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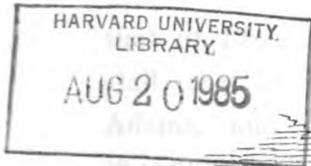
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beginning at the extreme left of the picture, stand in regular order William Newell, Richard Frothingham, George E. Ellis, Henry W. Longfellow, Ellis Ames, Thomas Aspinwall, Nathaniel I. Bowditch, Thomas H. Webb, Samuel K. Lothrop, George W. Blagden, Chandler Robbins, George Livermore, Luther V. Bell, Solomon Lincoln, Henry Wheatland, Emory Washburn, and Edmund H. Sears.

Two similar groups, one earlier and the other later, have been taken of the members present at meetings, and both are given in the Proceedings of the Society. The first one was originally taken on May 17, 1855, and appears as the frontispiece in the second volume; and the second, on June 10, 1869, as the frontispiece in the third volume (second series).

In the absence of Mr. JAMES M. BUGBEE, Mr. CHARLES C. SMITH presented, in the name of that gentleman, some extracts from the Journal of Ebenezer Wild, to which reference was made at the June Meeting.

*The Journal of Ebenezer Wild*¹ (1776-1781), who served as Corporal, Sergeant, Ensign, and Lieutenant in the American Army of the Revolution.

[Ebenezer Wild was born (probably in Braintree, Massachusetts) in 1758, and died in Boston, Dec. 4, 1794. He enlisted as a corporal, May 12, 1775, in Capt. Lemuel Trescott's company, of Col. Jonathan Brewer's regiment, and was probably in the battle of Bunker Hill. He began to keep a daily journal on the 7th of August, 1776, the date at which Captain Trescott's company began its march to Ticonderoga. In the following year he was made a Sergeant in Captain Hancock's company of Col. Joseph Vose's (First) regiment, and served in that capacity in the campaign against Burgoyne, 1777, and the campaign in New Jersey and Rhode Island, 1778. He was commissioned Ensign Jan. 1, 1780, and Lieutenant May 11, 1781, and was on active duty in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, including the arduous campaign which ended with the surrender of the British army at Yorktown.

¹ See *ante*, p. 30, for a statement in relation to the Journal of Arnold's Expedition to Quebec in 1775, published under the name of Ebenezer Wild, in the Proceedings, 2d ser. vol. ii. pp. 265-276. In the Journal here published the author wrote his name so that it appears to be "Wilds." The signature to the "Institution" of the Society of the Cincinnati, of which he was an original member, also appears to be "Wilds," and it is so printed in Saffell's list of "Officers Entitled to Half-Pay." But the family name was "Wild"; and Mr. C. T. Wild, the grandson now living, says that what appears to be the letter "s" was merely a flourish of the pen.

The original journal, contained in seven small books of unequal size, is in the possession of Mr. Charles Tidd Wild, of Chelsea, the grandson of the author. There is no doubt as to its genuineness. Whatever value it has is due to the fact that the writer jotted down from day to day the things that seemed to him the most important in connection with his own doings and the doings of the military bodies to which he happened to be attached. He indulges in no flourishes. His statements are generally concise and clear. He was only eighteen years of age at the time he began his journal, and having little facility in the use of a pen, he was not tempted to enlarge upon his daily experiences. There is a certain modest reticence in the daily entries which impresses one favorably as to the integrity and simplicity of the writer's character. He appears to have been a good representative of the best element in the army of the Revolution, — patriotic, courageous, truthful, — doing the thing he was set to do honestly and with singleness of purpose.

The journal gives a good idea of the routine of camp life, the punishments inflicted; and the endurance of the men in their long marches; and here and there among the entries will be found a statement of some historical value.

Many of the entries in the original journal consist merely of a statement concerning the weather, and that "nothing remarkable" occurred in camp that day. In the copy here given those entries (except where they have some relation to what precedes or follows) are omitted. In the first six books of the original most of the words are misspelled, and there is no punctuation. In this copy the spelling of ordinary words is corrected, and the matter is punctuated so as to make it easily intelligible. Wherever there is the slightest doubt as to the meaning of words or sentences, and in every instance in which the spelling is peculiar, a literal transcript has been made; and what is supposed to be the correct rendering is inclosed in brackets. No addition has been made to the original text without being so designated.]

[Book No. 1.]

Wednesday, the 7th day of August, 1776. This morning all our men were cleansed of the small pox and got ready for our march. In the afternoon we marched to Roxbury, and took up our lodging in the barracks there.

8 Aug. This morning at daylight we began our march for Ticonderoga. Marched 5 miles, and stopped in a field at Little Cambridge, to rest ourselves and to eat some victuals. After some stop there we set out and marched as far as Waltham Plains, where we stopped till 3 o'clock. Then we set out again, and we reached Concord about sundown. Our men all slept in the Metten Hose [meeting-house]. I lodged with Mr. Brown.

9 *Aug.* This morning at 6 o'clock we marched from Concord. Marched 5 miles, and stopped in Shirley [Acton] and got some breakfast. After some stop there we set out again, and reached Littleton about 3 o'clock. Our men put up in the meeting house, and cooked provisions there for the next day. The officers dined at Mr. Prentiss', and lodged there at night.

10 *Aug.* This morning at 6 o'clock we marched from Littleton. Marched 6 miles, and stopped to rest and eat some victuals [at Groton]. After stopping there till 3 o'clock, we marched again, and reached Lunenburg about sunset, and encamped there on a piece of low ground some distance from the road. Lodged in camp this night.

11 *Aug.* This morning something wet and lowering. We rested all here in camp. We were forbid going to Meetten [meeting], because the people here were afraid of the small pox; but after meeting in the afternoon the parson preached a sarmond [sermon] to the regt. One of our com'y begun to break out with the small pox here.

12 *Aug.* Last night it was very rainy all night. Something lowering this morning. We set out on our march about 7 o'clock. Left an officer and party of men to bring up the tents of the regt. We marched 5 miles, and stopped in Fitchburg to breakfast. We stopped there sometime; then set out again, and reached Ashburnham about 4 o'clock. The road began very bad here, and the weather was rainy all day; so that we were very uncomfortable, and we could not get anything for our refreshment here. We lodged in the meeting house this night.

13 *Aug.* We set out this morning at 6 o'clock. Marched as far as Winchendon, where we stopped to rest and refresh ourselves to go further; but the roads were so bad that our wagons did not come till night, so we tarried there and slept in the meeting house.

14 *Aug.* We marched this morning at 6 o'clock. Went 7 miles, and stopped to breakfast. After stopping there some time, then we marched again, and reached Fitzwilliam [N. H.], at 3 o'clock. Here the regt. put up [in] a very scattered manner for a mile and a half. Our company was in rear of the whole; and we got very good entertainment here, and got all our clothes washed. This part of the country very mountainous and not much settled. Our wagons came up here in good season. We lodged in a barn this night.

15 *Aug.* This morning early on our march. Travelled about six miles, and stopped to rest and refresh ourselves. After some stop there we marched again through a very thick pine woods, and we got into Swanzey [N. H.], about 3 or 4 o'clock. We were very wet, having had a very hard shower through the woods. Our company stopped here for the wagons to come up, & to cook some provisions which it ate about 9 o'clock at night. We set out to go to Keene to the rest of the regt. We had not gone far before we lost our way. Travelled

one mile into the woods and up a large hill. It was very dark, and bad going. We came to a house, & the man that lived there went back and put us in the right road; and we marched on for Keene, and reached there about 12 o'clk at night. Our company lodged in the school house this night.

This place is very pleasant and thick settled. The roads here are very level.

16 *Aug.* This morning the regt. marched about half after 5 o'clk, and we travelled as far as Surrey and stopped here to breakfast. We stopped here till 3 o'clk, then set out again on our march and reached Wallpool [Walpole, N. H.] meeting house about sunset. 4 companies put up in the meeting house, and the other 4 went to Coll^o Belouss [Col. Benjamin Bellows'] tavern, about a mile further. I got milk for supper, and lodged in the meeting house this night. The roads this way are pretty good, and this place is much settled; but there are very high mountains here.

17 *Aug.* This morning, lowering. We set out very early, and marched as far as Coll^o Bellouss to the rest of the regt. Here we stopped some time, and got some milk for breakfast. This Coll^o Bellouss is a very old warar [warrior], and his house stands on a small eminence, and there is an old Fort there with one 4 pounder mounted in it. After making some stop here we marched and reached Number 4 [Charlestown, N. H.] about 12 o'clk, and encamped there on a piece of low ground some distance from the sreet [street] and a little above the meeting-house. This town lieth by the side of Connecticut river, and is very thick settled. The people here are of a very disobliging make. We drew provisions here to carry us to Ticonderoga.

18 *Aug.* Very warm and pleasant all day. We rested here in camp. In the afternoon I went to meeting. After meeting Coll^o Phinnes [Phinney's] regt., came into town. They had no tents, but got covering in houses and barns.

19 *Aug.* This morning we had orders to get ready to march at 12 o'clk, but could not so soon, because we could not get all our provisions at that time. We left one of our Company in this town sick. We set out about 3 o'clk on our march. Travelled 3 miles, and crossed Connecticut river. This river is not very deep, but very rapid; and we found it very difficult crossing on account of our baggage and wagons, for we were forced to bring them over in small scows. It was near sunset when [we] got over. Here was a very large new house and some old buildings. There was a block-house that was kept last war as a garrison. We could not get entertainment here, so we set out to go further, it being after sunset when we set out. It was very bad road, up mountains and down valleys, through very thick woods, very dark and miry. Thus we travelled about 6 miles before we could

[find] any place for our lodgings. Then we stopped at a place called a tavern, and lodged in a barn, being very tired and fatigued.

20 *Aug.* This morning something lowering. We rested here all day, waiting for the rest of our regt. and wagons to come up, — which did not till late, and we took up our quarters here again. This place is called Springfield [Vt.]. This is New York government. This place is not much settled and very mountainous.

21 *Aug.* This morning we set out about 7 o'clk, travelled about 7 miles, and stopped at a hut in Weathersfield [Vt.]; and there we cooked one days provision. The roads so bad that our wagons did not come up till late; so we pitched our tents here in the woods.

22 *Aug.* This morning we struck our tents and put them up in the wagons, and took all our own baggage out of the wagons, because the roads were so bad; and set out on our march about 7 o'clk, and marched 6 miles through very thick woods, and stopped there some time and cooked some provisions. Then marched a little further and took up our lodgings in the woods. This place is called Cavendish; it is very wild and unsettled.

23 *Aug.* This morning we set out on our march pretty early. Marched as far as Black river Pond in Saltash County,¹ where we stopped the rest of the day waiting for the wagons to come up, which did not till late. We took up our lodgings here in the woods. This place looked in the most gloomy manner. It is by the side [of a] very high mountain and very thick woods, and we could not sleep for the howling of wild beasts around us. Thus we spent this night.

24 *Aug.* This morning we did not set out till 9 o'clk. Here our provisions began to grow scant, and we were obliged to leave the most of our pots and kilds [kettles], and throw away our tentpoles to lighten our wagons, the way was so bad. We travelled as far as Ludlows camp, where we cooked some provisions and prepared our lodgings in the woods. Here was one small hut.

25 *Aug.* We marched this morning at 7 o'clk. Travelled 7 miles, and stopped there till 3 o'clk; then set out and went 4 miles further, and stopped at a place called Derum [Durham]. This place is settled, but is very pleasant, and we got good entertainment here. We slept in a barn this night.

26 *Aug.* This morning we removed to main road, where there were 2 or 3 huts close together. Here we cooked the last of our provisions, and stayed here all day waiting for our wagons to come up, which did not till night. Then the Maj^r gave orders for every Capt. to

¹ There was no county of that name. A settlement in the western part of Windsor County was first known by the name of "Saltash"; in 1797 it was named "Plymouth."

go to his respective quarters and be ready to march at 4 o'clock in the morning.

27 Aug. This morning being rainy, we did not march till 8 o'clock; then set out for the creek, where we reached about 11 o'clock. It being rainy and the freshet raised, we found it very bad getting over; but we did by falling some trees and much trouble, and stopped the other side till 3 o'clock. Then set out and travelled 3 miles further, crossing several other bad places, till we came to a pretty deep river, where we crossed in a connew [canoe] and lodged in a barn the other side.

28 Aug. This morning wet and lowering. The regt. on the other side made a raft to bring over baggage. We got it all over, and the regt. ready to march at 2 o'clock. Then marched to the saw mills in Castletown, and built some huts with boards, where we lodged this night.

29 Aug. This morning early we set out from the saw [mills], marched half a mile, and came to a river 5 foot deep and 3 rods across. We met with much trouble in getting over. After we got over we marched about 4 miles further, where we had to cross another river, but it was not so deep; but the stream ran very swift. We got over by falling some trees over the river. We were now in great want of some provision, for we had none for 2 days. We travelled about 4 miles, where we came to a small hut in the wood. We could [get] nothing to eat here except some green corn. We stopped here till the regt. got together; then we marched to Skeansbro [Skenesborough, now Whitehall, N. Y.], where we reached about sunset. This place lieth on a kind of swamp by the side of the lake. It hath a large stone building in it. We were obliged to take up our lodging on the ground without anything to cover us.

30 Aug. Last night it rained very hard the biggest part of the night. This morning we removed over the lake and dried our baggage, and got ready to go to Ticonderoga. We prepared our batteaux [bateaux], and got the most of our baggage on board this night.

31 Aug. This morning early we embarked for Ticonderoga. We arrived there about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and encamped there on the side of the lake. I mounted the quarter of the regt. It rained all night.

1 Sept. 1776. This morning the weather wet and very foggy. We drew a half a pound of pork per man — and the first provision we drew in Ticonderoga.

3 Sept. This morning Lt. Allen, with a party of men, set out to go to Skeans^o with the batteaux that we came here in. Capt. Cramp-ton, with another party, went to clearing a spot of ground for our encampment.

4 Sept. About 3 o'clock this afternoon we removed our encampment to the hill near the French lines. Nothing remarkable to-day.

6 *Sept.* This afternoon Coll^o Phinney's regt. arrived here, and went to Mount Independence.

7 *Sept.* This morning the Major gave orders for all the cappers [carpenters] to go to work getting lumber for the regt.

8 *Sept.* Coll^o Phinney's regt. received orders to be in readiness to march to Fort George.

9 *Sept.* This day I went on fatigue at the French lines. About 12 o'clock Coll^o Phinney's regt. marched for Fort George.

10 *Sept.* This morning I mounted the quarter guard.

11 *Sept.* This morning I was relieved from the quarter guard. Left one prisoner there confined for neglect of duty.

12 *Sept.* One of our regt. was flogged 39 lashes for desertion and 89 [for] intyting [enticing?] into another company.

13 *Sept.* This day Sergt. Major Orr was appointed Ensign of Capt. Danforth's Comp'y; Sergt. Daniel M^o Lane was appointed Sergt. Major.

16 *Sept.* This afternoon our inverleads [invalids] arrived here from Boston. They brought no news.

17 *Sept.* This morning I mounted the batteaux guards.

18 *Sept.* About 9 o'clock I was relieved from guard, and nothing remarkable happened all day.

20 *Sept.* This forenoon Capt. Stevens Comp'y of artillery removed their encampment from Mount Independence to the heights of Ticonderoga, near the French lines.

21 *Sept.* About 10 o'clock I relieved a Sergt. at Gen^l St. Clair's, and went with the Gen. to visit all the new guards, it being the first day of their being posted.

22 *Sept.* This morning about 10 o'clock I was relieved from the Gen^l. After breakfast all our brigade turned out to go to prayers.

23 *Sept.* This morning before daylight I set out on the scout. We went about 7 miles in the woods towards Crown Point. We saw nothing remarkable, and returned to the camp again about 10 o'clock.

24 *Sept.* A number of sick men of our regt. went to the hospital to-day.

26 *Sept.* About 10 o'clock this evening our camp was alarmed. The occasion was by some drunken Indians firing guns.

28 *Sept.* This afternoon one of Capt Haynes's men died, being the first of the regt. since we have been here.

30 *Sept.* This morning I mounted the main guard. I went the grand rounds at night. Found the guards in general very dilatory of their duty.

2 *Oct.* 1776. About 11 o'clock I went to attend a general Court Martial. After the Court was adjourned I went over to Mt. Independence. 2 Galleys sailed from here this afternoon to join Gen^l Arnold's fleet.

3 Oct. About 10 o'clock this night a party of our invalids got here from Boston.

6 Oct. About 11 o'clock the sick men of our regt. went to Fort George, under the care of Capt. Allen.

13 Oct. This morning I went on fatigue at the French lines. About 10 o'clock we heard a very heavy firing of cannon down the lake, which continued till about 12 o'clock. Soon after that we heard that the biggest part of our fleet was destroyed by the enemy, and that they had Crown Point in their possession; which alarmed our camps very much.

14 Oct. This morning very foggy. We turned out before daylight and manned the lines, expecting that the enemy would pay us a visit; but they did not. We returned from the lines about 8 o'clock. About 9 I mounted the quarter guard. About 10 o'clock all our men that were not to bear arms went to Fort George. About sunset Lt. Cushing with 2 more of our comp'y arrived here. They belonged to the Congress galley, which they run ashore and blew up, and made their escape through the woods. About 11 o'clock at night our picket turned out and was ordered down the lake to see if they could make any discovery of the enemy; and my guard was doubled.

17 Oct. This morning I went to the Gen^l and attended there for orders all day. At night I returned to our camp again.

18 Oct. This morning one of our regt. was flogged 39 lashes for desertion.

19 Oct. This morning I went over to Mount Pleasant with a party of men to cut fasheans [fascines], and worked there all day. At night I mounted picket.

20 Oct. This morning all our brigade turned out and went to prayers. After prayers I mounted the Jarseys redoubt guard.

22 Oct. This day I was on fatigue at the old French fort. About 1 o'clock our sick men went to Fort George Hospital.

23 Oct. This morning before daylight I set out with a party of men on the scout. We went as far as 3 Mile Point; stayed there a little while; then returned to a place near our camp and stayed there, as a covering party for some that were cutting down trees, till about 5 o'clock, then returned to our camp again. Last night as our men were going to the landing one of our Comp'y was so bad that he could not walk. As 2 men were carrying him along by a thick wood a number of savages rushed out and killed the sick man and took the other 2 prisoners.

26 Oct. This morning about 11 o'clock returned the 2 men that were taken by the savages.

28 Oct. This morning before daylight I set out on the scout. Went as [far as] 3 Mile Point. We had not been gone long before we made some discovery of the enemy coming up the lake in batteaux. We

returned to our camp with all speed, according to our orders. Before we had got into camp, there was a large party of the enemy landed on 3 Mile Point, and 2 or 3 of their batteaux came up within cannon shot of our redoubts, to which our people fired several well aimed shots and drove them back again. We were under arms all day in camp, expecting every moment when to see the enemy advancing upon our lines. But they were not so neighborly as to pay us a visit at all. We kept a very strong picket all night.

29 Oct. This morning we all turned out and manned the lines at daylight, and stayed there till about 8 o'clock. In the afternoon I went up to Mt. Hope with a recruiting party, and bed [beat] up for volunteers.

2 Nov. Nothing remarkable to-day in camp. This evening about 9 o'clock there was a large party of men sent to Putnam's Point upon some expedition—I know not what. Very pleasant weather, but cold. I mounted picket this night.

3 Nov. Last night there was some snow fell in the forepart of the night. This morning clear and very cold. Nothing strange to-day in camp. This evening I mounted picket.

6 Nov. This forenoon I went up to Mount Hope to see an acquaintance of mine. At night I mounted picket.

12 Nov. After roll call Sergt. Bowles and I went down to the Gen^l and helped Sergt. Cary home. He was taken sick there 2 days before.

15 Nov. This day I was orderly for the officer of the day. Went the rounds by day and night. Found the guards in general pretty alert on their posts.

16 Nov. To-day Sergt. Meacham was taken sick with the camp distemper. Now we have 2 sick messmates.

18 Nov. This morning I went on fatigue. Went up the lake about 3 mile in a scow and got a load of wood.

19 Nov. This afternoon Maj^r Frazer set out to go to Albany. Sergt. Sanford went with him.

20 Nov. This morning early Capt. Trescott set out to go to York. I went to headquarters, and attended there for orders all day and night.

23 Nov. This forenoon Col. Wigglesworth's rgt. embarked for Skens^o [Skenesboro']. 3 Companies of Col. Read's set out to go to the Landing.

26 Nov. This day I went on fatigue at the French lines. Col. Welocks [Col. Marinus Willett?] and Woodbridge regts set out to go to Skeans^o [Skenesboro'] by land.

30 Nov. This day I went on fatigue. Took a party of men and went all over the encampment, and picked up all the intrenching tools, and carried them into the fort.

4 Dec., 1776. Last night died Daniel Badger of our Company.

5 Dec. This morning about 9 o'clk there were 6 men fog^d [flogged] at the whipping-post. I went on fatigue. Took 15 men and went up to the mills in a scow and got a load of flower [flour] and slabs. I got back again about sunset.

7 Dec. This evening Capt. Trescott arrived here from Albany.

8 Dec. At 9 o'clk all our troops turned out to be reviewed by Col. Wane [Wayne], our Commander-in-Chief.

11 Dec. This forenoon I went up to the Landing to carry some letters to send to Boston and Albany.

15 Dec. Last night the lake froze all over.

17 Dec. This morning about 10 o'clk all our troops turned out and fired a fudejoy [*feu de joie*], on account of some good news from our army at New York.

