summoned by the D’t. Judge Advocate are order’d to Attend the General Court Martial now setting in New York untill regularly discharged by the Court –

Division Orders

Memo’en. found a Silver watch on Soldier who has been wounded in the Belly by a Sword, the Makers Name B. Barnwell N. York enquire of the Adj’t. 2nd Batt’n Guards

B: O. For Work tomorrow at Noon L’t. [David] Kinloch [71st Regt.].

Morn’s. B:O: 4th. Oct’ 1776
A Court Martial to Sit at 10 O’Clock for the tryal of Serjt. Evan M’Pherson 42d. Regt.
Cap’t [Francis] Skelly [1st Bn., 71st Regt.] Presid’t.
L’t. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.] { L’t. Ja’t. Fraser [71st Regt.] }
The Prisoner to be Acquainted & Evidences to Attend

Parole Boisledue C°. S°. Brabant

A Corp. & Six Men to be posted at Gun firing this Even°. by Cap°. [Andreas] Emerich [Guides] upon the North River Shore near little Bloomingdale to allow no boat to ply there with, a proper pass. The 4th. Brigade to take this duty from the two Batt°s. in their Rear. A Guide to be sent by Cap°. Emerich in the Morn°. to conduct the Relief –


Division Orders –

For Work a day break 8 Private d°. at Noon 8

Parole Ermesdolff C°. S°. Frankford

Four days Provisions from the 6th. to 9th. Inst°. inclusive will be Issued to the Troops tomorrow at the usual places –


B:O: For Picquet this Even°. 14 Private d°. at 10 O’Clock 14 Private –
All Officers to be present on the Parade at Morn°. & Even°. Roll Call –

Parole Paderborn C°. S°. Breda

Major Gen°. [Sir Robert] Pigot being indisposed Brigadier [Hon. Alexander] Leslie is appointed to the Command of the 2nd. Brigade till further Orders

The 2nd. & 6th. Brigades of British are to March tomorrow to Bedford, the next day to Jamaica where they will put themselves under the Command of L°. Gen°. [Leopold Philip] D’Heister the boats will be ready at 7 O’Clock tomorrow Morn°. to receive them –

A Squadron of 17th. Dragoons on the Island of New York will march tomorrow & join the Reg°. at Flushing the 16th. Dragoons will take all their Guards, this Even°. at Gunfiring. A Dragoon to be sent at 4 O’Clock from each of the Dragoon Guards to New York to conduct the Relief – Fifty men only for Work tomorrow at Jones’s House with Off°. in proportion
The Reserve to take the Guards of the 2nd. & 6th. Brigades at 4 O’Clock this Afternoon –
Division Orders

The Picquet is reduced to 179 Rank & file till further orders.

B:O: For Picquet tomorrow Ens. [Angus] M’Donald [71st Regt.]
For work at day break L.t. [George] Stewart [71st Regt.]

Morn. B:O:
A Court Martial to sit at ten O’Clock to try the prisoners in the Q. Guard
Capl. [Charles] Graham [42nd Regt.] Presid’t.
The Prisoners to be Acquainted and Evidences to Attend –

G:O: Head Q’s. New York Island 7th. Oct’l. 76
Parole Brandenburg C. S. Kinsale
The Detachm’t. of 42d. Reg’t. at Flat Bush and New Utrecht are to join their Reg’t. as soon as
relieved by Detachments from Brig’. Gen’l. [Oliver] Delancy’s Brigade.
A Detachm’t. of an Officer, 2 Ser’t. & 20 Men of Brig’t. Gen’l. [Oliver] Delancy’s Brigade, will
march immediately After they have got their arms to Utrecht & Flat Bush & relieve the 42d. doing duty
there, taking charge of all Stores &c. that may belong to His Majesty –
Brig’. Gen’. Sir Wm. Erskine is appointed Q’t. M’. Gen’l. to this Army –
The Honble Capl’. [Henry Edward] Fox of the 38th. Reg’t. is appointed a Supernumerary Aid de
Camp to the Commander in Chief –
The 3d. & 4th. Brigades will take their proportion of the duty of 2d. & 6th. Brigades as [Lt.] Gen’l.
[Henry] Clinton shall be pleas’d to direct
The Commander in Chief has been pleas’d to make the following promotions
1776
1st. L.t. vice Gibbings d’o. d’o.
Oct’l. –

Notes: “Brig’ Gen’l Delancy’s Brigade” was an American Loyalist brigade from New York.