21 Dec. In the evening we went up to the Mills, and to supper there, and boud a cheas [bought a cheese].

22 Dec. This morning I went to headquarters and got a furlough to leave camp; then returned to our hut again, and got ready to proceed on my journey.

23 Dec. About 10 o'clk I set out on my journey for Boston. I travelled 18 miles before I came [to] any sort [of a] habitation. Then I came to a hut, where I stopped and got a glass of spirits. Then I travelled on 4 miles further and came to [a] hut, where I stopped and got some supper, and lodged on the floor this night before the fire. This place is called Hubbardton [?].

24 Dec. I set out this morning before daylight and travelled 7 miles, and stopped at one Bennets in Castletown and got some breakfast. After stopping there some time I set out and travelled about 6 miles, to one Col. Meads. Stopped there some time, and got some refreshment. Then set out and travelled 7 miles further, and stopped at one Mr. Fosters in Fearfield [Fairfield, ?], on Otter Creek. I got supper and lodging here this night.

25 Dec. I set out this morning at daylight and travelled 6 miles, and stopped at one Whites and got some breakfast. Then set out and travelled to Ludlows Camp, about 7 miles further, where I stopped and got some refreshment. Then set out again and travelled about 15 miles further, and stopped at one Coffins in Cavendish. This is called a tavern, but I could get nothing to eat nor drink here. It was about 8 o'clk when I got here. Very bright moonshine this evening; and I lodged on the floor before the fire this night.

26 Dec. I set out about 7 o'ck from my lodgings, and travelled about 11 miles, and stopped at one Major Grants and got some breakfast. Then set out for Number 4, where I [arrived] about sundown.

I went to Mr. Walkers tavern, where I put up for the night. I got a very good supper and lodging this night.

27 Dec. I went out and bought me a pair of shoes, and returned to my lodging and went to breakfast. About 11 o'clk I set out from Number 4, and travelled about 14 miles, and stopped at one Mr. Bunday's in Wallpool, and got supper and lodging there.

28 Dec. I set out from lodgings a little after daylight and travelled 5 miles, then stopped and went to breakfast at a private house, then set out and travelled about 19 miles further, and stopped at one Deacon Appleton's in Swanzey, and got supper and lodging there.

29 Dec. I set out a little after daylight and travelled 7 miles, and stopped at Col. Reads tavern to breakfast. After stopping there some time I set out and travelled about 13 miles further, and stopped at Mr. Nickelz's tavern in Winchinton [Winchendon], where I got supper and lodging this night.

30 Dec. I set out about sunrise and travelled 7 miles, and stopped in Ashburnham and breakfasted there. Then I set out again and travelled as far as Lunenburge [Lunenburg], and put up here this night.

31 Dec. Set out from Lunenburge a little after sunrise, travelled 5 miles, and stopped in Shurley to breakfast. After stopping there some time I set out again, and reached Littleton about 3 o'clk in the afternoon. I went to Mr. Prentises, where I stayed all night.

1 Jany. [1777]. I breakfasted at Mr. Prentiss. About 10 o'clk I set out from Littleton and travelled as far as Concord, and dined there about 2 o'clk. Then set out again and travelled as far as Waltham, where [I] stopped and put up this night.

2 Jany. I set out before sunrise from my lodgings, travelled 7 miles, and stopped in Little Cambridge. After stopping here some time I set out again and travelled for Brautree [Braintree], where I reached about 2 o'clk in the afternoon.

4 Jany. To-day about 11 o'clk I set out to go to Boston. I stayed in Boston till Tuesday, the 7th day of the month. Then I came to Brantree, and stayed here till Saturday, the 11th; then I went to Boston, and stayed there till Thursday, the 16th; then I came to Brantree, and stayed here till Saturday, the 18th; then I went to Middleborough, and stayed there till Monday, the 20th. Monday, in the afternoon, to Capt. Gaunets, and stayed that night. Tuesday morning I set out to come to Braintree. I reached here about 3 o'clk. Wednesday I went to Boston, and stayed there till Saturday, the 1st day of February. Then I came to Braintree, and stayed till Friday, the 7th; then I went to Boston again, and stayed till Friday, the 21st; then I came to Braintree, and stayed till Friday, the 7th day of March; then I went to Boston again, and stayed till Apr. 9, 1777, [when] I marched for my second champain [campaign].

[Book No. 2.]

Wednesday, the 9th April, 1777. This day about 1 o'clock we marched from Boston, and stopped at the Punch Bowl tavern till 4 o'clock. Then marched to Watertown and put [up] for the night. Our men lodged in barns.

10 *April.* This morning at 7 o'clock we marched from Watertown. Marched about 7 miles, and stopped in West-town [Weston] for breakfast at 9 o'clock. After stopping there till 12 o'clock we set out and marched 10 miles to Col. Hows tavern in Mallbrough [Marlborough], and put up our men. All had supper cooked here this night.

11 *April.* This morning at 7 o'clock we marched from Mallbrough. Marched about 9 miles, and stopped at Man Rows tavern in Northbrough and went to dinner. After stopping there till 4 o'clock we marched to Woster [Worcester], where we reached about 9 o'clock and put up.

12 *April.* This day we tarried all day in Woster, and drew provisions to carry us to Springfield.

13 *April.* This morning at 7 o'clock we marched from Wooster. Travelled 8 miles, and stopped in Spencer to cook provisions. At 3 o'clock we set out again and marched 12 miles, and stopped in Brookfield this night. Very rainy all this afternoon, and great part of our men fell in the rear on account of the storm. I got supper and Lodging in a private house.

14 *April.* This morning very windy, and something late before all our men and baggage got up. We stopped and cooked provision. About 2 o'clock we set out and marched 10 miles, and put up in Kingston [Kingstown, now Palmer] at Mr. Bliss tavern. I got supper and lodgings at a private house.

15 *April.* This morning at 7 o'clock we marched from Kingston. Travelled 5 miles, and stopped at Scotts tavern to breakfast. Then set out again and marched 9 miles further, and stopped to rest ourselves. After stopping some time we set out again, and got into Springfield a little after 3 o'clock. I got supper and lodging at a private house.

16 *April.* I breakfasted at my lodgings at Mr. Ferys. We drew 8 days provision here for our march. About 12 o'clock we crossed the river, and stopped the other side to cook one days provision. About 3 o'clock we set out and marched 10 miles, and put up at Mr. Cants tavern, Surffeald [Suffield]. I got supper and lodgings in a private house.

17 *April.* This morning something lowering. We did not set out till 10 o'clock on account of the weather. Then we set out and marched about 7 miles. Stopped in a place called Turkey Hills. After stopping there till 1 o'clock we marched to Simsbrough [Simsbury], and put

up at Mr. Eamreys tavern. I got supper at the tavern, and lodged in the barn.

18 *April*. This morning I breakfasted at my lodging. The weather something lowering. We stopped to cook here. About 12 o'clock we set out and marched 8 miles, and stopped at a tavern in Simsbrough to eat our dinner. About 5 o'clock we set out again, and marched 4 miles and put up in Newharford [New Hartford], and cooked provision for the next day. I ate supper of my allowance, and lodged in the barn.

19 *April*. We set out about 8 o'clock and marched about 4 miles, and stopped for the wagons to come up, and ate some victuals. After stopping till 11 o'clock we set out again and marched about 10 miles further to Linchfield [Litchfield]. Our men put up in the Sate Hose [State House], and cooked provision for the next day. I got supper and lodging at Mr. Stantons tavern.

20 *April*. This morning I breakfasted at my lodgings. The weather was so bad it did not allow to march. Our men stayed in the State House all day. In the afternoon our men cooked provisions for the day. After roll call I went to Mr. Stantous tavern and got supper and lodging.

21 *April*. We set out at 7 o'clock and marched 6 miles, and stopped in Cant [Kent] to breakfast. Then we set out and marched as far as New Millford, where we stopped and cooked provision for the next day. I got supper and lodging at a private house.

22 *April*. This morning at 8 o'clock we marched. Went about 4 miles and stopped to breakfast. After stopping some time we set out again, and marched about 9 miles and stopped to dinner. Then we set out and reached Daubery about 6 o'clock. Our men put up and cooked provision for the next day.

23 *April*. We met with much trouble to get wagons to carry our baggage, which detained us all day. At night a party of our men mounted guard. A little after sundown Major Vouse [Elijah Vose] arrived here.

24 *April*. About 9 o'clock we set out on our march, and marched 9 miles and stopped in Sallom [Salem, Ct.] to dinner. After stopping there sometime we set out again and marched about 6 miles further, and stopped in a place called Coltners Manner. Our men put up in barns. I lodged in house on the floor. We mounted a picket of 24 men.

25 *April*. This morning we stopped to cook our days provision before we marched. At 11 o'clock we set out and marched 7 miles, and stopped to dinner. After stopping there till about 4 o'clock we set out again, and reached Picks Kill [Peekskill] about sundown. We marched 4 miles below the town, and encamped on a hill.

26 *April*. We went to draw provision, but could get nothing but some hard bread.

27 *April*. About 9 o'clock there came an express to the Gen', the British troops had landed at Danbury and destroyed the most of our stores and burnt part of the town. We had our arms reviewed and ammunition delivered out, and had orders to be ready to march at a moments warning.

28 *April*. Last night about 8 o'clock we had orders to march to Bedford. We set out immediately, and marched as far as Crum pond and got some refreshment. Then marched on again, and made no halt till we came to Bedford, where we reached about 11 o'clock in the morning. After we got there the Gen' received an express that the enemy had all embarked and gone off. The Gen' and officers dined in Bedford. At 3 o'clock we set out again to come home. We had not advanced far before I felt so sick that I was obliged to stop, and lodged in a barn about 3 miles in the rear of the party.

29 *April*. This morning I got some breakfast and set out on my journey, but I felt very poorly. I travelled on as fast [as] I could, but was obliged to stop every little wayes. I got as far as Crum pond and could get no further, and lodged there on a straw bed on the floor.

30 *Apr*. This morning I got breakfast at my lodgings and set out to come to camp again, but I felt so poorly that I could hardly get there.

5 *May*, 1777. This afternoon I set out; came from camp and came to Mr. Tomkings, where I took up my quarters while I was sick.

7 *July* [1777]. This day I returned to camp, after being sick nine weeks.

24 *July*. This afternoon I set out from the camp and went to Robbosons Landing, and lodged on board a sloop.

25 *July*. About 1 o'clock the regt. embarked on board the sloop and hauled off in the river. About 6 o'clock we came to and went about a mile up the river and came to and lay till sun down; then we came to sail again. I lodged on deck with my messmates.

26 *July*. This morning clear and very calm. Very pleasant sailing up the river. About 8 o'clock the wind breezed up. About 1 o'clock it began to rain and lighten till night. About 2 o'clock we came to anchor about a half a mile below Albany. I rolled myself up in my blanket and went to sleep on the quarter deck.

27 *July*. We wad [weighed] anchor and came up to the city, but none of the men were allowed to go ashore. About 10 o'clock we landed and encamped on the hill above the barracks.

28 *July*. This morning about 9 o'clock the sloop got in with the rest of the regt. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon we struck our tents and marched down to the wharf, in order to embark on board some batteaux

to go up the river to encamp with the rest of the brigade, but were prevented by a very hard shower of rain; so we went on board the sloop for shelter. I lodged in a private house ashore.

29 *July*. This morning at 10 o'clock landed, and marched for the place of our destination. We marched 2 miles, and stopped to dinner. After stopping there we marched about 7 miles and crossed a ferry; then marched about three miles and crossed Half Moon ferry, and pitched our tents there.

30 *July*. This morning between 10 and 11 o'clock we marched. Went about 8 miles, and stopped to dinner. After stopping there some time we marched as far as Still Warter [Stillwater], and pitched our tents there.

31 *July*. This morning about 10 o'clock we marched from Still Warter, and making several stops to refresh ourselves, we got into Saratoga about 5 o'clock, and pitched our tents there in a field above the Genl.

1 *Aug.*, 1777. This morning clear and pleasant, but soon became overcast, and was very lowery all day & night. Our camps were in great confusion.

2 *Aug.* This afternoon our sick men were carried away from the hospital.

3 *Aug.* This morning about 8 o'clock we had orders to strike our tents and get ready for a march. Two regts. of our brigade were sent on scout,—we hearing the enemy was very nigh. It began to rain about 10 o'clock, and rained very hard till about 4 in the afternoon. About 6 o'clock we set out from Saratoga and marched 8 miles, and stopped there for the night. We had nothing to lodge on but some boards. Some of us tore off fences, which did not serve but for few of us. The rest lay on the ground.

4 *Aug.* This morning at daylight we mustered up and got ready to march as soon as we could; and making several short stops, we got into Still Warter [Stillwater] about 9 o'clock, and pitched our tents there on some rising ground above where the fort was and in very thick bushes. This afternoon a large Scout went out. Col^o. Vorse [Joseph Vose] commanded them. This evening our men discharged their arms that were loaded. This day I returned to my duty.

10 *Aug.* This morning came out orders for all that were not able to march to go to Half Moon. Our boats [?] great part of them were carried away last night. This afternoon our brigade turned out to be reviewed by the Genl.

12 *Aug.* We had orders to get ready to march, but did not march. The reason I dont know.

13 *Aug.* This afternoon the regt. was turned out, and had orders read to us for marching. The tents were to be struck and rolled up at 2 o'clock [A. M., the 14th], & we to march off at 4 o'clock.

14 *Aug.* The orders we had for marching this morning so soon were countermanded; but we had orders to have all our provision cooked and our baggage all rolled up ready to march at a moment's warning. About 11 o'clock we struck our tents. About 12 o'clock marched off. Went about 6 miles, and stopped and encamped in the woods.

15 *Aug.* We drew one days provision. No orders to march, yet Patterson's Brigade marched by us. A very wet and uncomfortable day. I had a very [bad] fit of fever and ague.

18 *Aug.* About 11 o'clock this forenoon we struck our tents and got ready for a march. We marched to Half Moon, and encamped on an island [?] there amongst the woods.

19 *Aug.* This forenoon we cleared away the woods round our encampment. Dark and unsettled weather. This forenoon Sergt. King to the hospital.

23 *Aug.* This forenoon I went over to New City to bring over a prisoner, but he was not there. This afternoon 5 men of Capt. Tuckermans Comp'y were discovered going to desert. They were caught, and are now under the quarter guard in irons.

27 *Aug.* In the afternoon three of our regt. were flogged;— 2 of them received one hundred lashes apiece for attempting to desert; the other received 80 for enlisting twice and taking two bounties. This evening Sergt. King returned from the hospital.

30 *Aug.* I had a hard fit of the fever and ague. I received a letter from my brother this evening.

3 *Sept.*, 1777. This afternoon our regt. turned out to be reviewed by the commt. of clothing.

7 *Sept.* This day we had orders to get everything ready to march, and the wagons ordered to be delivered to each regt. This evening we drew one days provision and cooked it. We also had orders to strike our tents at 4 o'clock and march off at gun firing in the morning.

8 *Sept.* This morning we turned out at 4 o'clock and struck our tents and loaded our baggage. At 8 o'clock we marched and crossed the —— and waited there for [the] rest of the continental troops to come over. About 11 o'clock we marched, and making several short stops we arrived at a place 9 miles this side Still Warter, where we pitched our tents for this night. Drew one days provisions late this evening, and cooked it ready to start early in the morning.

9 *Sept.* We turned out, struck our tents and loaded our baggage, and got ready to march at 7 o'clock; but waited some time after that before we marched. About 9 o'clock we marched. Went as far as Stillwarter, and pitched our tents there about 12 o'clock in the forenoon.

11 *Sept.* We received orders to strike our tents in the morning at gun-firing and march in a half an hour after. We marched about

5 miles, and pitched our tents in a field. A large party went out this evening under the command of Gen' Arnold.

13 *Sept.* This morning a part of our scout brought in 3 prisoners which they took in a field below Gen' Skileyrs [Schuyler's] house in Saratoga. This afternoon 2 more prisoners were brought in from the enemy.

15 *Sept.* This evening we had orders to lay upon arms and not pull off any of our clothes.

16 *Sept.* This morning we turned out at 2 o'clk, and stayed under arms expecting the enemy would pay us a morning visit. A very large party of our men have been to work to day cutting down trees and building a breastwork in the front of our encampment. This evening our scout came in, and brought an officer and 2 tories prisoners from the enemy.

18 *Sept.* This morning we turned out at half after 3 o'clk, and struck our tents and loaded our baggage. After that we drew bread and half a gill of rum a man. The regt. grounded their arms, and went and got tools, and went to work building a breastwork in the front of our encampment, expecting the enemy upon us. About 8 o'clk our scout returned that went out in the night. About 10 o'clk we left work and got in preparation to receive the enemy. Soon after we heard a number of guns fired, supposed to be our advanced party. About 11 o'clk we marched from the place of our encampment to the top of an eminence about half a mile from the camp. Between 12 and one o'clk part of our scout brought in a prisoner from the enemy. About sundown the rifle men returned from nigh the enemy, and brought news they had taken 36 prisoners & killed 4 of the enemy. We returned to our camp again. After sundown had orders to lay on our arms and be ready to turn out at the shortest notice.

19 *Sept.* This morning we turned out before daylight and stayed on the parade till after sunrise. Just after daylight a very thick fog rose, and continued till after sunrise. About one o'clk we were alarmed by the enemy. We marched from our encampment and mained the works above us. About 2 o'clk an engagement ensued between their advanced party and ours which lasted 15 minutes without cessation. Our people drove them and took some prisoners. Then there was a cessation of firing till 4 o'ck when Genl. Arnold on our left wing began an engagement with the enemys right wing which lasted 3 hours without any cessation at all. Great numbers fell on both sides. I mounted picket at night in the front of our encampment.

20 *Sept.* Very dark and foggy this morning. The regt. struck their tents and loaded their baggage, and at 8 o'clk marched off to the works on our right wing. Between 10 & 11 o'clk the fog cleared away, and the sun shone very warm. Between 11 & 12 o'clk our

picket moved further into the woods. At sundown the regt. returned and pitched our tents on the same ground they were on before. About 8 o'clk I was relieved from picket. The enemy have lain very still to day.

21 *Sept.* This morning we turned out at 4 o'clk, and ground our arms on the regt. parade. About 12 o'clk we turned out under arms and manned our larum posts, expecting to see the enemy; but it turned out to be for a rejoicing for the success Gen' Venkonne [Lincoln?] met with at the Norard [Northward].¹ This afternoon our Indian scout brought in two tories that had painted themselves and passed for savages. After our Indians had brought them to the Gen' he examined them and gave them up to the mercy of the Indians. It has been very rainy all day.

22 *Sept.* This morning we turned out at daylight. After we had grounded our arms on the parade, we struck our tents and loaded our baggage and marched off and manned the works on Prospect hill. Between 8 and 9 o'clk we marched from the larum post and pitched our tents on the ——— of a hill further to the right of our army than we were before. Just as we got our tents pitched, it began to rain very steady. This forenoon our Indian scout brought in two regular prisoners and one scalp. Between 11 & 12 o'clk we were alarmed, and all turned out.

23 *Sept.* This morning we turned out and manned the alarm post about 8 o'clk. We heard a number of guns fired in the enemys camp this afternoon. We were armed, and manned the lines. Our Indian scout brought in five prisoners this afternoon from the enemy. Very pleasant weather today.

24 *Sept.* This morning after we came from the alarm post, we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. At 9 o'clk we marched off and grounded our arms on the ground where we were encamped before. Our Indian scout brought in some prisoners this morning. After laying on our arms till 4 o'clk, we returned and pitched our tents near our alarm post on Prospect hill.

25 *Sept.* This morning at 1 o'clk I went out with a scouting party commanded by Capt. McKinster [?]. His intent was to take an advance guard of the enemy. We marched within a quarter of a mile of them. The fog and darkness of the morning prevented our going any further till after daylight, when we rushed on the guard and a very hot fire ensued for the space of two or three minutes. The guard ran into their lines as fast as they could. We killed and wounded 8 of them and took one prisoner, and returned to our camp again about sunrise. Four men of this party that went out with us are

¹ Probably the success of the detachment sent by General Lincoln from Manchester, Vermont, to Ticonderoga.

missing. It's supposed they tarried with the enemy, as they were all Old Cuntreemen. It has rained very steady the biggest part of this day and night.

26 *Sept.* Our Indian scouts have brought in 15 prisoners to-day.

28 *Sept.* About 8 o'clk there was a cannon fired in the enemy's camps. Between 10 & 11 o'clk we were alarmed. We struck our tents and marched out as far as our advance picket. Lay on our arms there till 2 o'clk; then we returned and pitched our tents again, and cooked all the provision we had, and drew one day's allowance more of pork and hard bread. About 9 o'clk we were alarmed & turned out and manned the lines.

29 *Sept.* Last night between 12 & one o'clk a scout of $\begin{matrix} C L S C P^1 \\ 1 1 1 1 30 \end{matrix}$ went out of this regt. The occasion of our being alarmed last night was a scurmige [skirmish] between a sergt. & 12 men of ours and the enemys relief. 3 of our men got wounded. The scout that went out of our regt. returned this morning about 8 o'clk. This evening between 10 & 11 o'clk I set out on scout. There went from our regt. $\begin{matrix} C L S C P \\ 1 2 2 2 39 \end{matrix}$, and we were joined by other regts. to 100 men

properly officered. We carried 3 days provision with us. We went as far as our advanced picket on our left wing, and stopped there for the night. We made large fires and lay by. The fore part of the night till 11 o'clk was very foggy, but after that it cleared away starlight.

30 *Sept.* Last night, coming through the swamp, Capt. McKinster, one of our Captains that commanded our scout, was so unfortunate as to sprain his ankle so as to disenable him to go the scout with us, which detained us in the morning longer [than] we should otherwise [have] stayed. He was relieved by Capt. Nap [Moses Knap] of Col^s Shepards Regt. At 8 o'clk we set out on our scout. We went about 8 miles through the woods, towards Saratoga lake, which brought us near the west end of it. We stopped there & ate some victuals and refreshed ourselves. After stopping some time we set out again on our way through the woods. Just before night we took 3 tories, and sent them with a sergt. and party of men to headquarters. We proceeded on our way through the woods round the end of the lake. We went through woods till we got nearly opposite Saratoga, where we stopped and took up our habitation for this night, it being about 8 o'clk and very dark, and very heavy dew falling.

1 *Oct.*, 1777. This morning we started at daylight and went round through the woods, stopping to eat our victuals at proper times. We went through woods till we came within about a mile of the main road, — about 2 miles above the barracks in Saratoga. The party halted there.

¹ 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, and 30 privates.

About one o'clock Capt. Cushing, with myself and two more, went to see if he could make discovery of the enemy. We went within a stone's throw of the barracks, and Capt. Cushing got up on top of a large high tree, — looked all round, — could see nobody, nor hear no noise of any thing. We returned to the party again about 3 o'clock, after being much troubled to find them. While we were gone the party took two boys and cows going up the road. From there we marched down to the main road and so down by the barracks as far as Skyler's [Schuyler's] Mills. We marched up on a rising ground above the mills and ground our arms, and a party of us, with axes, went cutting away Skyler's bridge. After we had destroyed it with axes as much as time would admit of, we set fire to it. We stopped till it got well afire, and then marched off in a different road from which we came in. We marched about 2 miles up the road, and stopped there this night, it being a very pleasant starlight evening, and about 8 o'clock when we stopped.

2 Oct. We started at daylight and went about a mile, and came to a mill called Jones [Jonesville] up Skyler's Crock, where there [are] a number of houses pretty close round it. We set fire to the mill and several other buildings and a large quantity of grain, and took 7 prisoners here. We were discovered by a party of the enemy on the other side of the river, which caused us to leave the place quicker than we should otherwise have done. Notwithstanding, we took a considerable booty, and proceeded on our way home as fast as we could conveniently. We arrived at headquarters between 8 & nine o'clock in the evening with 10 prisoners, 3 of which were commissioned officers, and 12 horses and 18 horned cattle. After we delivered our [prisoners] to the guard, and our cattle were [taken] care of, we marched to the commissary's store, where there was a gill of rum and one hard biscuit delivered to each man. After we had refreshed ourselves we marched very silent to our camps & were dismissed. What was very remarkable we never exchanged a shot the whole scout.

6 Oct. Very warm but something rainy. Last night about 2 o'clock went out a scout of 500 men with one days provision, commanded by Col^o Vose. The scout Col^o Vose commanded returned this evening just at dark. 16 deserters from [the] enemy came in to us to-day.

7 Oct. A very pleasant morning. This afternoon about 3 o'clock we were alarmed. We marched out as far as our advance picket; stayed there till about sunset. About 5 o'clock an engagement began on our left wing which lasted till after sunset, — very brisk on both sides. About sunset our B^d Major brought us news that we had gained the ground on the enemys right wing and made a great sloter [slaughter] of them, — taken a great number of prisoners with a considerable booty. Our brigade marched off from our lines in order to attack their lines upon their left; but it being pretty dark, and not to our

advantage to attack them at that time of night, we returned to our camps again.

8 Oct. This morning something foggy, but very warm. About 8 o'clock we marched from our camp in pursuit of the enemy. We marched as far as their lines, and made a halt there a little while. The enemy had retreated to some works they had in their rear, where they fired from and did us some damage. As we were marching along inside their lines, they fired a number of cannon at us. Col^o Voses had his horse shot from under him. We marched through their lines to the left, and so up through the woods, up opposite Saratoga, and halted there some time. The Gen^l discovered that [it] would not be for our advantage to proceed on our expedition; so we returned to our camps again without any loss. We heard when we returned to our camp that Gen^l Vinkearne [Benjamin Lincoln] was wounded.

9 Oct. This morning very cloudy and cold. 10 or 12 deserters came to us from the enemy's army this morning. About 9 o'clock Gen^l Gates sent in a flag of truce to see where the enemy were, which, when he returned, brought news that the enemy had retreated from their encampment, leaving great part of their provision and stores. About 10 o'clock this morning it began to rain, and held on very steady all day and till about 9 o'clock, and then cleared away — cold and very windy.

10 Oct. This morning clear and very cold. We had orders to pack all our things up and be ready to march at the shortest notice. About 10 o'clock we started in pursuit of the enemy. After we had passed their encampment we found great destruction of [the] enemy's emnison [ammunition] and stores, particularly one amnshon [ammunition] wagon with 300 weight of gunpowder in it and many other valuable articles. And we likewise saw a number of dead horses which appeared to be hured [hurried] to death. We marched within a half mile of the enemy, and encamped in the woods. There was a considerable firing on both sides.

11 Oct. This morning very foggy. We drew a gill of rum a man, & about 8 o'clock we marched from our encampment in the woods to a small eminence above the meeting houses. After staying there awhile we marched into the woods nearly where [we] lodged last night. After making a small halt there we marched back again into woods near the mills up Skylers creek, where [we] lay all day and at night encamped here in the woods. This morning our people took the enemy's advance picket, consisting of an officer and 36 men, all British troops. The enemy have been fortifying and defending themselves as well as they could; but our people almost elbowed [?] them, and fired on them and did them much harm.

12 Oct. This morning clear and pleasant. We remained here in

the woods all day. A considerable smart cannonading the biggest part of the day on both sides, and we fortified against the enemy considerable on the hills all round us. There was some rain in the first of the evening.

13 Oct. This morning dark and cloudy. There was no firing on nare a side [either side] till about 8 o'clk, when we fired some cannon from our side. After that there was considerable firing on both sides all day. We continue still here in the woods.

14 Oct. This morning very foggy. The enemy lay very still yet. There has been a cessation of arms all day. Very pleasant weather.

15 Oct. Very pleasant weather all day. Gen' Burgine [Burgoyne] and Gen' Gates have this day agreed on terms of capitulation.

16 Oct. Very dark and foggy this morning, but cleared away very pleasant about 8 o'clk. All things have lain very still to-day.

17 Oct. This morning very dark and foggy. About 10 o'clk we marched from our encampment in the woods in order to receive Gen' Burgoyne and his army. We marched round the meeting house and came to a halt. Gen' Burgoyne and his Chief Officers rode by us there, and then we marched further down the road and grounded our arms and rested there. At half after 3 o'clk Gen' Burgoyne's army began to pass us, and they continued passing till sunset, when we marched down the road a little and into the woods, where we encamped for that night.

18 Oct. This morning at 9 o'clk we marched from our encampment in the woods, and between 11 & 12 o'clk we passed the prisoners in Still Warter, and marched as fast as we could for Green Bush. We marched the biggest part of the night, in order to prevent the enemys coming up to Albany. It has been very warm all day, and we marched between 40 & 50 miles this day.

19 Oct. Last night, I being very tired and fatigued with the march, Sergt. King & M' Moger [?] with myself stopped in the woods some ways in the rear of the B^d. About sunrise we waked and set out for the regt. We missed the road, and went some ways out of the way. We came up to the regt., and marched into Greenbush about 11 o'clk, and grounded our arms in a field aside of the river and opposite Albney. About 1 o'clk we crossed the river and marched about a mile above the town. After much trouble we got our baggage, and pitched our tents in a very scattered manner about sunset.

23 Oct. This day Gen' Poors Brigade marched for Rodeiseland [Rhode Island]. The rifle men also marched for Phylladefa [Philadelphia] with two small pieces of cannon with them. Our regt. drew part of their clothing this day.

26 Oct. (Sunday). This afternoon our B^d went to the meeting house and had sermon preached to us.

28 Oct. It remains very stormy and cold. We drew a gill of rum p^r man this morning. The water run through our tent, which made it very uncomfortable.

29 Oct. Between 1 & 2 o'clk it began to rain, & we were obliged to leave our tent & seek out quarters in Albney. After much trouble we got shelter in a house at the south end of the town, where we lodged very comfortably on the floor by the fire.

30 Oct. About 11 o'clk we struck our tents and got ready to march. About 3 o'clk we marched down to the wharf and embarked on board of the sloops to go down the river. In getting on board the batteaux Capt. Hill's Comp'y overset a batteau, but the water not being deep there was no loss sustained. After we had got on board the sloop, Sergt. Williams was getting down the foc'sle, when he unluckily fell and hurt himself very much. I lodged on the quarter deck this night.

31 Oct. About 10 o'clk we set sail and sailed about 12 miles down the river, and landed and marched about a quarter of a mile up in the woods and pitched our tents. This place is called Quemans overslaw.¹

2 Nov., 1777. Last night M^r Moger was taken very sick. About 11 o'clk I went with Sergt. Williams to get a house to stay in while he was sick.

3 Nov. Our mess has been to work raising our tent to day.

5 Nov. We cleaned ourselves ready to be mustered, but was not mustered. We built a chimney to our tent this day.

7 Nov. This morning at roll call there were orders read to the regt. to hold ourselves in readiness to march. Col. Sheperds to join Gen' Patterson's brigade, and that B^d to embark this evening, and a militia regt. to join our brigade. About 10 o'clk we received orders to march tomorrow morning. At roll call this eveg we had orders to strike our tents at 6 o'clk and be ready to march at sunrise.

8 Nov. About sunrise our regt. paraded and grounded our arms, and then struck our tents and carried them with the rest of our baggage down to the side of the river and loaded them on board of batteaux. About 10 o'clk we marched from our encampment, went about 6 miles and crossed the river. It was after sunset before we all got over and ready to march. Then we marched about 6 miles, which brought us to Center hook [Kinderhook]. There we lodged in barns. This town is thick settled, and has one small wooden meeting house in it.

9 Nov. We marched from Centerhook to Cloverrick [Claverock], and were billeted in barns here this night. This town is thick settled,

¹ Probably the place now known as Coeyman's Landing. "Overslaugh" is from the Dutch "Overslag," and means a bar in the river, making the passage of vessels difficult at low water.

and has one large bick [brick] meeting house and one small wooden Curch [church] in it.

10 *Nov.* This morning I received one months pay of Capt. Cushing. About 10 o'clk we set out on our march. We travelled 6 miles, and stopped to rest ourselves and eat some victuals. After stopping some time we marched again, but had not gone far before it began to rain; but we marched in the rain till [we] came to a place called Read hooek [Red Hook] and stopped there. Put up in a barn. We have marched 20 miles this day.

11 *Nov.* It being dark and rainy last night, we missed our road & travelled about a mile out of our way. About 10 o'clk we marched from our lodgings and joined the regt. Then we set out and marched all day without stopping to rest. We marched through a fine town called the Flatts [?], with one large meeting house with a steeple to it. Our B^d was billeted to houses. Our billet was at one Mr. Strates, about two miles below the meeting house, where we got very good entertainment. We drew one days provision here of fresh beef and flour.

12 *Nov.* This morning a considerable of a snow storm. About 8 o'clk we set out from our quarters and travelled about 4 miles. The storm increased so that we were obliged to stop. After stopping till the storm abated, then we set out again and travelled about 7 miles further and took quarters for the night. The man of the house was very kind. We got our flour baked here, and I lodged in a bed.

13 *Nov.* We marched from our quarters at sun rise, and joined the regt. which [was] all in the front of our company. After the regt. got together, we were counted off in divisions and marched on for Purcipse [Poughkeepsie], where we arrived about 12 o'clk. Before noon Capt. Tuckermau's Comp'y & our own took quarters at Mr. Levenstons about mile out of town and near the river.

14 *Nov.* We marched at sun rise and joined our regt. After we had joined we marched on for fish Kills [Fishkill], and arrived about 3 o'clk. We marched to the barracks and took our quarters this night. We drew one days salt provision here.

15 *Nov.* Just after sun rise we marched for Peckskill, and arrived about 4 o'clk in the afternoon. We found the barracks and all public buildings burned. We took quarters in the housing that was left there, and drew provision for two days, and had orders to cook our provision and be ready to march at sunrise.

16 *Nov.* A little after sunrise we marched the regt. together and marched to Kings Ferry, where we crossed and marched about a mile below and encamped for the night.

17 *Nov.* About 8 o'clk we struck our tents in order to march, but was detained sometime delivering out some clothing that was brought

to the Brigade after we struck our tents. About 11 o'clock we marched and went about 6 miles and made short halt there, and then marched till after sunset and encamped in the woods. Sergt. King & Corporal Barnerd and Gibbs with myself went about a mile further out of the road, where we got supper and lodging this night.

18 Nov. Just after daylight we started from our quarters and joined the regt. in the woods. The regt. marched about 4 miles, and halted and drew provision and cooked it. About 10 we marched as far as a place called the Ponds, and took quarters in housens.

19 Nov. A little after sunrise we marched from our quarters and arrived in Pumton [Pompton] about 11 o'clock, and were quartered there in housen there. We drew two days beef and three days bread here.

20 Nov. This morning a little after sunrise I got my breakfast and went to the company. The regt. marched together, & about 8 o'clock we marched, and about sunset we arrived in Moristown [Morristown, N. J.] and took quarters and drew provisions there.

21 Nov. About 10 o'clock we marched from Moris Town. Marched about ten miles, and encamped in Boston Ridge in the woods.

22 Nov. This morning at daylight we struck our tents. About 8 o'clock, we marched off the ground, and arrived in Sumersett [Somerset] about half after 4 o'clock and pitched our tents in a field there.

23 Nov. We struck our tents before sunrise this morning and loaded our baggage, and about 8 o'clock marched off and arrived in Princetown. We marched about 2 miles out of town, and encamped in a field which was very full of briers and by the side of a very thick woods.

24 Nov. We struck our tents about sunrise and loaded our baggage, and about 8 o'clock our regt. paraded and we had our arms examined and ammunition delivered to us. After that we formed a surkell [circle], and the prisoners of the regt. were brought in and sentence passed on them. The first were two privates which were confined for leaving their company without leave; the other were two sergts. belonging to the same company and confined for the same crime. The privates were sentenced to be whipped, but were forgiven on their promising better behavior for the future. One of the sergts. was reduced to the rauks, and the other was reprimanded by the Col^o on the parade. About 10 o'clock we marched and arrived in Burningtown [Burlington] about 3 o'clock, where we were to have halted for the night, but the Gen' received an express to march on as fast as the troops could march. We marched about 7 miles farther, and encamped in the woods.

25 Nov. About 9 o'clock we set out on our march and arrived in Mont holley [Mount Holly] about 1 o'clock. We marched about a half a mile below the town and encamped in the woods.

26 Nov. This morning about 3 o'clock we marched from our encampment in order to attack the enemy. We left all our baggage in the

camp. We marched within about 7 miles of Philadelphia, and halted in a woods and built fires and lay there for a reinforcement. We arrived here about sunrise and lay here till about 10 o'clock, and then we advanced about 3 miles further. We passed through a small town, called Mores Town [?], and lay in the woods till about 4 o'clock. Then we marched back to our camps again at Mont halley. The reason of our not engaging the enemy was because they crossed the river and went back again to their man body.

27 *Nov.* About 10 o'clock we struck our tents and loaded our baggage, and between 12 & 1 o'clock we marched from Mont holle and arrived in Burlingtown about 4 o'clock. We took up our quarters in housen, and drew one days provision. The wagons were crossing the ferry the most of [the day].

28 *Nov.* This morning we were mustered before day light in order to cross the river, but did not cross the ferry till about 9 o'clock, & then we marched about 20 miles and stopped in a place called the Croked Billit. I stopped about 4 miles before we came there and got supper and lodging.

29 *Nov.* This morning about 8 o'clock I set out to the regt. I found them at Croked Billit, but the weather was so stormy that we could not go any further till the storm abated. The weather held so bad we tarried here all day.

30 *Nov.* The weather still remains wet & stormy. We have no orders to march yet. About 3 o'clock our baggage came up to us & we had orders to get ready to march to head quarters; about half after 4 o'clock we marched, but it was very bad marching. We marched about 3 miles, and encamped in the woods in the front of Gen^l Greens Division, about a mile from headquarters. We encamped here about 10 o'clock, and had orders to cook all our provision and be ready to march at 5 o'clock in the morning.

1 *December* [1777]. We turned out before day this morning and dressed ourselves; then we had orders to turn in again, but not pull off our clothes. We rested all day in our tents.

3 *December.* This morning we turned out and paraded at day light, & were counted off in platoons, and marched about a mile to a place near headquarters, and were reviewed there about 9 o'clock. We returned to our camps again.

5 *Dec.* This morning just before 4 o'clock we were alarmed by the firing of three cannon. We turned out and were counted off in platoons, and marched to our alarm post and lay there for a reinforcement. About day light our tents were struck and loaded with the rest of the baggage, and set out to go to Newtown. In the forepart of the day there was considerable of an action between the enemy and our troops. We lay on our alarm post till after dark. Then we marched to the place

where our tents were [had been?] pitched, and lay there in the woods without any covering. We drew some fresh beef and flour, but had nothing to cook in, but were obliged to broil our meat on the fire and bake our bread in the ashes.

6 Dec. This morning at daylight our regt. paraded our arms, and then we drew a gill of whiskey a man; and a little after sunrise we marched to our alarm posts & grounded our arms. In the afternoon it clouded up. We moved back a little in the woods and built huts with the dry bushes, for we had no axes to cut any. We drew beef & flour, and we had two camp kettles to our comp'y to cook our provision in.

7 Dec. We paraded and grounded our arms where we were yesterday; but it soon began to rain, and we took up our arms and went into the woods again. About 2 o'clk we were alarmed. We turned out and formed a line of battle, and primed and loaded, as the enemy seemed to be very ligh [nigh?], and a very hot fire on both sides. The enemy seemed to gain ground and be getting round on our left. We marched about a mile towards our left, and formed another line and stayed there till after dusk. Then we ceased on both sides, and we returned to the woods where we were before; but had no axes to cut wood for fires nor covering. We drew some fresh beef, but no bread nor flour.

8 Dec. This morning we turned out and marched to where we came from last night, and our brigade formed a solid column on the ground where we were encamped when we first came [from] the norerd [northward]. We lay there all day, and at night we returned to our encampment in the woods. Just at dark it begun to rain and storm; but luckily for us it did not storm long. We drew one day's allowance of beef and flour.

9 Dec. Last night the enemy left their ground and returned to their main army. Part of our brigade marched into the enemy's encampment last night. We cooked all our provision this morning and got ready to march, but had no orders to march this day.

10 Dec. About 1 o'clk we marched to our old encampment and pitched our tents there. After our tents were pitched I took a walk with Sergt. Denston after some clothes, but did not get them.

11 Dec. We struck our tents at 5 o'ek this morning and loaded our baggage. About daylight we marched. We went within about a mile of Scalkill [Schuykill]. We found the enemy had possession of a hill that commanded the bridge, so we went no further that road, but countermarched back into the woods and lay there till about 4 o'clk in the afternoon; and then we marched about 4 or 5 miles up Lancaster [Laucaster] road and lay in the woods this night without our tents.

12 Dec. About 2 o'clk this morning we drew two days allowance of fresh beef. We were turned out about daylight, and packed our clothes and provision ready to march off. After that we had orders to stay

and cook all our provision. We built ourselves huts with brush and leaves, and got ourselves cleverly settled for the night. We drew one day's more allowance of fresh beef and flour. But after sunset we had orders to pack up our clothes and provision and march directly. We marched about 5 miles and crossed Scolckill. This river is not very deep but very rapid. We marched about 3 miles, and stopped on a very high hill and thick woods. We had no tents, nor axes to cut wood to make fires. It was a very bad snow storm when we stopped.

13 Dec. We lay here in the woods this forenoon. We drew one day's provision, and had orders to cook it and be ready to march; but did not march then, but drew one day's more of provision, and had orders to cook it & make ourselves as comfortable as we could for the ensuing night, and be ready to march at 4 o'clock in the morning.

14 Dec. We did not march this morning agreeable to the orders we received last night. Drew two days provision this day.

15 Dec. Last night there were two huts were burnt in our regt. This forenoon our regt. was mustered. Afterwards we were ordered to turn out at 4 o'clock.

16 Dec. We had orders to march at 10 o'clock. We did not march this day, but stayed in our huts all day. It rained very steady all day.

17 Dec. We had orders to march at 10 o'clock, but the weather prevented it. We turned out at 11 o'clock to roll call, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

18 Dec. We had orders to turn out to roll call at 9 o'clock, but it began to rain so fast we did not turn out then. About 12 o'clock we turned out to roll call with arms. We had orders read to us that the Genl determined to take up winter quarters in this place. The troops are to make huts for themselves, and make ourselves as comfortable as we can, in order to keep the army together. We should have moved to day, but this being the day set apart by the Congress for a day of public thanksgiving, the troops are ordered to lay still; and the Captains [chaplains] of the different Brigades to perform divine services, and officers and soldiers are desired to attend. We had no Chaplin in our brigade, and we had but a poor thanksgiving, — nothing but fresh beef & flour to eat, without any salt, & but very scant of that.