Division Orders
The 3d. & 4th. Brigades to take the Guard of the 2d. & 6th. Brigades tomorrow furnished this
Morn’. by the Reserve –
The Guard at the Hessian Hospital to be Relieved tomorrow by the Hessians a man to be sent
from that Guard to conduct the Relief – Field Off. for Picquet tomorrow L.t. Colo: [Enoch] Markham [46th

Parole Poland C. S. Warsaw
[Thomas Welch] Walsh of the 17th. Reg’t. is appointed Aid de Camp to Major Gen’l. Prescot –

An Orderly Officer to attend daily at Head Qrs. from the 2d. & 6th. Brigades of British at Jamaica. These Brigades to hold themselves in readiness to Embark at the Shortest notice –

Division Orders

Notes: Although the 4th British Grenadier Bn. was disbanded, Lt. Peebles’ kept up his order book until Oct. 17, 1776 at which point he began keeping a journal of the war.


Parole [sic] –
Six days Provision will be issued tomorrow at the usual places – It is Strongly recommended to the Commanding Officers of Corps that no part of them be Wasted –
L’t. [Charles] Hastings of the 12th. Reg’ is Appointed to do duty with the 23d. Light Company


The Troops will dress their four remaining days fresh Provisions tomorrow Afternoon.
M’r. Stapleton Surg’. Mate of the 22d. Reg’ & M’r. Wood late Surg’. Mate of the 48th. Reg’ are appointed Mates to the Hospital –
The Rev’d. M’r. Moore is Appointed Deputy Chaplain to the Gen’l. Hospital –
Twenty Women from the 1st. 3d. & 4th. Brigades & 71st. Regt. to be sent to Hores [Horne’s] Hook tomorrow Morn’, at 8 O’Clock to be employed in the Gen’l. Hospital. The Purveyor of the Hospital will apply to Com’rs. Offrs. in Town for What Women he may want

Notes: “Horne’s Hook” is located at Carl Schurtz Park on E. 89th St.

The Commanding Officer recommends to the Offrs. to send to the Batt’. Store in N York all the heavy baggage & such of their Camp necessaries as are not immediately required for the Men – Waggons are now ready.

G:O: Head Qrs. N. York Island 11th. Oct’ 1776

No Officer or Soldier is to be out of Camp at 5 O’Clock in the Afternoon except upon duty till further orders –
The Majors of Brigade & orderly Officers are to Attend at the Artillery Park at five OClock this afternoon –

Gen’. After Orders 5 O’Clock
As soon as the Troops move against the Enemy Lieut’. Gen’ [Henry] Clinton will Command the 1st. Division Consisting of the light Infantry, Reserve, Hessian Grenadrs. and Chasseurs – Lieut’. Gen’. [Hugh] Earl Percy is to Command on N. York Island & Posts depending His Lordship will give his Orders Accordingly.
The Troops that are under orders for March’ will Strike their Tents at Six this Evening, put their Baggage on Board & be ready to March immediately.
The Patrol’s of the Advanced Posts are to be very alert in Securing all Suspected persons
Notes: Blocked by the strong American positions at Harlem Heights, on the night of Oct. 11, Gen. Howe moved his forces around the American positions by water up the East River and through Hellgate to land at Throgs Neck (also called Frog Neck). Throgs Neck is a peninsula jutting into Long Island Sound about ten miles east of Harlem.


The Picquets of the British Reserve & Hessian Grenadⁿ. to be Posted by Lieut. Genⁿ. [Henry] Clintons orders the Picquet to consist of 1 Sub: & 30 men from each Regⁿ. with a Capⁿ. from each Brigade – The Picquets of the remaining Corps to be posted by the respective Commanⁿ. Offⁿ. in front of their Qⁿ. Guards.

A Picquet of a Sub: & 30 Men from the 1ⁿ. Brigade to march immediately to Head Qⁿ. where they will be posted –

The Greatest order & regularity is once more recommended to the Troops.


As soon as the Army in their several Movements come to their Ground yⁿ. Major of Brigade & Orderly Offⁿ. will Attend the Adjutⁿ. Genⁿ. for Orders at Head Qⁿ. – At the same time & place, an Orderly Serjⁿ. from Each Brigade, or Corps not Brigaded is ordered always to Attend in order immediately to convey any necessary Orders or intelligence

A Cattle Guard of a Serjⁿ. Corpⁿ. & 12 to mount immediately at the Qⁿ. Mⁿ. Genⁿ. Qⁿ. to receive all Cattle that may be taken up in obedience to the Orders of 22ᵈ. Augⁿ. last


The Commanding Officers of Corps will Apply to the Qⁿ. Mⁿ. Genⁿ. for Sloops to Embark their Baggage on board of, in order to be ready to move upon the Shortest Notice –