19 Dec. About 12 o'clock we marched off for the place where we were to take our winter quarters. We marched about 6 miles up Lankester road and encamped in the woods.

20 Dec. We remain here in camp, & shall till we build our huts.

21 Dec. We drew a small quantity of salt pork. We still remain here in camp.

22 Dec. We drew three days allowance of fresh beef and two of flour. The tools were given out and ground laid out to build our huts upon. This evening we had orders to cook our provision and be ready

to march at the shortest notice. There were two parties of men out of the regt. this eveng.

23 Dec. This morning we turned out just after sunrise to roll call. After the rolls were called the whole brigade formed a line and was counted off. After that we marched on our own parade and locked our arms. On the afternoon we went to work on our huts. At sundown we parade to roll call and took in our arms later.

24 Dec. This morning we went to work on our huts, but there was some misunderstanding about the ground, and we left off work & went to camp again. We worked no more today.

[The entries for several days following are illegible.]

2 Jan., 1778. We had orders to lay on our arms. It was very rainy the most of the night.

9 Jan. I went to the grand parade at 10 o'clk in order to see the man executed, but he was reprieved till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clk.

10 Jan. At 10 o'clk I went on the grand parade in order to see the man executed. After the troops had formed a surcel [circle], the prisoner was brought under the gallows in a wagon. The rope was made fast to gallows. Then the prisoner had time to make a speech or to say what he had a mind to. At 11 o'clk the wagon was drawn from under the gallows and the man swung off; but the rope broke and he fell to the ground; but he [was] taken up again, and the wagon backed under the gallows again & the man put up in it. The rope was doubled and made fast again, and wagon drawn from under the gallows. The man swung off the second time, and hung till he was dead. Then there was a hole dug in the ground just under him, and the rope was cut and he dropped in the ground and [was] covered over. In the afternoon there were two men flogged in our regt. belonging to Capt. Tuckerman's Comp'y.

20 Jan. This morning about daylight a party of the enemy came out to our lines and had a curmige [skirmish] with our guards. Major Durban [Dearborn?] was wounded in the wrist; but there were two of the enemy, light horsemen, killed and one more wounded.

22 Jan. This afternoon there was one of Col^e Wigelsworths [Wiglesworth's] regt. flogged.

2 Feb. [1778]. Capt. Cushing, in company with Capt. Hunt and Ensign Webb, set out for Boston.

13 Feb. This morning there was a large party detached from the whole army went off on some expedition. They carried a week's provision with them.

16 Feby. Lieut. Ulmore set out to go to Boston this day.

15 March [1778]. After roll call I went on the grand parade, where there was a very large concourse of people assembled. After the guards were paraded, Lieut. Enslin was brought on the parade

under a strong guard and his crime was read, which was for attempting to commit sodomy and swearing to false returns. He was sentenced to be drummed out of camp, never to return any more. His coat was turned wrong side outwards, and then he was drummed off the parade and through the camps down to the side of the Skool Kill, where a guard took him and carried him over the bridge and dismissed him.

18 *March*. This evening after roll call the regt. turned out and attended the funeral of Sergt. Hopper.

21 *March*. This evening there was a detachment of men sent to reinforce the picket at the lines.

1 *April* [1778]. This evening Col^o Jackson's regt. arrived here.

4 *April*. This forenoon our regt. passed muster. About 12 o'clk Col^o Jackson's regt. marched from here to the gulf, where they were to be stationed.

5 *April*. About 1 o'clk the One^b [Honorable?] Gen^l Lee was exchanged [exchanged], and dined at H. Quarters this day. This evening John Strong of our Comp'y was buried.

22 *April*. In the afternoon I went to meeting, and heard a fine sermon preached from Judges the 5th & 23^d verses.

23 *April*. Last night Capt. Cushing arrived here from Boston.

26 *April*. This evening Col^o Varskorts [Van Shaiick?] regt. arrived here from the Norward.

6 *May* [1778]. This day has been spent in great rejoicings for the happy news we received from France and Spain.

7 *May*. In the afternoon I went over Scookill to see Mr. Adams.

12 *May*. This afternoon Sergt. Dinston arrived here from Boston.

14 *May*. This afternoon at 4 o'clk we turned out to exercise. Gen^l Glover's, Poor's, and Larned's Brigades formed a Division, and went through a number of manœuvres before his Excellency Gen^l Washington and members of the grand Congress.

18 *May*. This morning about 10 o'clk there was a detachment of 4,000 men marched off the grand parade, and five pieces of caannon, under the command of the Marques [Marquis de Lafayette?]. This evening at roll call we had orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice.

20 *May*. About 11 o'clk we were alarmed. The enemy came out as far as Swead's ford [Swedesborough, N. J.]. We turned out and had forty rounds delivered to each man; then grounded our arms, and were to turn out again at the firing of cannon from the park. We not being alarmed any more, our arms remained grounded on the parade all day. At sun down we took up our arms, and were dismissed and returned to our quarters as usual.

25 *May*. This morning we turned out to exercise at 4 o'clk. The whole of the front line of the army exercised together, and the same manner in the afternoon at 4 o'clk.

2 June, 1778. In the afternoon our Bd passed muster. This afternoon the left wing of the front line turned out & formed a line of march.

3 June. This morning at roll call there were 3 men flogged in our regt.

4 June. This morning at guard mounting Thom^s Shank [?] was hanged on the grand parade for being a spy for the enemy from Philadelphia.

9 June. This afternoon we had orders to move our camp tomorrow morning at 8 o'clk.

10 June. About 8 o'clk the General¹ was beat before the B^d. We struck our tents & loaded our baggage, and about 10 o'clk we marched away from our huts about a half a mile in the front of our works, & encamped there in a very pleasant place near wood & water.

16 June. This morning there was one of our regt. flogged 50 lashes, and another forgave [?] 30 lashes.

18 June. This day noon we learned the enemy had left Philadelphia. About 12 o'clk Gen' Poor's, Varnon's [Varnum's], & Huntington's Brigades marched off. At three o'clk the 2^d Pennsylvania & another Setherne [Southern] Brigade marched off; and we had orders with the rest of the whole army, to march tomorrow morning at 5 o'clk.

19 June. At 5 o'clk the General was beat before the Brigade, & we struck our tents & loaded our baggage. Between 9 & 10 o'clk we marched off, and making several short stops on the road to rest ourselves; we pitched our tents in a field. We had orders to cook all our provision, & be ready to march at 4 o'clk tomorrow morning. We have marched 9 miles this day. This place is called Noringtown [Norristown, Penn.].

20 June. This morning at half after 3 o'clk the General beat. We struck our tents and loaded our baggage. At 4 o'clk the Troop² was beat. We fell in & were counted off, & about 5 o'clk we marched. Went about 8 miles, and stopped to rest & eat some victuàls between 9 & 10 o'clk. After stopping there till about 1 o'clk we marched about 6 miles further, & pitched our tents in a field, and had orders to march tomorrow morning at 4 o'clk.

21 June. About 9 o'clk it ceased raining. We struck our tents & fell in & were counted off in order to march. About 11 o'clk we marched off, and made no halt till we got within about a quarter of a mile of the Dilewear [Delaware], where we pitched our tents

¹ A particular beat of drum or march, being that which, in the morning, gives notice to infantry to be in readiness to march. — *Century Dictionary*.

² A particular beat of the drum. — *Scott's Military Dictionary*.

on an eminence; and we had orders to be ready to cross the ferry tomorrow morning at 4 o'clock.

22 June. At 5 o'clock the General was beat. We struck our tents and loaded our baggage. Between 6 & 7 o'clock we fell in & were counted off in order to march. About 8 o'clock we marched down to the ferry & crossed. We marched about a mile and a half in the Jerseys, and made a halt there till about 1 o'clock. Then we marched about 2 miles further, where we came up with Gen' Lee's Division and encamped in a field.

23 June. This morning at 5 o'clock the General was beat, & we turned out & got ready to march. About 7 o'clock we marched off, but left all our tents standing & our heavy baggage behind us. We marched about 10 miles, & halted on the road about 4 hours, & turned into a field to cook provision, & had orders to march at 11 o'clock at night. Our tents did not come up this night, but what little time we had to sleep we slept in the open field, which was only from 11 o'clock at night till 4 in the morning. The reason we did not march at 11 o'clock was because we could not get provision till late.

24 June. This morning at 4 o'clock the General was beat. We got up, fell in & were counted off in order to march, but we did not. Our tents came up to us, & we pitched them on the field, where we lay all night. We had no orders to march this day, but slept very quietly in our tents all day.

25 June. This morning at 5 o'clock the General was beat throughout the whole army; at 6 o'clock the Troop beat. We fell in & were counted off in order to march. We left all our tents standing & our heavy baggage behind us. We marched off, and making several short stops on the road to rest we arrived at Kingstown between 12 & 1 o'clock. We marched into a large field there and made a halt, it being very hot weather. Just after we halted we sent out a large detachment, to see if they could make any discovery of the enemy, under the command of the Markis Delesiat [Marquis de Lafayette]. About sundown we moved ahead about a quarter of a mile further, into a field where we expected to take up our lodgings for the night. But we had not been here above a quarter of an hour before the long roll beat. We fell in to our arms and marched about 5 miles, and halted in the road all night.

26 June. At 5 o'clock we fell in to our arms & were counted off in order to march. About half after — o'clock we began our march & marched about 5 miles, and halted in the road & drew two days allowance of pork & flour. We cooked our provision. Between 4 & 5 o'clock we began our march again, but we had not got but a very short way before it began to rain, which caused us to stop. It held raining above an hour successively, and was attended with very heavy

thunder and sharp lightning. It being late when it stopped raining, we took our lodgings in the road without anything to cover us, or anything to lodge on but the wet ground, & we in a very wet condition.

27 *June*. This morning at 5 o'clock the General beat. We got up & fell in to our arms and were counted off in order to march. We drew a gill of whiskey a man, and about 7 o'clock we began our march, and marched about 4 miles & stopped in the road to rest and get water. After stopping about a half an hour we marched again about a mile further, and it being excessive hot, we halted again. I expected we should go further, but we stopped here all day. We had no orders for marching at sundown. I had the flank guard while we marched this day. We lay in the open field. Hard thunder, &c., &c.

28 *June*. This morning about 6 o'clock the General beat; in about an hour afterwards the Troop beat. We fell in & marched off. Went about 4 miles, & made a little halt to search [search] our arms and ammunition. Every man was compcated [accommodated?] with 40 rounds apiece. We left all our packs and blankets, and marched on in pursuit of the enemy as far as we could. About 2 o'clock came up with them. Our Division formed a line on an eminence about a half a mile in the front of the enemy, and our artillery in our front. A very smart cannonading ensued from both sides. We stayed here till several of our officers & men were killed and wounded. Seeing that it was of no service to stand here, we went back a little ways into the woods; but the cannonading still continued very smart on both sides about two hours, when the enemy retreated and we marched up & took possession of their ground. This place is called Monmouth. It has been very hot all day. Numbers of our men had fainted and given out with the heat before we came up to the enemy. We lay here all night in the field.

29 *June*. Very warm this morning. We lay still here till 5 o'clock, at which time the General beat, and we marched to the ground where we left our baggage yesterday, and lay there all night without any tents.

30 *June*. Excessive hot this morning. We lay still here all day.

1 *July* [1778]. This morning between 1 & 2 o'clock the General was beat. We got up & fell in, & were counted off in order to march; but we were delayed till almost daylight, and then we marched off & went 9 miles without making of any halt, which brought us to a place called Spots Wood. We arrived here about 8 o'clock in the morning, and made a general halt here. We had orders to march at 1 o'clock to-morrow morning.

2 *July*. The General was beat at 12 o'clock; the Troop just afterwards. We began our march at 1 o'clock in the morning. We went as far as Brunswick, where [we] came up with our baggage. We went about 2 miles from the town and pitched our tents in a field.

3 July. We remain still in camp. Very rainy weather all day. No orders for marching yet.

4 July. Dark & cloudy weather this morning. This afternoon at 5 o'clock the army turned out & fired a fudey joy [feu de joie] to celebrate the Glorious Independence of Americay. This evening we had orders to march at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.

5 July. This morning at half after 2 o'clock the General beat. We turned out & struck our tents and loaded our baggage. We fell in & were counted off in order to march; but we grounded our arms and stopped here till almost sunrise, & then began our march. We went about 5 miles & stopped to rest & eat some victuals. After stopping here about an hour we marched on again, about 3 miles further, and stopped in a field, where we pitched our tents.

6 July. This morning at 5 o'clock we set out on our march. We went as far as Springfield, which was 10 miles from where we set out from. We pitched our tents in a field near the meeting house.

7 July. This morning at 5 o'clock we set out on our march. Marched 10 miles, which brought us to New Arck [Newark]. We went about a mile above the town and encamped on an eminence.

9 July. At 12 o'clock the General beat, and at 1 o'clock in the morning we began our march, and making several short stops on the road to rest, we arrived at a place called Sloter Dam. We forded the river, which was 3 feet deep, & pitched our tents on an eminence the east side of the river. We have marched 12 miles this day.

10 July. Between 1 & 2 o'clock this morning we began our march. Went about 7 miles and made a short halt to rest, and then marched on again about 3 miles further, which brought us to a place called Perambart, where we pitched our tents in a field near the meeting house. It was about 8 o'clock this morning when we got here.

11 July. This morning about daylight we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. About sunrise we began our march, went 3 miles and encamped in a place called Sadel river.

12 July. At 12 o'clock the General beat. We struck our tents & loaded our baggage. At 1 o'clock this morning we began our march. Marched about 11 miles & encamped in a field about 9 miles below Kings Ferry. It was 7 o'clock this morning when we got here. It being very bad road, our wagons did not get up till 11 o'clock.

13 July. This morning at 5 o'clock the General beat. We struck our tents & loaded our baggage. About 6 o'clock we began our march. Went about 8 miles, and encamped on an eminence about a mile below the ferry.

14 July. This morning at roll call there were four men flogged belonging to Capt. Miller's Comp'y, — 100 lashes each. About 5 o'clock this afternoon we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. We fell

in and marched down to the ferry, where we crossed & marched onto our ground where we were to encamp. Our tents did not get over till the morning.

15 *July*. This morning we pitched our tents on the ground we came onto last night. I got liberty to go [to] Peaks Kill this day.

16 *July*. I spent this day in Peaks Kill. About 8 o'clk in the evening I set out to go to the regt., but I met M^r Floyd, which persuaded me to go back to my lodgings, where we spent the night.

17 *July*. About sun rise this morning we set out to go to the regt. We went within a half a mile of Crum Pond meeting house, where we heard our B^d had orders to go back again to the place they marched from last night. We went back again to our lodgings, where we stopped to rest ourselves; after which we set out to go to the regt. again, which we found encamped at Peaks Kill Landing. We lay waiting for orders.

19 *July*. This afternoon we struck our tents and marched off. We marched as far [as] Crum Pond meeting house, and went into a field, where we lay down to sleep, but pitched no tents.

20 *July*. This morning the General beat at 2 o'clk. We marched off, went about 18 miles, stopped in a field just within Connecticut government, where we pitched our tents.

21 *July*. This morning we had orders [to] get ready to pass muster this afternoon at 5 o'clk. Between 4 & 5 o'clk this afternoon I set out to go back to Peaks Kill, where I arrived between 11 & 12 o'clk at night.

22 *July*. This morning at daylight I set out from Peaks Kill to join the regt. again. I found them encamped at Stamford [Conn.]. I have travelled 56 miles this day. I got to the regt. just before sundown.

23 *July*. This morning at 3 o'clk the General beat. About half after 5 o'clk we marched off. We marched as far as Norwick [Norwalk], where we halted 2 hours. Then we marched about 8 miles further, where we pitched our tents. We have marched 18 miles this day. This place is called Green's farms.

24 *July*. This morning at daylight we began our march from Green's farms. We went as far as Faresfield [Fairfield], and halted there about 2 hours. Then we marched as far as Statford [Stratford], and encamped at the side of the river, ready to cross the ferry in the morning. We have marched 15 miles this day.

25 *July*. Between 4 & 5 o'clk we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. We marched down & crossed the ferry, & then marched as far as New Millford, & encamped in a field near the meeting house.

26 *July*. This morning about 3 o'clk we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. Soon after we marched off. We marched as far as New haven, where we halted to draw our clothing. About 4 o'clk we

marched again & went about 7 miles further, to a place called East haven, where we pitched our tents.

27 *July*. This morning about 3 o'clk the General beat. We struck our tents & marched. We went as far as Old Gilford [Guilford], & made a halt till 4 o'clk. Then we marched on to a place called East Gillford, where we pitched our tents on a lane near the meeting house.

28 *July*. This morning about 3 o'clk we began our march. We went about 5 miles, to a place called Killingsford [Killingworth], where we halted till 6 o'clk. Then we marched on again about 9 miles further, to a place called Scabrock [Saybrook], where we made another halt till between 11 & 12 o'clk. Then we marched on again as far as the ferry and crossed immediately, & marched about a mile, and pitched our tents in an orchard about 5 o'clk in the afternoon. We have marched 18 miles this day.

29 *July*. This morning about 3 o'clk we began our march, and making several short stops to rest on the road, we arrived at New London between 11 & 12 o'clk in the forenoon. After marching through the town & making a short halt there, we marched onto the Island, where we pitched our tents. We have marched 20 miles this day.

30 *July*. This morning about 3 o'clk we began our march, and between 11 & 12 o'clk we arrived at Norege [Norwich], and pitched our tents in a field. We have marched about 14 miles this day. This evening at 6 o'clk our Brigade turned and marched up into the town and heard preacers [prayers].

31 *July*. We lay still today for the men to wash their clothes. At 6 o'clk this [evening] we turned out and went to the town to prayers.

1 *August*, 1778. This morning about 4 o'clk we began our march from Norwich, and making several short stops, we arrived at Plane fields [Plainfield], where we pitched our tents. We have marched 15 miles this day.

2 *Aug*. This morning about daylight we began our march. We went as far as Greens Tavern and stopped till 4 o'clk. Then we marched on again as far as Angels Tavern, about 12 miles from Providence, where we halted & pitched our tents. We have marched 18 miles this day.

3 *Aug*. This morning about 3 o'clk we began our march. We went within about 3 miles of the town, and stopped in an orchard till 4 o'clk; then we set out and marched within a mile of the town, and stopped where we were to pitch our tents; but it being bad ground, we marched into town, and marched onto an eminence and pitched our tents.

6 *Aug*. This morning at 5 o'clk we struck our tents, and about 7 o'clk we marched off. Went about 12 miles; halted & pitched our tents in a place called Rehoboth.

7 Aug. This morning about 3 o'clock we struck our tents and marched off, & about 10 o'clock we crossed Taunton river. We marched about 2 miles and stopped in a field, where we lay all night; but it was so late when our tents got up we did not pitch them this night.

8 Aug. This morning about daylight we began our march. We went about 7 miles, which brought us near Howlands Ferry, where we pitched our tents.

9 Aug. This morning between 6 & 7 o'clock we paraded in order to go over the river. About 8 o'clock we marched down & crossed Howlands Ferry onto Rhode Island. We marched onto the hills above the forts and stopped there for our baggage to come up. Then we pitched our tents and stayed here all night.

10 Aug. A very smart cannonading began from the French fleet about 8 o'clock this morning, which lasted two hours. We lay still in camp yet.

11 Aug. We drew three days provision, and had orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march towards New Port tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock.

12 Aug. It is very stormy weather this morning, which hinders our marching agreeable to yesterdays orders. It continued very stormy all day.¹ In the evening the storm increased very much; it blew to such degree that there were but very few tents standing in the brigade by 10 o'clock. Our tent stood very well till about 1 o'clock; then it blew up, & we found it impossible to pitch it again. We took our blankets and set out to look for shelter. We got inside a barn among some horses & hogs, where we stayed till day light.

13 Aug. We set out from our lodgings & went up to the regt., but found [it] in a deplorable condition, scarcely a tent standing in it. We went to the sutler's & got a dram of brandy, & then went to blacksmiths shop, where [we] stayed till the afternoon, [when] the storm abated. We came up & pitched our tents, & got some dry hay & made ourselves considerable comfortable.

[BOOK NO. 3.]

Rhode Island, Friday, 14th of Aug., 1778. This morning about daylight our camps were alarmed, but I don't know the occasion of it yet. There was a large detachment from our brigade went out. Between 9 & 10 o'clock we turned out & had our arms & ammunition searched; then we were dismissed, but had orders to turn out at the shortest notice.

15 Aug. This morning about 6 o'clock we struck our tents & loaded our baggage. About 7 o'clock we marched off our ground. Marched

¹ This storm wrecked and scattered both the French and British fleets at Newport, and did a great deal of damage throughout the State.

about 5 miles and stopped in the road till about 12 o'clk. Then we marched about a mile further, & halted in a field where we had a plain view of the enemy's works. Our tents did not come up to us this night.

16 *Aug.* This morning our tents came up, and we pitched them in the field where we lay last night. The duty very hard on the men. This afternoon about 5 o'clk the weather came up very foggy.

17 *Aug.* Very thick & lowering weather. About 11 o'clk this forenoon it cleared away. As the fog cleared off, the enemy discovered our troops intrenching near their lines, at which they fired several shots. Just before sundown the weather came up very thick & misty.

18 *Aug.* Dark & misty weather. The enemy seem to be very angry. They fire at our men that are intrenching very brisk. The enemy have kept up a cannonading at our works all day.

19 *Aug.* Last evening one of our sentries was taken off his post by the enemys rounds. About 9 o'clk the fog cleared, and the cannonading began from both sides, which was continued all day.

20 *Aug.* The enemy is very peaceable as yet. The weather remains unsettled. In the afternoon there were several shots fired from both sides.

21 *Aug.* This morning our people threw several shells at the enemys works, & the cannonading was kept up as usual on both sides.

22 *Aug.* Dark & windy weather. Nothing remarkable today, only there is no firing.

23 *Aug.* Nothing remarkable today. Several shells thrown from both parties in the night.

25 *Aug.* Our people keep up a very smart cannonading and bunbading [bombarding] against the enemy this morning till about 11 o'clk. Orders to parade all the men unfit for action at 6 o'clk this morning. Everything seems to be very still on both sides at present. A return of all the sick called for in the regt. This evening Lieut. Grace arrived here with his party from Philadelphia.

26 *Aug.* No firing this morning from either side, & everything seems to be very still.

27 *Aug.* Warm & muggy weather. Things remain very still.

28 *Aug.* Last evening there was a cannon shot fired from the enemy's lines which entered a house of one of the inhabitants and struck an infant as it was sucking at its mother's breast. It tore the infant in pieces but did not hurt the mother, but wounded an aged woman in the same house. This afternoon one of our men was hanged on the grand parade for attempting to desert to the enemy. This evening just after roll call we had orders to pack up all our clothes and be ready to start at the shortest notice, but did not know whether we were to advance or retreat. At 8 o'clk we struck our tents & loaded our baggage in the most silent manner. About 9 o'clk we began our retreat. We

marched with great silence and moderation to the north end of the island, and halted on the same ground we encamped on when we first landed on the island. We stopped here all night.

29 Aug. This morning about 4 o'clock our pickets and advance left the lines. About daylight the enemy advanced upon them. About 7 o'clock in the morning they attacked our rear, and drove them some ways very fast. Our party was reinforced, & then we held our ground by a very smart engagement both with cannon & muskets. For some time our main body kept their ground; but the enemy drove our detached party several times, until they came within shot of our heavy cannon, which were placed on an eminence on our right. We played on the enemy from there very warm for some time, which obliged them to retreat. We followed them very close till they possessed themselves of some hills in their rear, where they made a stand. A very warm engagement ensued between our right and the enemys left for several hours. Sometimes our party gave way, & at others the enemy; but at the last our party got much the advantage of the enemy. The enemy seeing they could gain no advantage on our right, they advanced on our left, where we repulsed them and drove them back to their hills. One of the enemy's sloops of war and two tenders ran up the river and came to anchor round the north end of the island, in order to cut off our retreat from the island if we should find it needful; but our people run down two 18 pounders, which we played from and soon obliged them to slip their cables and make off themselves. We kept up a constant fire on the enemy all the afternoon till sundown, when the firing on both sides ceased. We lay down under a stone wall about a quarter of a mile from the enemys hills. We were alarmed several times in the night by the firing of small arms. We took one prisoner in the action, which deserted from our side when Fort Mungunney [Montgomery] was besieged by the enemy. We shot him in about an hour after we took him prisoner.

30 Aug. The enemy keep possession of their hills yet, and we still remain on the ground we stayed on last night. Our scouting party and theirs keep a constant firing at each other. At sundown this evening we fell in to roll call. After the rolls were called we were counted off in platoons, after which we stacked our arms and lay down, but had orders not to go to sleep. About 8 o'clock we fell in and began our march towards the ferry in the most silent manner. We marched about a mile and stopped in the road. Our brigade stopped here till all our stores were carried off our hills & all our army had marched by us except our rear-guard, which consisted of Col^o Wigglesworth's regt. and our light corps. About 10 o'clock we marched on again, and made no more halt till we got to the ferry, where the boats were waiting for us. We embarked and crossed the ferry. After we all got over the ferry we

marched up onto the ground that we pitched our tents on before we landed on the island, and halted; but it being dark we did not pitch our tents this night.

31 *Aug.* This morning before daylight our retreat off the island was completed without the loss of any men, artillery, or baggage. After daylight we got our tents and pitched them on our old ground. This afternoon all our spare cartridges were returned to the Q^r M^r.

Howland's Ferry, Sept. 1st, 1778. This morning just after daylight we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. About 7 o'clock we began our march for Providence. We marched 8 miles, which brought us to Tautun [Taunton] river. We crossed the river in flat bottomed boats. We marched about 8 miles after we crossed the river, and halted in a place called Rehboth [Rehoboth].

2 *Sept.* This morning we drew one gill of rum a man. About 7 o'clock we begun our march. We made no stop till we arrived at Providence. We marched onto hills above the town and halted. Our tents did not come up till about 9 o'clock at night. We did not pitch them this night.

3 *Sept.* We pitched our tents this morning on the hills. Nothing remarkable today.

5 *Sept.* This evening we had orders to move our encampment as soon as it was convenient.

6 *Sept.* This morning our brigade paraded and was counted off in divisions and marched to meeting. After the service was over we marched to camp again in the same order. In the afternoon we attended divine service in the same order.

7 *Sept.* This morning Col^o Jacksons regt. struck their tents & loaded their baggage in order to march to Bedford; but their orders were countermanded, & they pitched their tents again on the same ground.

10 *Sept.* There was one of Coll^o Eliots [Robert Elliot] regt. flogged 100 lashes for desertion.

13 *Sept.* This morning about 10 o'clock I left our camp and set out on my journey for Boston. I travelled as far as a tavern in Attelborough, where I stopped and dined. After stopping here some time I set out again and travelled about 11 miles further, and stopped and got my supper and lodging at a private house. This place is called Rentam [Wrentham].

14 *Sept.* This morning about 7 o'clock I set out from my lodging. I travelled about 9 miles, which brought me into Deadam [Dedham]. I stopped here and got breakfast. Then I set out again, & making several stops by the way, I arrived in Boston about sundown.

15 *Sept.* I breakfasted this morning at Mrs. Haynes's; dined at my brother's & spent the evening at Mr. Porter's.

24 *Sept.* About 3 o'clock I set out on my journey to Providence to join my regt. again. I travelled as far as my fathers at Braintree, and tarried there all night.

25 *Sept.* About 10 o'clock I set out on my journey towards camp. I travelled as far as my brother's in Middleborough, and stopped here for the night.

27 *Sept.* About 8 o'clock I set out on my journey to camp, and arrived there about 8 o'clock in the evening.

28 *Sept.* This morning our brigade turned out & marched onto a plain some distance from our camp. We performed several manœuvres; then marched back to our camp and was dismissed till 3 o'clock, at which time we turned out & marched onto the plain again, where we were reviewed by the Gen^l & performed several manœuvres; after which we marched into the town. The brigade was divided, in order to perform a sham fight. The right wing went down the front street; the left down the back street. There were two field pieces with each party. The left marched down the back street, turned and came up the front street as far as Gen^l Glover's quarters, where they met the right. They began the engagement with field pieces which were discharged several times on both parties; after which they fell in the rear, & then the musketry began, which was fired by platoons in great order. The left wing retreated over the bridge. The right pursued them very close till they got to the bridge, where the artillery of both parties was brought in the front. They disputed the bridge some time with the field pieces, but the left wing gained the bridge and the right wing retreated as far as where the engagement began. By this time it had grown quite dark; the general officers came to a parley, and the firing ceased on both sides. Both parties passed to the right-about, & marched to the camp again in the same order as before mentioned. All this was performed with the greatest order and activity possible.

5 *Oct*, 1778. About 10 o'clock the B^d turned out & went into the field for exercise. We went through several manœuvres & were reviewed by the Gen^l. Between 1 & 2 o'clock we returned to our camp & were dismissed. — This evening were brought to town, under a strong guard, ten Tories that were taken as they were going from the Main out [to] the island in a boat, — they had been plundering the inhabitants on the Main, — amongst which was the infamous Will^m Crosden,¹ an inhabitant of Rhode Island. He and two more were put in irons, and the whole of them were committed to the main guard.

¹ William Crosson, of whom some account is given in Peterson's History of Rhode Island, pp. 222, 223. He subsequently escaped from his place of confinement in Providence, and accompanied the British troops when they withdrew from Newport.

7 Oct. This forenoon Sergt. Williams arrived here from Princetown hospital.

17 Oct. This afternoon at 2 o'clk the brigade was turned out, in order to attend the execution of John & James Battel, soldiers in Col^o Shepard's regt. The criminals were brought from the Provost under a strong guard. Their coffins were borne just before them. The Dead March was played behind them. In this manner they were brought to the place where they were to be executed. Where the brigade was paraded, the Criminals were brought in front for every one to see them; after which their sentence was read, which was to be shot. Their coffins were set down by the edge of their graves. The men that were to be their executioners, had their guns loaded for that purpose, and marched up within about a rod of the coffins. The criminals were made to kneel down by the side of their coffins in order to receive the fatal blow; but at the moment they were to be shot their reprieves were read. The brigade marched back to our camp & was dismissed.

18 Oct. The brigade went to meeting all day at the Babbis [Baptist] meeting house. I dined with Mr. Welds.

25 Oct. I went to meeting at Mr. Snow's meeting in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went with the brigade to the Babbis meeting house.

26 Oct. This afternoon we turned out and were joined by Col^o Jackson's detachment & the Gen^l Life Guards, & performed a sham fight in the field.

4 Nov. [1778]. This afternoon at 3 o'clk we struck our tents and marched to our winter quarters at the upper part of the town.

22 Nov. This afternoon the regt. paraded & went to meeting at Mr. Manning's meeting [house], where we had a sermon delivered to us by our Chaplain on the occasion of the death of the consort of our worthy and much esteemed Gen^l Glover; likewise to John Bushby, who is under the sentence of death and is to be executed on Monday.

23 Nov. This afternoon between 3 & 4 o'clk John Bushby of Col^o Vose's regt. was shot to death for desertion — on the common near Gen^l Glover's old encampment.

5 December [1778]. This afternoon Eben^r Williams was to be shot, but the weather would not admit of turning out.

6 Dec. This morning at roll call there were three prisoners brought onto the parade, and were to be flogged; but the Col^o forgave them that part of their punishment. We have orders to parade at 1 o'clk to attend Divine service. — This afternoon the regt. attended Divine service at Mr. Manning's meeting house.

7 Dec. This morning at 10 o'clk the regt. paraded in [order] to attend the execution of Eben^r Williams; but for reasons unknown

to me he is reprieved till next Saturday afternoon. Dan! Wilkings was flogged one hundred lashes on the grand parade, for mutiny.

9 Dec. This evening at roll call there were four men flogged — belonging to our regt. — for embezzling public stores.

10. At 12 o'clk the regt. turned out to roll call, and there were 7 men flogged; three of them 2 hundred lashes each; three of them one hundred each, and one sixty lashes, — all for embezzling public stores.

[Book No. 4.]

19 December [1778]. This morning at roll call we had orders to parade at — o'clk to attend the execution of Eben' Williams, who has been reprieved from time to time. — Upon repeated examination the Gen! finds that said Williams was not the promoter of the mutiny for which he was to suffer death. The Gen! has therefore been pleased to pardon said Williams, and he has this evening returned to his duty.

27 Dec. This afternoon the regt. was turned out without their arms, and marched, or rather run, about three miles out of town. I can't give any reason for so doing, except it was to beat a path for the teams to bring in wood.

28 Dec. This day being St. Johns, the free masons walked in seshon [procession] from the Court house to the Church, where one of the brothers delivered a short oration. After the sollemtuety [solemnity] was over, the masons walked in the same elegant manner from the church to the place where they held the Lodge.

29 Dec. This forenoon the B^d was turned out and went to shovelling snow.

3 January, 1779. This evening just after sundown my friend Ulmer & I walked down in town as far as Mr. Walker's, where we met a number of respectable gentlemen and ladies. As soon as we were seated we were presented with a glass of wine in very genteel manner. Between 6 & 7 o'clk we had the pleasure of seeing M^r Sam^l Welds and Mrs. Susanah Walker enter into the blissful state of marriage. After the nuptial seremoneys were over, we were again seated & very genteelly entertained with cake and wine, & spent the evening very agreeably till near 10 o'clk, at which time the company began to retire. Mr. Ulmer and I came home to our quarters.

6 Jan. About 2 o'clk this afternoon the regt. turned out to attend the execution of John B. Molten, Petter [Peter] Peney, & John Ratford, which were to be hanged for embezzling public stores. We marched onto the grand parade, where the B^d was formed, & marched onto the Common, near our old encampment, where the gallows were erected. The unhappy criminals were brought under a strong guard, and the

cart and one coffin in it brought under the gallows ; the said B. Molten cas^d [caused] to get up onto the cart, & there sentence was read. Just at the time he was to be swung off, the minister came with their reprieves from the Gen^l. We marched to our respective quarters & were dismissed.

15 *Jan.* About 12 o'clk there was a large command called out of the Brigade. They were paraded & had their arms searched & served with ammunition, and then dismissed for a while ; but was to be ready to turn out again at the shortest notice.

3 *Feb.* [1779]. About 1 o'clk our regt. was mustered. This evening at roll call two of our regt. were flogged for theft.

8 *Feb.* This morning the B^d turned out, & was joined by the Gen^l-guard and Col^o Jacksons Detachment, — all the artillery in town. After we were reviewed by the Gen^l, we marched onto the hill above the town and performed a sham fight, after which we marched to our barracks and were dismissed.

16 *Feb.* About 12 o'clk there was a detachment went from our Brigade. — It is thought the enemy have a mind to land down the river. About 9 o'clk in the evening there was another detachment went off that took the biggest part of the men in the B^d that were fit for duty.

23 *Feb.* About 10 o'clk this morning I set out to go to Warick [Warwick] to take Sergt. Dennison's place on the detachment there, and arrived there about 1 o'clk. — At sundown I carried my men to roll call. After the rolls were called I mounted guard with sixteen men under my command. I marched with my men about 2 miles towards the Point, where I left my guard. I sent a corporal and four men down to the Point. At 11 o'clk I sent a corporal and four men out as a patrolling party, which went down to the Point and all round the shore. They discovered nothing remarkable. Came in again about 1 o'clk, at which time I sent out another party, which went the rounds as before and came in about three o'clk ; at which time I sent another party, which went the rounds as usual and came in between 4 & 5 o'clk, and then I sent another party, which patrolled till daylight and then came in with the other corporal and four men from the Point. I went to the commissary's, and got a gill of rum p^r man. After I gave it to them, I dismissed them.

24 *Feb.* About 7 o'clk this morning we set out to go to Grinege [Greeuwich]. We marched about half a mile to the water side, and embarked on board two batteaux. We arrived at Grinege about ten o'clk. We landed and marched above the town, where we stacked our arms. About 11 o'clk Maj^r Coggell's [Thos. Cogswell's] detachment came into town from Boston Neck. We marched and joined them. Col^o Green's detachment, with Gen^l Sollavens [Sullivan's] Life Guard and a detachment from the Artillery, joined us ; and we were all sup-

plied with a sufficient number of sporting cartridges to perform a sham fight, after which we were reviewed by Gen' Sollovann [Sullivan]. Then we marched into a field above the town and performed a sham field fight; after which we marched back into the town and performed a street fight till about four o'clk, at which time we ceased from our sporting. Gen' Sollov^a ordered the troops a gill of rum p' man. After we had drawn our rum we were billeted amongst the inhabitants for the night; but our quarters were so poor that Capt. Barnes thought it best to go back to Warick again. We went to our boats and set off, and about nine o'clk in the evening we got to our quarters at Warick again.

25 *Feb.* This morning I went to the commissarys, and drew four days allowance of provision for the detachment.

28 *Feb.* About 12 o'clk Sergt. Williams came to relieve me. About 1 o'clk I set out to come to Providence, where arrived between 4 & 5 o'clk.

26 *March, 1779* Orderly Sergt. Green arrived here from Boston.

29 *March.* About 12 o'clk this day Gen' Sollivan left this town [Providence] and began his journey for Head Quarters.

3 *April* [1779]. Between 10 & 11 o'clk the regt. paraded and marched onto the grand parade and joined the rest of the Brigade; and the whole was counted off [in] Divisions and marched out of town to meet Gen' Gates, and escorted him into town in the grandest order.

6 *April.* This day the Honth Gen' Gates dined at Hackor's Hall with the chief of the officers of this department.

18 *April.* This afternoon 1 Sergt., 1 Corp', and 12 men from our Brigade set out to Boston with Croseus¹ prisoners from the main guard.

25 *April.* It is said there is an express arrived in town this day for our Brigade to march to the Nor^d [northward].

27 *April.* About 1 o'clk Sergt. Copinger and his party arrived here from Boston. He brought 3 prisoners from there.

2 *May, 1779.* This evening our D Master [Drillmaster?] arrived here from Boston.

4 *May.* This afternoon at 5 o'clk the Brigade paraded, and Wm. Luckey received his punishment,— which was to go from the guard house to the gallows with a halter round his neck, — there to be stripped naked and run the ganlote [gantlet, or gantelope] through the Brigade.

5 *May.* This evening at roll call there were three men of our regt. flogged 50 lashes each.

6 *May.* This morning about 7 o'clk our regt. was mustered for the months of March and April. In the afternoon the Brigade paraded together and went to meeting.

¹ See note relating to William Crosson, *ante*, p. 118.

8 *May*. This morning about 5 o'clk we were alarmed by a report [that] the enemy in a number of boats had gone up Tanton [Taunton] river in order to land there. The regt. was turned out and kept under arms till about 9 o'clk, and dismissed with orders to turn out again at the shortest notice.

21 *May*. This forenoon we were alarmed. We turned out and marched down to fore Pint [Fore Point?], and from there back again over the bridge. After some time we marched back again to our quarters, and were dismissed.

25 *May*. This morning just after day light the General beat, and we turned out and marched off the regt^l parade in order to encamp; but the tent poles not being all ready for us, the B^d formed together and performed several manœuvres. After that we marched to our respective quarters again, and were dismissed.

26 *May*. This morning before 5 o'clk the General beat, and we turned out again in order to take the field; but before we marched off the regt^l parade it began to rain, which prevented our encamping.

29 *May*. This morning after roll call we turned out a fatigue party to pitch our tents.

31 *May*. This morning just after daylight the General beat, and we turned out, and about 6 o'clk we marched off the regt^l parade over to our camp, it being already pitched.

12 *June* [1779]. This morning the B^d turned out before sunrise, and marched into town and then back again to camp. This forenoon I was orderly at a Gen^l Court Martial.

16 *June*. This morning I mounted the West Redoubt Guard with Lieut. Phelan, of Col^o Wigglesworth's regt.

18 *June*. This day was printed, at the printing office in this town, the grand success of Gen^l Linkorn's [Lincoln's] army at the Sutherd [Southward].

21 *June*. This morning I went to Head quarters to relieve the orderly Sergt. there, but he refused to be relieved.

24 *June*. This morning I mounted the West Redoubt guard. About an hour after guard mounting I got Sergt. Williams to relieve me. This evening I had the pleasure of seeing married by the Rev^d Mr. Snow, M^r George Ulmer & M^{rs} Polley Tanner. Their company consisted of about 15 couple. We were entertained genteelly with cake and cheese and wine. About 11 o'clk the company broke up.

4 *July*, 1779. This morning there is a very strong report that our B^d is going to march to Peaks Kill. This evening at roll call we had orders to march tomorrow morning at 4 o'clk, but our destiny is not known.

5 *July* (*Monday*). We did not march this morning agreeable to last night's orders, by reason of not being able to provide wagons sufficient

to carry our baggage so soon. The destination of our march remains a secret yet. This day being four years since the independence of Amarick [America], it was celebrated by firing 13 cannon from the park of artillery and the several posts round this shore. Our orders are to march tomorrow morning at 4 o'clk.

6 *July*. We have not marched agreeable to last night's orders; but we remain in all the preparation possible for troops to be in. This evening at roll call we had orders to march at daylight, as before.

7 *July*. Just after daylight the General beat, and we struck our tents and loaded our baggage. About 7 o'clk the B^d marched off; but I tarried behind with one Corp^t and 12 men for a guard to bring up some clothing to the B^d as soon as wagons could be provided for the same.

8 *July*. About 12 o'clk there was an express arrived here from the B^d for the Gen^l, all the officers and soldiers to move on to the B^d as fast as possible.

9 *July*. This morning about 5 o'clk the Gen^l's baggage set out to go to the B^d. The Gen^l not thinking it proper to send on the clothing to the B^d, I was ordered on with the Gen^l's Guard and baggage. The weather prevented our going but about two miles before we stopped, for it rained very fast. We stopped here about two hours, and the shower abating some, we moved on again. About 12 o'clk it ceased raining, but still continued dark and cloudy. After we had marched on about 12 miles, one of our wagons broke, which obliged us to stop again at Angel's tavern. We set the carpenters to mending our wagon, and pressed a cart to carry on the rest of our baggage. About 5 o'clk we moved on again, and marched as far [as] Brown's tavern in Sittuate [Scituate, Conn.], where we halted for the night. Here we dismissed our pressed cart, and took another to carry our baggage till our wagon came up. We have marched 18 miles this day.

10 *July*. This morning about 5 o'clk we began our march; travelled 8 miles, and stopped at —— tavern in V[olun] town till 12 o'clk, at which — [conclusion missing].

[Book No. 5.]