A Major of Brigade of the British line is to Attend at Head Qⁿ. every Evenⁿ. at 5 in case of the necessity of distributing Orders to the Several Brigades. This duty to be taken in turn – Major of Brig: this Evenⁿ. [Thomas] Moncrieffe [59th. Regt. and Grenadier Battalions]

A Picquet of an Officer Serjⁿ. Corpⁿ. & 20 men from the Brigade of Guards to Parade this Evenⁿ. half an hour before Gunfiring at the Qⁿ. Mⁿ. Genⁿ. Qⁿ. where they will receive Orders from Major [John] Small [Royal Highland Emigrants] –


The heavy Baggage remaining wⁿ. the Regⁿ. to be sent tomorrow by break of day to Stephens Point frog Neck & put on board the Vessels Allotted for them –

Thirty fascines to be made by each Regⁿ. immediately & all the Waggons to be sent to Head Qⁿ. as soon as they have taken the Baggage to the Shore –

[3ⁿ. Brit Gren. Bn.] B:O: ) An officer to put the Battalions Baggage on board the Gage Sloop at day break tomorrow –


Thirty more fascines to be made by each Regⁿ. – four days Provisions to the 19ⁿ. inclusⁿ. will be immediately issued at the Landing Place & it is to be dress’d as soon as possible

Fresh Provisions for the Hospital & Offⁿ. will be distributed at the Qⁿ. Mⁿ. Gⁿ. Qⁿ. this day at Noon – The Wounded Men are to be put on board the Peace & Plenty Hospital Ship & the Sick Men on Board the Fame –
Complaint having been made that the Women declined serving in the hospital Ships the Commander in Chief is determined not to allow any Woman remain with the Army y\textsuperscript{e}. [that] refuses to take a Share of this necessary duty.

A Working party of 200 Men with Officers in proportion from the 2\textsuperscript{d}. & 6\textsuperscript{th}. Brigades to parade at Gun firing on the Road near Lord [Charles] Cornwallis's Q\textsuperscript{r}. where an Engineer will attend to receive them – The fascines & Piquets made by the Several Reg\textsuperscript{s}. to be carried this Afternoon at 4 O'Clock & lodg'd on the road opposite to L\textsuperscript{d}. Cornwallis's Q\textsuperscript{r}.

The Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers to attend at 5 this afternoon for Orders –

D. [Division] O a Picq\textsuperscript{d}. of 1 Cap\textsuperscript{t}. 2 Subs 2 Serj\textsuperscript{s}. 1 Drum & 52 Rank & file to mount at 5 this Evening –

Gen\textsuperscript{d}. After Orders 5 O'Clock

As nothing can mark the unsteadiness of Troops more than the frequent & useless firing of the Advanced Posts, the Commander in Chief flatters himself it is unnecessary to remind the Army of the Superiority they must have in discipline over the Enemy oppos'd to them – All the fascines not carried to the Posts order'd this Morning to be taken to the right of the 2\textsuperscript{d}. Brigade –

The Gns belonging to the Brigade under the Command of his Excell\textsuperscript{y}. L\textsuperscript{t}. Gen\textsuperscript{d}. [Leopold Philip] DeHeister to be taken to Head Q\textsuperscript{r}. tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock –

G:O: Head Q\textsuperscript{r}. Frog Neck Monday 16\textsuperscript{th}. Oct\textsuperscript{r}. 1776 –

If there should be occasion to Embark, the Light Infantry & Grenad\textsuperscript{s}. of the Allied Army they will Embark under the Command of L\textsuperscript{t}. Gen\textsuperscript{d}. [Henry] Clinton in the following order –

3 Batt\textsuperscript{s}. L\textsuperscript{t}. Infantry, Chasseurs, 3 Batt\textsuperscript{s}. of British Grenad\textsuperscript{s}. & 3 Batt\textsuperscript{s}. of Hessian Gr\textsuperscript{s}..