11 *July*, 1779. This morning at 2 o'clk the General beat. We turned out, struck our tents and loaded our baggage, and about three o'clk marched off, and made no halt till we arrived at New London, it being about 9 o'clk in the morning. About 12 o'clk our baggage came up to us. We pitched our tents.

12 *July*. About 8 o'clk we struck our tents and loaded our baggage and marched off. Went about 6 miles, and halted for the men to rest.

In about half an hour marched on again, and made no halt till we got to Sebrock [Saybrook] ferry. We crossed the ferry and marched two miles, and halted for the night. Our baggage not coming up, the men were quartered in houses and barns.

13 July. This morning we turned out just after sunrise and drew provision and rum, and had to cook our provision and be ready to march at 8 o'clock. A regt! Court Martial sat in our regt. this morning before we moved. About 8 o'clock the General beat. We fell in and were counted off in order to march; but we stacked our arms and stopped till 10 o'clock, and marched about 6 miles, and stopped to rest and refresh ourselves. After a short stop here we marched on again, and making several short stops, we marched into a fine town called Killingsworth. Here we halted about an hour, and marched on to East Gilford, where we pitched our tents for this night.

14 July. This morning at 2 o'clock the General beat. We struck our tents, loaded our baggage, and marched off. Made no halt till we marched through [a] fine large town called West Gilford. Here we halted to draw provisions and cook. Between 10 & 11 o'clock we set out again and marched as far as Branford, where we pitched our tents. This evening I mounted guard with Lieut. Hunt. He marched the guard about quarter of the encampment, and set three sentinels for the purpose of stopping soldiers from passing and repassing.

15 July. About 5 o'clock the Brigade marched by us. Our guard brought up the rear of the Brigade. We marched as far as East Haven, and encamped there, it being about 8 o'clock. Our guard was dismissed as soon as the Brigade halted. We have no orders to march to-morrow morning.

16 July. The men have orders to clean their arms and keep in camp after roll call. I with several other sergts. of the regt. took a walk into the pastures to pick whortleberrys, where we found them very plenty. After we had satisfied ourselves with them, we returned to camp again.

17 July. This afternoon the Brigade was turned out in order to exercise; but some dispute arising between Col^o Vose & Biglow concerning their rank, the B^d was dismissed without marching off the parade.

18 July. At 2 o'clock the General beat. We struck our tents & loaded our baggage, and in short time marched off. Went as far as New Haven. Marched through the town and pitched our tents in two fields, — one not being large enough for the Brigade to encamp in. We found the town very desolate, much destroyed & plundered by the enemy, who had been here just before us.

19 July. This morning about 2 o'clock the General beat. We struck our tents, loaded our baggage, and about daylight we marched off.

Went 7 miles and halted for the men to rest. After making a short stop we marched on again, and made no halt till we came to Statford ferry, which we crossed in scows and boats. Marched up into the town, and halted for our baggage to get over the ferry. This town is not thick-settled, but very extensive and beautified, with a grand meeting house and many other stately buildings. Our baggage being all come up & the men well rested, about 4 o'clk in the afternoon we marched on again 4 miles further, and encamped on a field. We drew one days provision & rum here. We have marched 18 miles this day, & it has been very warm all day. This is a part of fare feild [Fairfield], but not the town.

20 *July*, 1779. This morning about 3 o'clk the General beat. We struck our tents, loaded our baggage, and about 4 o'clk marched off. But we had not marched but about a mile before the rain obliged us to halt. We got shelter in houses and barns. About 7 o'clk the shower ceased, & we marched on between 8 & 9 o'clk. We marched through the ruins of fare feild town, which the enemy had burned and destroyed, all except a few scattering houses and barns. We marched on about 5 miles further, and halted till about 1 o'clk, at which time we marched on again as far as Norwerk [Norwalk], which place we found in great desolation, entirely burnt & destroyed, except a few small buildings. We marched through the town, and encamp in a field. We drew one day's allowance of rum this night.

21 *July*. We have this day allowed us to wash our clothes in and to rest. This evening the men's arms were searched and put in preparation for action. We have orders to march at half after 2 o'clk in the morning.

22 *July*. At 2 o'clk this morning the General beat, and at half after 2 we began our march. Travelled about 6 miles, and halted in a place called Wilton. Between 7 & 8 o'clk we marched on again as far as Ridgefield, where we halted about an hour, and then marched on again four miles further and encamped on the top of a high hill. We sent a large picket from the Brigade this evening.

23 *July*. We have no orders for marching this morning. At 8 o'clk I mounted the main & front guard with Capt. Smith, of Col^o Wigglesworth's regt. We had 2 Su^{rs}, 4 Sergts., 4 Corpls, and 50 men on guard. He marched about half mile in front of our camp, and relieved Capt. Webb & his guard. Afterwards he sent one Sergt., Corpl., & 12 men about a mile & a half in his front to guard the smiths of the Brigade. Just before sunset the officers of the day visited our guard; at 9 o'clk the Capt. detached a Sergt., Corpl., & 9 men, & sent them about a quarter of a mile in the front of our guard to continue there all night; and another Sergt. and four men to patrol from our guard to the Sergt's guard in the front of the whole.

24 July. This morning at daylight our guard was paraded and continued under arms till about sunrise. Just afterwards the Sergt., Corpl., & 9 men that were in our front came in to the guard. Between 8 & 9 o'clk Capt. Mills, with a guard of 50 men, marched by us and took post about 2 miles in our front. He relieved our advance guard, and they returned to us again, after which we fell in and marched to camp in the same order that we came from there in, and were dismissed. I have had a pleasant and agreeable guard.

27 July. This evening at roll call there was one of our regt. flogged one hundred lashes for absenting himself from the regt. without leave.

28 July. This morning about sunrise a command consisting of two hundred men out of Col^o Shepard's & Biglow's regts., under the command of Col^o Shepard, marched to Col^o Moiling's [Moylan of Pennsylvania?] quarters, there to be distributed as Col^o Moiling and Shepard should think proper. At 8 o'clk I mounted the main guard with Capt. Smith of Col^o Sprout's regt. Between 1 & 2 o'clk the officer of the day visited our guard.

29 July. About ten o'clk I was relieved from guard. About 1 o'clk it ceased raining. About 2 o'clk we had orders to pack up and be ready to march immediately. About three o'clk our Regt. marched off. We left our tents standing, & some of our other baggage behind us. We marched and halted in a place called Lower Sallem. We put up in the meeting house and barns. We sent out large pickets. Sergts. Ulmer & Green joined the regt. this evening.

30 July. About 6 o'clk this afternoon I mounted the quarter guard of the regt., with one Corp^l and nine men. Our regt. is to stay here till further orders.

31 July. This morning about 10 o'clk were brought three Tories and put under my custody. Between 5 & 6 o'clk I was relieved from the guard.

Sunday, 1 Aug., 1779. At daylight this morning we turned out of the meeting house with our packs, in order to clean the meeting house; but the rain soon obliged us to go into the meeting house again for shelter. About 8 o'clk we turned out again and marched about 2 miles to Upper Sallem Church, where we halted and put up in a barn. The church being very small, the officers took it up for their quarters. Between 6 & 7 o'clk I mounted guard with one Corp^l and 12 men.

4 Aug. This afternoon our Brigade marched down and encamped on the hill just above the Church; but our regt. still keeps their station at the Church.

5 Aug. At 8 o'clk I mounted the Rockell picket, which was posted about a half a mile in the front of our encampment. Lieut. Cushing Com^d the picket. Between 2 & 3 o'clk the Officer of the day visited our picket, and ordered Lieut. Cushing to remove about half a mile

further in the front, where we were posted in a much pleasanter place than we moved from. Between 12 & 1 o'clock at night the Officer of the day visited our guard again.

6 Aug. We have no relief from the guard this morning on account of the camp's being alarmed yesterday. Between 11 & 12 o'clock the Officer of the day visited our guard.

7 Aug. It has been very rainy all day, which has prevented our being relieved. In the evening the storm increased, & grew very dark, and was attended with very heavy thunder and sharp lightning.

8 Aug. About nine o'clock our guard was relieved. We marched to the regt., but found it encamped with the rest of the B^d, on the side of a hill, and very muddy ground. This afternoon the regt. attended Divine Service.—This day arrived here from Headquarters, Capt. Smith of Col^o Sprout's regt. with 160 recruits for our B^d, which were divided into each regt. according to the strength of the same.

9 Aug. This forenoon the regt. was turned out, and cleared a piece of ground to encamp on. In the afternoon we moved our encampment.

10 Aug. Just before sundown Col^o Sprout arrived here from Headquarters.

14 Aug. This afternoon we had a number of recruits join our regt.

18 Aug. This forenoon we were reviewed by the Inspector General of the army of the United States.

6 Sept. [1779]. About 1 o'clock our camp was alarmed.

7 Sept. This evening our men returned that went to the lines.

10 Sept. This afternoon the Brigade was inspected by the Inspector General.

14 Sept. This morning 7 recruits joined our regt. The enemy have been out this day, which has occasioned an alarm in our camp.

16 Sept. This morning about sunrise the General beat. We struck our tents and loaded our baggage, and about 7 o'clock marched off and marched through Bedford, and within about half a mile of Croton bridge, and halted there about an hour; then marched back as far as N Castel [Newcastle, N. Y.] Church, and halted there. The B^d scattered and got lodging as we could, but no baggage came up this night.

17 Sept. This morning we turned out and marched to the alarm post, and stopped there awhile, and then marched back to the barn, where we lodged. At 12 o'clock went to roll call, and at 4 in the afternoon, and continued in the regt^l parade till sunset, at which time the pickets were turned out of the regt., and the rest of us [went] to our respective lodgings, with orders to lie on our arms and be ready to turn out at the shortest notice.

18 Sept. At sunrise we turned out for roll call at the Comp^y quarters. Nothing remarkable today.

19 *Sept.* At 8 o'clock marched up to the regt' parade and stacked our arms. About 11 o'clock we fell in and marched up to the church, and stacked our arms in the road, and had orders to cook our provision. — About 5 o'clock marched again back as far as Bedford, and pitched our tents on a high hill the east side of the ruins of the town. This day Gen' Nicksons [Nixon's] B^d joined us and are encamped with us. It being late when we got here, we did not pitch our tents in order.

20 *Sept.* This forenoon we struck our tents and pitched them in a line in order, and cleared a parade.

21 *Sept.* It being the first time of our two Brigades mounting guards together, I went to the grand parade to see them march off.

29 *Sept.* This afternoon we had two recruits join our Company.

30 *Sept.* This morning all the Light Infantry of the Brigade marched for the lines, with a Capt. com^d from the Battalions. This evening Sergt. Webb joined the company.

[Book No. 6.]

1 *Oct.*, 1779. This morning about 7 o'clock I set out with Corp' Beal to go to Upper Salem to see John Mosher. We paid him a visit, and returned to camp again.

3 *Oct.* This forenoon about 11 o'clock I left camp and proceeded on my journey for Boston. I travelled as far as Salem, where I stopped and put up, and meeting with good entertainment, I tarried all night.

4 *Oct.* This morning about sunrise I set out from my lodgings at Salem, and travelled as far as Danbrey [Danbury], where I stopped and breakfasted. After making a considerable stop there, I set out again, and making several stops for entertainment, I put up at Peacock's tavern in Woodbroy.

5 *Oct.* This morning about 6 o'clock I set out from my lodgings and travelled about 4 miles; but the rain coming on very fast obliged me to stop. I happened to stop at the minister's house, where I breakfasted. The storm abated, and between 10 and 11 o'clock I set out again and travelled 17 miles, and put up in the parish of Suthington at one Jenking's tavern.

6 *Oct.* About 6 o'clock I set out on my journey. Travelled 6 miles and breakfasted. Then I set out and [travelled] about 11 miles further, which brought me to ———. Here I dined and drew three days provision, and set out again; but the storm interfering so that [I] came but about two miles this side the river before I put up for the night.

7 *Oct.* This morning about 7 o'clock I set out from my lodgings; travelled about 5 miles, and unluckily took a wrong road and was obliged to travel about 4 miles before I could reellify [rectify] my mis-

take. After I got into my road again I stopped to breakfast, and then travelled on again, and reached Windum [Windham] about sunset. I met with Mr. Stow, one of my old acquaintance, which entertained me very kindly.

8 Oct. This morning I breakfasted with Mr. Stow. Between 8 & 9 o'clk I set out on my journey, and, making several stops I put up at Love's tavern in Covendrey [Coventry], in Rhode Island government.

9 Oct. About sunrise this morning I set out on my journey, and travelled about 7 miles and stopped to breakfast. After making some stop, after breakfast I set out again, and reached Providence between 1 and 2 o'clk. I stopped at Mrs. Parkers.

10 Oct., *Sunday*. I spent the biggest part of the day with my friends, but went to meeting in the afternoon at the Baptis meeting.

11 Oct. This morning I breakfasted with Mr. Reynolds. About 9 o'clk I set out for Brantre [Braintree]. I travelled about 12 miles, and stopped and dined at a private house in Atelbrough [Attleborough]. After making a short stop here I set out again and travelled about 14 miles further, and stopped and put up at Kith's tavern.

12 Oct. This morning about 6 o'clk I set out on my journey, and making several stops, I arrived at my fathers house in Brantree about one o'clk.

13 Oct. This morning about 10 o'clk I set out from Brantree to go to Boston. I stopped at Col^o Vose's at Milton. After I performed my business there I set out for Boston, where I reached about 4 o'clk.

[Book No. 7.¹]

West Point, 19th February, 1781. The Light Infantry of the Massachusetts line crossed the N. [North] river and marched to Peeks Kill, that being the place appointed for the rendezvous, where we were quartered in houses.

20th. We were joined by five companies from the Connecticut and two from the N. Hampshire lines, one from the Rhode Island and one from Hazen's Regiments. The whole were inspected by Lt. Col. Smith at a place near the landing; after which we marched to King's ferry, and crossed as soon as possible & marched to Heavy-straw [Haverstraw, N. Y.], where the troops were quartered in houses. Sup^d on my rations, and lodged on the floor.

¹ The matter contained in this book was probably copied by Lieutenant Wild from the rough journal kept in camp. There is a marked improvement in the penmanship and orthography, and it would appear at first sight to have been written by a different hand; but a critical examination shows that it was written by Wild.

21st. Walked with Capt. Hitchcock about half a mile, and breakfasted at a M^r. Burns. At 9 o'clock A. M. the troops marched, and arrived at Ramebough [Ramapo, N. Y.] about 4 o'clock P. M., and were quartered as usual. Mounted picket with Capt. Burnham. We kept our guard at Dock House, about half a mile adv^d of the troops.

22^d. Our guard was relieved at 9 o'clock A. M., at which time our men were dismissed & sent to their respective quarters, where they remained all day, it being very stormy. Quartered at a very indifferent house.

23^d. The troops marched a little after daylight. Being exceeding muddy, could march but slow. Arrived at Pumton [Pompton] at one o'clock P. M. Quartered at M^r. N—— Golders. The Marquis arrived & took command of the detachment, in consequence of which each regt. rec^d a standard. We sent an officer back to Westpoint for our baggage.

24th. The troops marched about sunrise, and arrived at Hanover (3 miles from Moristown) at 3 o'clock A. M., and were quartered as usual.

25th, *Sunday*. At sunrise the troops paraded & marched to Moristown, where we remained all day, and drew clothing for our men. Quartered at a young gentleman's at the N. end of the Town.

26th. Being detained by the delivery of our clothing, we marched at 11 o'clock A. M. After making about five miles were joined by five companies from the N. Jersey line, which completes us 3 Regiments. The first is composed of the eight first companies of the Mass^{us} line, and commanded by Col Vose; the two remaining companies from the Mass^{us} line, with five from Connecticut and one from Rhode Island, formed another commanded by Lieut. Col. Gimatt [Gimat]; the 3^d is formed of the Jersey companies, with two from N. Hampshire and one from Gen^l Hazen's Regiment, and is commanded by Lieut. Col. Barber. At 7 o'clock P. M. we arrived at Sumersett, being 22 miles from Moristown. Quartered at a rich gentleman's, a Magistrate of the Town. — He used us with great hospitality.

27th. We began our march at sunrise; and after marching about three miles halted to draw rum for the men. After a short halt we continued our march to Princeton, where the troops were quartered in the college and other houses in town. Our company was quartered at a Doctor's house at the entrance to the town. A riot happened in the evening between the Massachusetts and Jersey troops.

28th. Our troops were paraded at daylight. About sunrise we began our march, at which time I mounted the police guard, which marched in the rear of the Regiment to prevent stragglers. At 1 o'clock P. M. we arrived in Trenton, where the troops were quartered as usual.

Took quarters with my guard at a Mr. Barnes's, about a quarter of a mile N. of the market house.

Trenton, March the 1st, '81. The troops were paraded at daylight, at which time I was relieved from guard by Ensign White. About sunrise we marched to the landing, where were vessels to transport us down the river. The right wing of Col. Vose's Regiment, with the Field, Staff officers and music, embarked on board a large schooner commanded by Capt. Montgomery. The tide being on the ebb, and wind in our favor, at 9 o'clock A. M. came to sail; at half past ten we passed by Burdenton [Bordentown], and proceeded down the river. At one P. M. we passed Burlington, and at half past two came to anchor against the city of Philadelphia, where we remained about half an hour. Then came to sail again, and passing by Read Banck [Red Bank] and Mud Island Foorts, we sailed till midnight, at which time we came to anchor.

2^d. Finding ourselves at daylight opposite Willminton [Wilmington], hauled to a wharf, and landed our men. At sunrise began our march; passing through Willminton and a small town called Newport, we arrived at Custeen [Christiana?] at 11 o'clock A. M. Being rainy, we were quartered in houses. Our company was quartered in a public house near the centre of the town. About 4 o'clock the remainder of the troops came up and were quartered as usual.

3^d. Marched this morning at eight o'clock, and making the usual halts on the road, arrived at the head of Elk about three P. M., where the troops were (with being much crowded) quartered in houses. Our company was billeted on a Mr. Huggens, he being a gentleman of generosity. Mr. Phelen and Richard quartered with us.

4th, *Sunday.* Remained in quarters all day. Dined with Mr. Huggens very elegantly. Our detachment received one month's pay in Pennsylvania new emission money.

5th. Breakfasted with Mr. Huggins. Had an invitation to dine with Major Galvan, but did not go, in consequence of which I dined with Mr. Huggins.

7th. Spent the forepart of the day as usual. In the afternoon walked with Mr. Huggins, Erving, Phelen, and Richard to the landing, where the craft was preparing to transport the troops down the bay. After spending the afternoon we walked to Mr. Barneby's, where we spent the evening very agreeably. At 11 o'clock we returned to Mr. Huggins's.

8. At 7 o'clock A. M. the troops were paraded and marched to Plum Point (being 7 miles from the head of Elk), where Colonel Barber & Gimatts Regiments embarked. Col. Vose's Regt. marched five miles further, & took quarters in houses near Cissel [Cecil] ferry.

9th. Our regiment was paraded at sunrise, & marched to the ferry,

where we embarked our company. Went on board a schooner of about 23 tons burthen, called the Three Sisters. The troops being all embarked, at 11 o'clock A. M. the fleet sailed. Having but a small wind (& that not fair), we came to anchor near Turkey Point about 4 o'clock P. M., having sailed only about 7 miles.

10th. At sunrise our fleet came to sail, but the wind being unfair, were obliged to come to anchor under Pools island at 12 o'clock, having sailed about four or five leagues. Went on board the Speedwell sloop, on board of which is Col. Vose, Major Galvan, and the staff officers of the regiment. About 4 o'clock P. M. the wind breezed up very fresh, obliged most of our fleet to run into Wostau Creek for safety; but the Speedwell, being large, rode it out. Lodged on board the Speedwell.

11th, *Sunday*. Lieut. Reab arrived with the officers baggage from West Point. The vessels having returned and anchored in their places, I went on board the Three Sisters again after breakfasting with Col. Vose. The wind being still against us, we remained at anchor all day.

12th. At sunrise our fleet came to sail; the wind being fair and our schooner a good sailor, we arrived in Annapolis Harbor about sundown.

13th. All our fleet arrived safe in harbor. Two British ships have been seen cruising in the bay this morning.

14th. The British ships seen in the bay yesterday have come to anchor at the mouth of the harbor. One is a sloop of eighteen guns, the other of fourteen; in consequence of which all our fleet except the armed vessels have moved up the creek.

15th. Remain on board our vessels. A detachment of the Regiment went on shore & was manœuvred by Major Galvan.

16th. The British vessels keep their station. A ball was given (this evening) by the gentlemen of the town of Annapolis to the officers of our detachment. Went on shore with Mr Morton and Brown.

17th. Still remain on board. This being St. Patrick's day, our men are very noisy.

18th, *Sunday*. The troops landed and encamped on Sandy Point, opposite the town. Heard the enemy were a landing below us.

19th. Walked with Lieut. Nason round the Point. British ships ride triumphant in the bay.

20th. At 9 o'clock A. M. relieved Ensign Brown at the police guard.

21st. I was relieved at 9 o'clock by Lieut. Reab. The regiment exercised in the afternoon.

22^d. Went to Annapolis with a number of gentlemen to attend a C. Martial sitting at Man's Tavern.

23^d. Went a gunning with Capt. Bradford in the afternoon.

24th. Set out at sunrise with Capt. Bradford & walked to the

point. Our business was to kill some ducks, but being unlucky, we returned to camp again by 10 o'clock, A. M.