No Officer or Soldier is to quit his Camp after Gun firing – The Majors of Brigade & Orderly Officers are to attend at 5 this Afternoon, for Orders –

His Majesty has been pleased to make the follow\textsuperscript{e}. Promotions

17\textsuperscript{th}. L.D. [Light Dragoons] {Qr. M\textsuperscript{t}. [John] Jones of 20\textsuperscript{th}. foot to be Cornet vice } &{ [John St. Clair] Sinclair who accepts }

16\textsuperscript{th}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. { Martin Ramsey Gent: to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. vice [Napier] Christie removed to F\textsuperscript{t}. Guards }

22\textsuperscript{d}. { Ja\textsuperscript{t}. Bulkley Gen\textsuperscript{t}. to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. vice [Thomas] Barrow prefer'd }

28\textsuperscript{th}. { Morris Green Festing Gent to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. Vice [William] Stewart prefer'd }

37\textsuperscript{th}. { Leigh Gent: to be Ens\textsuperscript{s}. Vice Pierce [Pearce] Add\textsuperscript{d}. Com\textsuperscript{t}. }

38\textsuperscript{th}. { Rich Brown Ens\textsuperscript{s}. Vice [Lovet Ashe] Ash prefer'd }

47\textsuperscript{th}. { Tho\textsuperscript{t}. Spnoron [Spooner] Gen\textsuperscript{t}. [sic] Ens\textsuperscript{s}. Vice [Arthur] French prefer'd }

62\textsuperscript{d}. { L\textsuperscript{t}. Rich Bailey of 23\textsuperscript{d}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. to be Cap\textsuperscript{t}. Additional Comp\textsuperscript{y}. }

The Commander in Chief has been pleas'd to make the follow\textsuperscript{e}. promotion –

23\textsuperscript{d}. Reg\textsuperscript{t}. 2\textsuperscript{d}. L\textsuperscript{t}. Jn\textsuperscript{t}. Campbell to be 1\textsuperscript{st}. L\textsuperscript{t}. vice [Richard] Bailey. Mich\textsuperscript{t}. Jaxon [Jackson] Volunteer to be 2\textsuperscript{d}. Lieu. vice Campbell –

N:B: March'd in the Night in order to Embark but it rain'd hard & the Troops return'd to their Ground –

Note: The Ramsey and Bulkley promotions in this order were incorrect. In the 16\textsuperscript{th} Regt. Martin Ramsay actually replaced Ens. Thomas Barrow who was promoted to Lt. in the 16\textsuperscript{th} Regt. In the 22\textsuperscript{nd} Regt. Ens. Bulkley replaced Ens. Christie who moved to the Guards. See the London Gazette for June 11 and July 13, 1776.

G:O: Head Q\textsuperscript{r}. Frog Neck Monday 17\textsuperscript{th}. Oct\textsuperscript{r}. 1776

Commissions given by the Commander in Chief to Off\textsuperscript{r}. in Corps or Comp\textsuperscript{r}. raised in America confer Rank during Service & no longer & all Off\textsuperscript{r}. so Commissiond [sic] when doing duty with His Majesty's Regular Troops are to be obey'd as youngest in their respective Ranks –
Seventy two men of Rogers’s Corps with Arms are to Attend the Artillery of the L. Infantry & Grenadiers in the proportion of 5 Men to a three Pounder & 8 to a 6 Pdr. –

The out Posts are not to allow any seamen whatever to pass them.

Notes: “Roger’s Corps” in this order refers to the Loyalist unit raised by the French and Indian War commander of Roger’s Rangers, Maj. Robert Rogers, who who joined the Loyalist cause during the American War for Independence. The unit became known as the Queen’s Rangers.

[End Paper Notes]
7 Sept. [sic] Memo:
M’ Doyle lost a red pocket Book between Newtown & Bedford, any Soldier who brings it to the Eng’rs Qrs will receive 2 dollars.

Notes: The entries from Peebles’ notebook following the entry dated “Dykers ferry 14th. Augt. 1776,” which are dated between Sep. 7 and Sep. 24 appear to be memorandums written on end pages of a notebook and are chronologically out of date, have been moved in this transcript to the end of the notebook.

17th Sept
Lost a Wallese [Valise] containing a Round Tent & Markee & Bag containing two camp chairs a bag containing a Cap Table all of them markd Cap’. Cavindish Lister of the Guards. Whoever has thim to give Notice at Gen’. [Edward] Mathews Qrs.

Memo. 18th. Sept.
Lost a Small Deal [pine] Box with Gen’. [Sir William] Howe’s name cut upon it. Whoever brings it to Head Qrs. will be rewarded.

24 Sept Memo.
Stray’d from N. York last night a dark Bay horse about 14 ½ high black legs long twisted tail Six year old the property of M’. Mallet, and Gentleman into whos hands he may fall will very much oblige him by sending the horse to Colo Sheriffs Qrs.
The Regt. are not Expect the 4th. waggon from Qrs. M’. Gen’. till they are order’d to march lost a Silver lanist case Surg. 44th James Gregory on board the Duttw recoverd his Wounds fit to join [end of miscellaneous notes]