25th, *Sunday*. Mounted picket with Capt Furman (of the Jersey line). Our picket is left at Mrs. Hesselhurs, about one mile from camp.

26th. Our picket was relieved this morning by Capt. Burnham. Had a very agreeable guard. The regt. was turned out and manœuvred by Maj^r Galvan this afternoon.

27th. Breakfasted with Col. Vose on board the Speedwell sloop, after which I went with a party of men to Tallors point (which is 3 miles below Annapolis). Caught three hundred fish of different kinds, and returned to the Speedwell again by 5 o'clock. After taking a drink of grog with Col. Vose, returned to camp again.

28th. Dined with Col. Vose on board the Speedwell sloop. An officer of the Brigade was sent to Baltimore on Command.

29th. At 9 o'clock A. M. relieved Ensign Town at the police guard.

30th. Relieved from guard by Lieut. Holden. Dined with Major Galvan.

31st. The regiment was turned out & manœuvred by Maj^r Galvan.

Annapolis, 1st April, '81, Sunday. Dined with Lieut. Nason on board his schooner.

2^d. Our men had orders to draw and cook three days provision. The Marquis arrived in Annapolis from York Town, in Virginia.

3^d. The troops had orders to draw three days more provision, & keep that quantity always ready cooked. A detachment consisting of 150 men, properly officered, are to embark this afternoon under the command of Major Galvan.

4th. The General beat at sunrise, at which time the tents were struck & the troops all embarked. Our company went on board a small sloop called the Victory. Major Galvan's detachment are distributed on board the armed vessels, which are to be our convoys up the bay.

5th. Preparations were made to attack the enemy in the bay by our armed vessels & others prepared for that purpose; but they moved down without giving us the opportunity. Our fleet was put in readiness to sail. In the afternoon Capt. Hitchcock went on board the Nesbit brig to relieve Capt. Burnham, he being taken sick. About sundown I received orders to make the best of my way with the Company to the II. of Elk., in consequence of which we sailed as soon as possible. The wind and tide being in our favor, sailed the most of the night.

6th. At daylight we found ourselves near the mouth of Sisquehannah [Susquehanna] river. Our fleet was all in sight, except our armed vessels, which remained below. Being almost calm, we made

but little progress on our voyage this day. Came to anchor at 7 o'clock P. M., near the place we embarked from the 9th ult.

7th. Came to sail at 8 o'clock A. M., and arrived at the H. of Elk about 11 A. M., where the Speedwell & several others of our fleet had arrived before us. Capt. Webb's company was sent to Cristeen [Christiana] as a guard to some stores.

8th, *Sunday*. All our fleet arrived safe. Remained on board all day. Sat on a Regimental C. Martial, of which Capt. Clays was President. Walked to Mr. Huggins's and spent the evening.

9th. The troops disembarked at 6 o'clock A. M. and marched two miles W. of the town, where we were to encamp. Here Major Galvan's detachment joined the Brigade. The ground assigned for our encampment being very bad, we marched back through the town, and encamped one mile east of it, on a large plain.

10th. Seven men deserted from the regiment last night. Walked in the afternoon to town. Drank grog at Mr. Huggins's. Returned to camp; spent the evening and slept with Mr. Nason.

11th. Eight men deserted from the regiment last night. Walked to town & wrote a letter to Boston. Orders to march in the morning.

12th. Lieuts. Bowles, Holden, and a number of other gentlemen set out for West point. At 9 o'clock the troops began their march, and passing through town, came to Charleston, where we made a short halt. Then marched 6 miles further, and encamped in a wood one mile N. of Susquannah river.

13th. Mounted a guard which took post half a mile below the ferry at Mr. Thomas's. Had three prisoners, two of which were Tories detected in supplying the enemy with provision. At 10 o'clock A. M. a C. Martial sat at Mr. Thomas's for the trial of prisoners under my guard.

14th. The troops having finished crossing the Sisquehaner river, at 1 o'clock I crossed with my guard, and took post in the centre of the Brigade, which was encamped half a mile below the ferry. At five o'clock one of my prisoners was hanged, having received his sentence from the C. Martial. I was relieved from guard by Lieut. Thomson, of Col. Barber's battalion.

15th, *Sunday*. Relieved Ensign Town at the camp guard. The baggage having all got over the river, the troops marched at 10 o'clock A. M., and proceeded as far as Bush Town, and encamped in a wood west of the Town.

16th. Relieved from guard by Lieut. Spring. Marched from Bush town at 8 o'clock A. M.; halted at five P. M., and encamped in the woods, five miles N. of Baltimore.

17th. Marched at sunrise this morning, passing through Baltimore. Arrived at Elk ridge landing at 2 o'clock P. M. Crossed the ferry, and

encamped one mile west of the landing. In crossing this ferry we unfortunately had nine men drowned.

18th. Remained encamped all day. At evening roll call Colman, a soldier in Capt. Burnham's Company, was shot for desertion.

19th. The weather being unfair, the troops remain in camp. Dined with Lieut. Nason at his quarters. After dinner walked with him to the landing.

20th. At eight o'clock A. M. we began our march, leaving our tents and heavy baggage on the ground. Colonel Barber's and half Col. Gimatts Battalions rode in wagons prepared for that purpose. In this order we proceeded 16 miles, and halted for the troops to refresh themselves. After halting about an hour, the other half of Col^o Gimatts and one half of Col. Voses Battalions were mounted in the said wagons. In this order we proceeded 12 miles, which brought us to Bladensburg, where we arrived about 7 o'clock P. M. The troops were quartered in houses at this place. Our company was billeted at a Mr. Streets, a Lt. in the Pennsylvania line on half pay.

21st. At 7 o'clock A. M. we took up our line of march, and proceeded to Georgetown, where we made a short halt, after which we crossed the river Potowmack [Potomac] & marched to Alexandria, where we arrived at sunset. The troops were quartered in houses. The river Potowmack runs between Maryland & Virginia.

22^d, *Sunday*. The troops remained in quarters all day, for the purpose of washing & [of] cleaning their arms.

23^d. The army marched at six o'clock A. M., and proceeded 12 miles to a small town called Colchester [Va.], where we arrived at 1 o'clock P. M., and put up, it being very rainy. Our quarters being much crowded, I lodged in a house with Lt. Nason and Doctor Finley.

24th. Marched at 6 o'clock A. M.; the roads being exceeding muddy, we went but 12 miles, and halted at a small town called Dumfrize [Dumfries, Va.], where the troops were billeted in houses.

25th. Marched from Dumfrize at daylight, and proceeded 26 miles, which brought us to Rapahanock river, which we crossed as soon as possible, and were quartered in the town of Frederexburg [Fredericksburg] by 4 o'clock P. M. I was quartered at a tavern.

26th. The troops remained in quarters for the purpose of washing their clothes and cleaning their arms. Dined with Lieut. Nason.

27th. We took up our line of march at daylight, and proceeded 23 miles (through very muddy roads), and halted at a place called the Bowling Green, where our Regiment was quartered in a brick church. The officers of the Regt. eat ham & drank grog with Colonel Vose. Had a small fit of the ague and fever.

28th. Marched at sunrise. Proceeded about 24 miles, and halted near Hanover C. House at 4 P. M., where the troops lay in the woods.

Being now within a day's march of the enemy, we examined our men's arms and accoutrements & delivered them new cartridges.

29th, *Sunday*. Marched at daylight, and arrived at Richmond about 5 o'clock P. M., where the troops were quartered in the rope walks, which are at the east end of the town.

30th. Remained in quarters. About 3,000 of the enemy, under the command of General Phillips, came up the river to a small town called Manchester (opposite to this), where they burnt a large quantity of Tobacco and some public buildings, plundered the inhabitants of their furniture, killed a large number of cattle, hogs, &c., and retired about 5 miles down the river to a small town called Warwick, where they burnt several dwelling houses together with one public rope walk. A small party of the enemy, which crossed the river for the purpose of taking an inhabitant, but were made prisoners by a patrol of our horse.

Tuesday, 1st May, 1781. We hear the enemy have retired from Warwick to Petersburg, which is between 30 & 40 miles from this place. Between 5 & 6 o'clock the army was paraded on a large plain N. W. of the Town, where we were reviewed by the Marquis [La Fayette] and Baron [Steuben], after which we marched to our respective quarters.

2^d. The weather being exceeding warm, our men were ordered to cut their coats short for their greater ease in marches. This being Major Reeds birth day, he gave the officers of the B^d an invitation to take a cold cut & drink of grog with him at an elegant spring about half a mile N. from the town.

3^d. At daylight the army took up their line of march, & proceeded about 16 miles from Richmond, and halted about a mile N. of Bottom bridge, in a thick pine woods.

4th. Exceeding warm weather. We are much troubled in this place with insects, particular those known by the name of ticks.

5th. A large quantity of linen cloth for overalls & shoes arrived from Baltimore for the non-commissioned officers & soldiers of the Light Infantry.

6th, *Sunday*. Major Galvan with the detachment under his command arrived with the tents & baggage left at Elk ridge. We pitched our tents in the woods.

7th. Our tents were struck at daylight; soon after the troops begun their march, and proceeded (without halting) to Richmond, where we arrived about 10 o'clock A. M., & took quarters in the rope walks. Report that the enemy are coming up the river.

8th. Our tents with a part of our baggage were sent back into the country. About 8 o'clock A. M. we marched from our quarters and crossed the river to Manchester; from thence proceeded about 10 miles towards Petersburg, and halted. The troops were quartered in a small

village called Osburn [Osborn], this being the name of the gentleman who owns it.

9th. Remained in quarters all day. Lieut. Silly [Cilley] arrived from W. Point.

10th. Remained in quarters till 1 o'clock p. m.; then marched about 4 miles towards Manchester, & crossed the river at a place called Kingsland ferry. From thence we marched 4 miles towards Richmond, and halted at a place called Willton [Wilton], where we remained all night in the woods, being entirely destitute of tents.

11th. Our tents arrived, & we pitched them in the woods.

12th. Mounted the boat guard, which is posted at a landing about a mile from our encampment. About 4 o'clock p. m. Col. Barber's Battalion crossed the river. In the evening moved with my guard & the boats under my care down the river to Kingsland ferry, where I arrived about 10 o'clock. After mooring the boats at a considerable distance from the shore, I landed with my guard, & found Col. Gimatt's Battalion and a large body of militia at this place.

13th, *Sunday*. About 4 o'clock a. m. the troops at this place began to cross the river in the following order: About 60 Cavalry, two Regiments of Militia, Col. Gimatt's Battalion of Light Infantry, and a detachment of artillery with two field pieces, which finished about daylight. At 8 o'clock the Marquis with his family crossed the river. About 9 o'clock Col. Vose's Battalion with a Company of artillery & 2 field pieces arrived at the ferry, having marched from Willton to cover the retreat of the troops which have crossed the river should there be any occasion. Relieved from guard by Ensign Willington.

14th. Remained at the ferry all day. In the night the troops which crossed the river yesterday morning returned.

15th. At 8 o'clock a. m. we moved about half a mile back from the ferry into a thick woods, where we continued till 3 o'clock p. m.; then marched to our encampment at Willton.

16th. Mounted the provost guard, which is kept on the right of the Brigade. Had charge of 10 prisoners; eight of them are prisoners of war, which were taken in a gunboat (yesterday) about 10 miles down the river. In consequence of Genl Phillips's death (which we have heard of this day), the command of the British army devolves on the infamous Arnold.

17th. At nine o'clock a. m. I was relieved from guard by an officer of Col. Barber's Battalion. We moved our tents about half a mile into an open field.

18th. The Brigade was turned out at sunrise, and was manœuvred by regiments.

19th. The Regiment was manœuvred this morning by Major Galvan.

20th, *Sunday*. I attended a general court martial set at Col. Vose's

quarters, of which Major Galvan is President. At 2 o'clock p. m. the Regiment was turned out, Col. Vose taking the right wing and Major Galvan the left. We performed a sham fight, in which the left wing got much the advantage of the right. About 5 o'clock our tents were struck, and we marched with great expedition to Richmond, where we arrived in the evening, and took quarters again in the rope walks.

21st. Remained in quarters all day. Lord Cornwallice (with between 3 & 4,000 men) arrived and took command of the British army.

22^d. Took a walk into town with Lieut. Reab.

23^d. Dined at Mr. Golt's tavern with a number of gentlemen of the town, who made an entertainment for the officers of the Light Infantry. Col. Talton [Tarleton], of the British army, surprised a body of militia near Petersburg, and took about 30 of them prisoners. Lodged at Mr. Golts, being a rainy night.

25th. Mounted the boats guard at the landing. Received orders to sink the boats if called from my post. Visited by a very remarkable (militia) officer of the day. Kept patrols down the river all night.

26th. At 10 o'clock a. m. I was relieved from guard by Lieut. Thayer of Col. Gimatt's Battalion. Marched to camp and dismissed my guard. Found the Brigade had been under arms the biggest part of the (last) night. At 5 o'clock p. m. we marched from Richmond, and going the upper road towards Fredricksberg, proceeded 10 miles & halted in the woods, near Cooper's Creek. Our tents were again sent back into the country.

27th, *Sunday*. Remained in the woods all day. Exceeding hot weather.

28th. Marched at 2 o'clock a. m., and at eight halted near Ground Squirell meeting house, where we continued till 4 p. m., at which time we marched again & arrived near Ground Squirell bridge at sundown.

29th. Exceeding hot weather. At 4 o'clock p. m. we took up our line of march & proceeded a N. W. coast [course]. Soon after sundown began to rain & increased to a very severe storm. About nine o'clock had some very hard claps of thunder, one of which struck near the troops & started some of our horses. The militia (who were in our front, as we were marching by the left), supposing the enemy was near, threw down their arms and took to the woods (which were very thick on both sides of the road), which put the column in such disorder it was near an hour and a half before we could proceed on our march,—which we did, notwithstanding the rain still increased.

30th. At 3 o'clock a. m. we arrived at a place called Seach Town

where we halted till 7 o'clock, at which time we marched again and arrived at Anderson's bridge at 1 o'clock P. M., where we halted in a large field.

31st. Marched at 2 o'clock A. M., and proceeding about six miles a S. E. coast, halted in an old field by the side of a thick wood, where we continued till 3 o'clock P. M., at which time we marched again about 3 mile a N. W. coast & halted about sundown near Permonky [Pamunky] river. Very severe rain all night.

1st June, 1781. At 7 o'clock A. M. we forded the river at Devenport's ferry & proceeded on our march to a place called Mattapnoy, [Mattapony], where we arrived about 4 o'clock P. M. It being rainy, the troops were sheltered in some old houses & barns.

2^d. Marched at 11 o'clock A. M.; being exceeding muddy, could march but very slow. At 5 P. M. came up to our tents, which we pitched in a field a little west of Corbin's bridge.

3^d. Col. Tupper arrived in camp from Westpoint. A gentleman came with him from the State of Massachusetts who brought (hard) money for the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the line. At 4 o'clock P. M. we marched. Arrived and halted near Wilderness bridge about sundown.

4th. Mounted a guard with which I took post a mile at the left of the L. Infantry. At 1 o'clock P. M. the army took up their line of march, at which time I marched with my guard to the grand parade, and with some other guards formed the rear-guard of the army. After marching about five miles we forded a branch of Rapahaanac [Rappahannock] river, and proceeded 12 miles, and halted near a church in Culpepper county about 8 o'clock in the evening; at which time my guard was augmented, and took post about one mile on the right of the army.

5th. At nine o'clock A. M. I was relieved by Lieut. Peachum of Col. Gimatt's Battalion. Marched my guard to camp, and dismissed them. Remained in camp all day, it being very rainy.

6th. Marched about 10 o'clock A. M., proceeded 4 miles, and forded the river at Raccoon ferry. From thence we marched one mile, and encamped on a very pleasant height.

7th. Remained in camp all day for the purpose of the mens washing their clothes and cleansing their arms.

8th. Remained in camp till 10 o'clock A. M., at which time we began our march and continued till five P. M.; then halted and encamped in the woods near Box bridge.

9th. The officers of Col. Vose's Battalion dined with him at his quarters. After dinner Col. Tupper (who dined with us) set out for W. point. At 4 o'clock P. M. we began our march; leaving our tents on the ground, we proceeded about five miles & halted in the woods.

10th, *Sunday*. Began our march at sunrise. After marching about 12 miles, halted in the woods in Louisa County, where 1,200 shirts (from Baltimore) arrived and were delivered to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Light Infantry. At sundown we marched back one mile and continued in the woods all night.

11th. General Wayne, with about 800 troops from the Pennsylvania line, arrived and encamped on our left. Lieut. Holden arrived from W. Point.

12th. At daylight the troops took up their line of march and proceeded about 13 miles, and halted (in the county of Albemarle) about 2 o'clock P. M., in a very disagreeable piece of woods, being almost destitute of water.

13th. Exceeding hot weather. We find the enemy are pursuing us very closely.

14th. We marched at sunrise. After marching about 9 miles an East coast, halted [at] a public house, from which we took a N. coast & marched 3 miles & halted in the woods.

15th. Began our march at sunrise, and continuing it till 2 o'clock P. M., at which time we arrived and halted at a place called Deep Run, in a very pleasant grove of woods.

16th. Marched at sunrise, & proceeded 5 miles. Halted in the woods near Permonky [Pamunkey] river.

17th, *Sunday*. The General beat at half past 2 o'clock A. M., at which time I mounted the front guard (with a Capt. from the Pennsylvania line). At daylight the troops began their march, which was continued till about 2 o'clock P. M., when we halted near Ground Squirell Creek. Being detached with a Sergt., Corp^l, & 24 men (from the front guard), I took post about one mile on the left of the troops, on a road leading to Richmond. About sundown Lieut. Wheaton (of Col. Gimatt's Battalion) was wounded in a duel with Lieut. Lightfoot of the Virginia Artillery. About 10 o'clock Col. Vose's Battalion marched by my guard, being on their way to join General Muhlenberg, who lays about half a mile below me, and commands the advance troops of the army. About 12 o'clock General Muhlenberg's detachment marched, at which time I moved with my guard, took post on the ground he left.

18th. At sunrise I moved back with my guard to the ground I had left last night. At 9 o'clock A. M. I was relieved by an officer from the Pennsylvania line. Marched to camp & dismissed my guard, where I found Capt. Webb, Mr. Town, and a number of men who were on guard when the Regiment marched.

19th. At sunrise we set out and found the Regiment about 1 o'clock P. M., halted in the woods near Deep Run. At 6 o'clock we paraded, and marched back to Ground Squirell Creek, where we remained all night.

20th. At 2 o'clock P. M. the troops were paraded and marched to the place we moved from last evening, where we halted and sent all the baggage we could divest ourselves of back to our tents; after which we marched three miles back to the fork of the roads, where we halted half an hour; then march one mile further back, where we remained all night. Major Langbern (Q. M. to the army) was made prisoner by the enemy at Glosester [Gloucester]. Lieut. Stone set out for W. point.

21st. At sunrise we moved back to Deep Run, where we halted till one o'clock P. M., at which time we had intelligence of the enemy leaving Richmond. We immediately began our march for that place, and arrived on a plain N. of the Town about 7 o'clock P. M., where we made a short halt. Then, taking a back road (as the enemy had left the small pox in town), we marched five miles, & halted in Bottom bridge road, two miles below Richmond, where we remained all night.

22^d. At sunrise we began our march, and crossing Bottom bridge we proceeded about 12 miles to Homes's Ornary [Ordinary], where we halted till 5 o'clock P. M., at which time we moved back near the bridge, where we remained all night.

23^d. Marched at sunrise, and proceeded about eight miles towards N. Kent C. House, where we halted near Bacon's Ornary. After making a short halt, we marched back to a field near Homes's Ornary, where the troops were formed for action (the enemy being near), and waited till sun down, when, seeing no appearance of an enemy, we marched & joined the army near Bottom bridge.

24th, *Sunday*. The troops halted all day for the purpose of washing and cleansing their arms.

25th. Marched at daylight, and after making several halts on the road, arrived and halted in a field near N. Kent C. House.

26th. Marched at half past 5 o'clock A. M., and proceeded about 10 miles, & halted near Bird's ornary. Our advance parties had a skirmish with the enemy's rear at a place called hot warter [Hockady Spring?], about six miles below this place.

27th. Marched at one o'clock A. M., and proceeded about four miles (about a N. coast), & halted in the road till sunrise, at which time we moved about half a mile, and halted (near a large brook) till sundown; then moved again about one mile, & halted in an old field, where we [were] reviewed by the Marquis, and remained all night, it being very rainy.

28th. Lay still all day, it being exceeding hot weather and our men much fatigued.

29th. Marched at 3 o'clock A. M., & proceeded as far as Bird's, where we arrived at 8 o'clock. After making a short halt we proceeded 4 miles, and halted at Chickehomui Meeting House. Here I was detached

with a party of men to join Major M^cPersons Legion, which lay about a mile below the M. House. At 12 o'clk Col. Barber's Regiment with the Legion marched about 5 miles (a S. E. coast) to [a] mill, where we expected to find a party of the enemy; but being disappointed, we returned and joined the Brigade, the Legion taking post on its right. At sundown we moved back two miles above Bird's, and halted in the woods.

30th. Built bowries and remained on this ground all day. Took a walk with Lieut. Reab. Our tents and baggage arrived at this place. At 5 o'clk P. M. the Regiment was turned out and manœuvred by Major Galvan.

Sunday, 1st July, 1781. Marched at daylight, and halted at 9 o'clk on a large plain near York river, where we built bush huts (the weather being exceeding warm). In the afternoon our men had orders to bathe in the river, where a Surgeon and two soldiers were unfortunately drowned. At 8 o'clk P. M. we marched again, and halted at midnight near the ground we moved from this morning.

2^d. Marched at daylight, and passing by Bird's, turned out of the road (at Chickohomni meeting-house) into the woods to form an ambuscade for a party of the enemy's horse which were grazing in a field near by. But unfortunately (for us) they discovered our manœuvre and made their escape; after which we marched out of the woods and built some bowries, which we lay in till 3 o'clk, when we marched again back to the place we left at daylight this morning.

3^d. Marched at 6 o'clk A. M. and proceeded 4 miles, and halted in a field (in N. Kent County), where we pitched what tents we had left (the greater part of them being lost). The Marquis quartered in [a] large house which is on the left of the L. Infantry.

4th. This being the anniversary of *American Independence*, the day was celebrated by a *fu de joy* [*feu de joie*] fired by the whole army (except those on duty), after which the Light Infantry was manœuvred by Major Read on a plain before the Marquis's quarters.

5th. Marched at eight o'clk A. M., and proceeded half a mile below Bird's, where we halted & built bowries. Eight officers from each Regiment of L. Infantry dined with General Mahlenberg at Bird's. I mounted the camp at this place. At five o'clk we marched one mile further, halted, and built huts. At nine in the evening the troops marched again (at which time I dismissed my guard), and passing by the meeting house, halted at Chickohomni Church, where we remained all night.

6th. Marched at 7 o'clk, and passing through hot warter, halted in a field about three miles from the British encampment at James Town. Our men being much tired and fatigued, and having had nothing to eat for more than 24 hours, the L. Infantry moved back 3 miles for the purpose of cooking. By this manœuvre we left the Pennsylvania troops

in our front to watch the motions of the enemy. General Wayne being anxious to perform wonders! (about 5 o'clk) with his 3 Regiments & some small detachments, the whole consisting of about 1,000 men, attacked the whole British army in their own encampment. We immediately marched to reinforce him; but before we could reach the field of action, met the Pennsylvania line retreating in the greatest disorder (having been overpowered by numbers, and left their artillery). We marched past the disordered troops, and formed a line of battle in a field near the Green Springs. The day being spent, the enemy stopped their pursuit. About 9 o'clk we began our march again, & retired to the Church we left in the morning, where we arrived about midnight, much tired and fatigued.

7th. We find our loss in yesterday's action is considerable, but to be equal, except two field pieces taken from the Pennsylvania line. About nine in the evening Col. Vose's Battalion marched and proceeded as far as hot warter, where we halted in the road.

8th, *Sunday*. At 1 o'clk A. M. General Muhlenberg, with a party of Volunteer Horse, joined us, and we marched 3 miles further, and halted till daylight; then proceeded to James Town, where we found an officer & 22 men which were wounded in the action and fell into the hands of the enemy, but not being able to carry them off, left them on parole. Col. Vose provided an elegant dinner at this place, to which he invited the officers of his Regiment and others that were in the detachment. At 5 o'clk we paraded. Marched for the meeting house we left last evening, where we arrived about 10 o'clk at night.

9th. Marched at sunrise. Proceeded about 3 miles a West course from the meeting house, where we found the army encamped.

10th. We marched at half past 2 o'clk A. M., and, making several short halts on the road (the weather being excessive hot), we arrived at Holt's Forge about 12 o'clk.

11th. The troops lay still (all day) for the purpose of washing their clothes and cleansing their arms.

12th. The number of the Pennsylvania troops being greatly reduced (by the action of the sixth inst.), they were put into two regiments, and the supernumerary officers sent on recruiting. Capt. Burnam is appointed to do the duty of Major to Col. Vose's Battalion, in room of Major Galvan, who is gone to Philadelphia.

13th. About sunrise the two Pennsylvania and Virginia Regiments marched for Bottom bridge. At eight o'clk the L. Infantry and Militia marched. After proceeding 7 miles, halted and encamped in a field near Longe bridge [Chickahominy River].

14th. Rainy morning. At 5 o'clk P. M. we took up our line of march and proceeded 6 miles, and halted near Bottom bridge at 9 in the evening.

15th. The troops lay still all day, it being exceeding hot weather.

16th. At nine o'clock A. M. we took up our line of march and proceeded 10 miles (a S. W. course), and halted on Malborns Hills [Malbon or Malvern Hills] at one o'clock P. M., where we encamped.

17th. Walked with Capt. Hitchcock to a place called Shearly hundred [Shirley Hundreds], where we dined and returned to camp again.

18th. At nine o'clock A. M., I mounted a guard at the Deer park, about a mile west of our encampment, where I was very much troubled with ticks and other insects all day. Visited by the officer of the day about 12 o'clock at night.

19th. At nine o'clock I was relieved by Lieut. Rucastle [Rossiter?], of Colonel Barber's Battalion. Marched to camp and dismissed my guard. About 11 o'clock Capt. Webb set out on his journey to Head Quarters.

20th. Capt. Park of Col. Gimatt's Battalion arrived in Camp (from H. Quarters) last evening, by whom I received a letter from Boston, dated 28th May. Struck our tents for the purpose of airing the ground and regulating our encampment.

21st. About daylight we were alarmed by a report of the enemy's coming up the river; on which our patrol guard was sent to see if they could make any discoveries of them, but returned without making any. About 12 o'clock Col^o Barber & Gimatt Battalions, with one field piece, marched from our encampment about nine in the evening. They returned, having been about six miles down the river.

22^d, *Sunday*. At ten o'clock I sat on a General Court Martial, of which Major Read is President. Tried two soldiers, & adjourned to the 24th inst.

23^d. Exceeding pleasant weather. At 3 o'clock I dined with Genl. Muhlenberg, about one mile from his quarters, under a large bowrey, built for that purpose on the bank of the river.

24th. The Brigade turned out at sunrise, and each Regiment was manœuvred by its commanding officer. At nine o'clock A. M. our court met according to adjournment, and proceeded to the trial of two soldiers who were brought before us for plundering inhabitants. At 2 o'clock P. M. we adjourned without day. Colonel Moyling [Moylan] with part of his Regiment arrived in camp this afternoon.

25th. The Brigade turned out at sunrise, and was manœuvred as usual. At six o'clock P. M. a soldier of Col. Gimatt's Battalion was hanged. After roll call the officers of the Regiment drank grog with Col. Vose in the evening.

26th. The Court Martial of which Major Read is President, dined at my tent (on roast pigs, &c., &c.), said dinner being the fine of M^r Dagot & myself for being late at the Court.

27th. At 9 o'clock I relieved Lieut Smith at the Marquis's guard. 4 officers of Colouel Barber's Battalion dined with the General.

28th. At nine o'clock I was relieved by Lieut. Thomson of Col. Barber's Battalion. The Brigade was turned out in the afternoon, and manœuvred as usual. Captain Oney [Olney?] arrived from Head Quarters in the evening.

29th, *Sunday*. Struck our tents and bowries for the purpose of airing the ground.

30th. At 5 o'clock P. M. the tents of Col. Vose's Battalion were struck, which we left with our baggage under the care of a guard (detailed for that purpose). About sundown we marched with one field piece, and arrived at Westover at 11 o'clock. After a short halt we proceeded to crossing the river, which we effected, but with much trouble, having but two boats, and them very poor.

31st. At daylight we found ourselves in a very pleasant plantation (on the South side of James river) called by the name of Makceacks [Maycox]. The troops and artillery having got all over the river, at 11 o'clock A. M. we began our march and proceeded about 4 miles, a S. W. course, and halted on Petersberg road, near a very pleasant run of water.

Wednesday, 1st August, 1781. About six o'clock we paraded & marched back to the river, which we crossed with all possible expedition, & halted at W—over [Westover] till three o'clock, at which time we paraded and marched to Malverns hills, where we arrived a little after sundown. Found the army marched from this place at daylight this morning.

2^d. The General was beat at half past 2 o'clock A. M. At daylight we began our march. After marching 14 miles we halted about two miles S. of Richmond, being exceeding warm.

3^d. Being exceeding hot, we lay still till 6 o'clock P. M., at which time we began our march, and, passing through Richmond, we proceeded about ten miles and halted (at 10 o'clock in the evening) the N. side of brook bridge [Brook creek], where we remained all night.

4th. The Regiment marched at daylight. (I marched in the rear to bring up the invalids and baggage.) About 11 o'clock we halted at Hanover meeting house (where the officers of the Regiment dined together).

5th, *Sunday*. Marched at daylight, and after making several short halts (on the road, the weather being very warm), we arrived at New Castle, at 10 o'clock A. M., where we joined the Brigade, which were encamped in an old field.

6th. Being exceeding hot weather, the troops remained in camp all day. In the afternoon I walked with Capt. White & Hitchcock to a Mr. Chapman's, which is about 3 miles from our encampment.

7th. The General beat at half past 3 o'clock A. M. About sunrise we began our march and proceeded ten miles, halted and encamped in a field near Permonky river, where we were favored with plenty of very fine water.

8th. The troops remain in camp for the purpose of washing and cleaning their arms.

9th. I breakfasted with Mr. Nason, after which we rode as far as Hanover Meeting house, where we dined at a Mr. Whitelocks. About 3 o'clk we set out on our return to camp, where we arrived about nine in the evening, having rode about 40 miles, & had a very agreeable tour.

10th. Marched at sunrise, and proceeded about 4 miles, a S. course, and encamped on a very pleasant height of ground, called Meakeings's hill.

11th. At 3 o'clk A. M. our tents were struck & our baggage loaded. About sunrise we began our march & proceeded 10 miles, and halted near New Kent Court house, where we arrived about nine o'clk, and encamped in [a] field on the left of the road, where the British army were encamped three or four days ago.

12th, *Sunday*. The General beat at one o'clk this morning, at which time our tents were struck & baggage loaded; after which we marched as soon as possible to Ruffin's ferry (which is 7 miles) and continued there till sunrise, at which time we crossed the river (Permonky) and encamped on a plain the eastern side.

13th. Marched at sunrise and proceeded 4 miles down the river, and encamped on a very pleasant plantation, on which was a great plenty of peaches and other agreeable fruit.

14th. The officers of the Regiment dined together under an elegant bowry built (in the rear of the Regiment) for that purpose.

15th. At 9 o'clk A. M. I relieved Lieut. Smith at a picket which is kept at the house of M^r Moor's on the bank of the Mattapnoy [Mattapnoy] river.

16. Breakfasted with M^r Moor. At nine o'clk I was relieved by Lieut. Phelan of Col. Gimatt's Battalion. After breakfasting with Mrs. Moor, I returned to camp.

17th. At 11 o'clk A. M. I set out with Lieut. Holden and M^r Brown, & walked about 4 miles to a place called W— Point, where we dined with the gentlemen who are in command at this place. After dinner we crossed the river (Mattapnoy), and walked to a Col. Corbin's, where we spent the evening and returned to West Point. After making a short stop, we returned to camp.

18th. A quantity of clothing arrived in Camp for the non-commissioned officers and privates of the Light Infantry.

20th. At 8 o'clk Colonel Barber's Battalion marched to West Point. From there they crossed the river (Mattapnoy), and proceeded towards the enemy. About 11 o'clk I walked with Lieut. Given & Mr. Town to Mrs. Moor's. After a short stop we crossed the river & walked to a Mr. Meridith's, where we dined & spent the afternoon. In

the evening we visited several houses in the neighborhood. About nine o'clock we returned to Mr. Meridith's, where we lodged.

21st. At sunrise we set out and walked four miles up the river to a landing (being disappointed in getting a boat). We stopped at Col. Griffin's, and after breakfasting with him, we crossed the river and returned to camp. At 4 o'clock p. m. our tents were struck and baggage loaded. At 5 o'clock we began our march, and proceeded about seven miles (up the river), and halted near Fraizer's ferry; but being dark when we arrived, did not pitch our tents.

22^d. Our ground was laid out & we encamped in regular order. Took a walk in the evening with a number of gentlemen of the Regiment.

23^d. In the afternoon Colonel Barber's Battalion joined the Brigade. Immediately after roll call the tents of Colonels Vose & Gimatt's Battalions were struck, and we began our march, and after continuing about three hours, halted on the ground we left the 13th inst.

24th. Our grounds were laid out & we pitched our tents on the plain.

25th. About 11 o'clock a. m. Col. Barber's Battalion joined the Brigade. At 4 o'clock p. m. our tents were struck, & we marched about two miles from the river, and encamped in a field which is very sandy.

26th, *Sunday*. At 9 o'clock a. m. I sat on a Regimental C. Martial, of which Capt. Fowles is President.

27th. In the afternoon there was a famous horse race on a plain near our encampment.

28th. At 2 o'clock a. m. the militia began their march, & proceeded to Ruffin's ferry and are crossing the river with all possible expedition. At 2 o'clock p. m. I dined at Colonel Vose's tent with Mrs. [Messrs.] Brown & White, Colonel Vose being absent. In the evening part of our artillery moved to the ferry.

29th. Our artillery and stores have been crossing the ferry all day. In the evening I rode with Mr. Brown to Mr. Newman's (a gentleman living on the plantation we were encamped on the 21st inst.), where we spent the evening and supped, after which we returned to camp.

30th. The General beat at daylight, at which time our tents were struck and baggage loaded. At sunrise we began our march and proceeded to Ruffin's ferry, which we crossed as soon as possible, and marched 7 miles, halted and encamped on the same ground we left the 12th inst.

31st. At half past 4 o'clock a. m. we began our march and proceeded 10 miles, halted and encamped (at Holt's Forge) on the same ground we left the 13th July. Took a walk in the afternoon into the country.

Saturday, 1st September, 1781. Remained in camp all day. We have intelligence that his Excellency Genl Washington, with a large

body of troops, is on his march to join our little army. We are likewise assured of the arrival of a French fleet (at the mouth of York river), consisting of 28 sail of the line, commanded by his Excellency the Count De Grass. This fleet has 4,000 land troops on board, commanded by Major General the Marquis St. Simons.

2^d, *Sunday*. The General beat half an hour before day. At daylight we began our march and proceeded about 8 miles, halted and pitched our tents in a field near Dyerscon [Diascund] creek, where we halted till 3 o'clk p. m., at which time we began our march again, leaving our tents & baggage, and proceeded about 7 or 8 miles, & halted near Chichohomny Church. General Wayne was wounded by one of our sentinels in the evening.

3^d. Began our march at daylight. Proceeded about 8 miles, and halted near Green Springs, where our men had orders to wash & put on clean clothes, expecting to march to James Town & join the French troops, which were landed there. But after halting about three hours we took up our line of march again, and proceeded six miles towards Williamsburg. After halting a few moments, marched back the same road three miles, where we remained the remaining part of the day. About nine in the evening I took post with a small picket about half a mile on the right of the Brigade.

4th. About 7 o'clk Genl Wayne's Brigade marched past my guard, being on their way to Williamsburg. About 8 o'clk the Light Infantry marched, at which time I was ordered to join with my guard. Having called in my sentinels, I proceeded to Williamsburg, and passing through the town, came up with the Brigade. Halted in a field about 3 miles below it, where we continued till sundown; then marched back towards Williamsburg again.

5th. Built booths and lay still all day. The enemy have retired into York, which they are fortifying with all possible expedition, the river being completely blocked up by the French fleet. In the evening was taken by a small party of our militia an officer, sergeant, and six men, they being a reconnoitering party from York.

6th. At 3 o'clk A. M. we paraded & marched about 4 miles, and halted in a field (near what is called the half way house from Williamsburg to York), where we continued about two hours; then paraded and marched back to our booths. After halting about three hours (in which time Major Read's detachment joined the Brigade), we marched to Williamsburg, and passing through the town, halted on a plain west of the College, where we arrived at 3 o'clk p. m.

7th. Exceeding warm weather. Lay still all day for the purpose of our mens washing their clothes and cleansing their arms. Took a walk in the evening with Mr. Gilbert.

8th. At six o'clk A. M. the General beat, at which time we were pa-

raded. At seven the French army (under the command of Major General the Marquis De St. Simon) arrived and encamped on a plain about half a mile N. from Williamsberg; after which we moved and encamped on their right. In the evening the army was alarmed by the firing of several muskets in the French camp.

9th, *Sunday*. At 5 o'clock p. m. the Light Infantry and the Pennsylvania Regiments were reviewed by the Marquises Lafeatte & St. Simon; after which the officers of those corps walked to the quarters of the latter, and were introduced to him.

10th. About 11 o'clock a. m. our tents and baggage arrived which we left at Dyerscon Creek. Walked in the evening with Mr. Gilbert.

11th. About daylight a small skirmige [skirmish] happened on the lines between some of our horse and the enemy's. This afternoon Colonel Gaveon [Gouvion?] arrived in camp. He informs us he left his Excellency Genl Washington (with a large army) near Philadelphia, being on his march for this place.

12th. Walked into town with Lieut. Reab in the forenoon. Dined with Col. Vose.

13th. Took a walk through the French camp this morning before roll call. About 11 o'clock a. m. the Marquis De St. Simon, attended by his A. D. C. & several other gentlemen, walked through our camp.

14th. His Excellency Genl Washington arrived in camp this afternoon, in consequence of which 21 cannon were discharged from the American park. The whole army paraded, and paid him the honors due to his rank.

15th. At 9 o'clock I relieved Lieut. Thomson at the camp guard. An express arrived at H. Q. who brought an account of the return of 22 sail of the French fleet (which sailed several days ago in consequence of a report of an English fleet being seen on the coast). Since they have been out have been joined by 9 sail of the line from Rhode Island; so the French fleet now consists of 37 sail of the line, besides frigates and other armed vessels.

16th, *Sunday*. At 9 o'clock I was relieved from guard by Lieut. Stout of Col. Barber's Battalion. At 2 o'clock p. m. the officers of the L. Infantry and the Pennsylvania Regiments walked to H. Q., where we were introduced to his Excellency Genl Washington, after which I walked through town with Lieut. Given and returned to camp.

17th. Exceeding hot weather. Major Gibbs joined our Battalion in room of Major Galvan. His Excellency went on board the French fleet. Two Regiments from the State of Maryland arrived in camp this evening.

18th. Exceeding pleasant weather. The French Legion arrived in camp this afternoon.

19th. At 4 o'clock p. m. the Brigade was turned out and manœuvred by

the commanding officer of each Battalion. Major Galvan arrived in camp from Philadelphia in the evening.

20th. The grand parade was removed from the front of the L. Infantry to the plain N. of the college. Gen^l Lincoln arrived in camp in the evening.

21st. The Regiment was paraded and manœuvred as usual in the afternoon. I had a very severe fit of the ague and fever in the evening.

22^d. His Excellency returned from on board the fleet.

23^d, *Sunday*. Capt. Webb returned to the Regiment from furlough. I have been visited by another fit of the ague and fever.

24th. Took a puke this morning, which operated very severely. At one o'clk P. M. an express set out for H. Quarters in the State of N. York. Took a walk in the evening as far as college landing to bathe myself in salt water.

25th. After roll call I walked into town with Capt. Webb and several other gentlemen of the Regiment, but was soon obliged to return to Camp again, being visited by my usual disorder in a very severe manner, which held me all day.

26th. I feel myself greatly recovered from illness. Turned out to exercise in the afternoon. Orders for the army to march tomorrow morning.

27th. The General beat at eight o'clk A. M. At 9 the army took up their line of march, and passing through Williamsberg, encamped on a plain about a mile below the town (the light infantry on the R.). The army being now all together, consists of about 14,000 regular troops and three or four of militia. At nine o'clk in the evening the rolls were called, & every thing put in perfect readiness for a move.

28th. The General beat at daylight. About sunrise the army began their march (in one column) towards York. The Light Infantry, with some cavalry and one Regt. of riflemen, formed the van guard. In this order we proceeded about 7 miles, where the roads parted; the American army taking the right, and the French the left, proceeded within about two miles of York, where the French army encamped on a plain with a large morass in their front. The American army proceeded further towards the river; and the Light Infantry, crossing the above mentioned morass, marched onto a plain about a mile from the enemy's works, where we continued all night.

29th. At sunrise we paraded, and, having marched over another morass (not so large as the one before mentioned), we formed on a plain about half a mile from the enemy's advanced works. We lay in this position till 3 o'clk, at which time we moved a little back onto a more convenient piece of ground, where we encamped with our right extending almost to the river. The allied armies being thus encamped,

we almost encircled the town. Our riflemen have been skirmishing in our front all day; but have not been able to do much execution, as the enemy have kept close in their works.

30th, *Sunday*. The enemy have abandoned all their outworks except two redoubts, which are about 150 yards advanced of their main works; in consequence of which [a] detachment of our troops have moved, and taken possession of them (the abandoned works). A large part of the army are ordered to making fascines and other material for carrying on a siege. At 9 o'clock A. M. the Light Infantry marched to the lines, where we continued as a covering party all day. Colonel Schemell [Scammell] was unfortunately wounded and taken prisoner as he was reconnoitring near the enemy's lines. The enemy have kept a moderate fire on us all day. Several of our men were killed & wounded during the night.

Monday, October 1st, 1781. Part of the Army detached for that purpose broke ground last night by erecting a chain of redoubts about 9 hundred yards from the enemy's works. At 9 o'clock we were relieved by the 2^d division. Marched to camp and were dismissed. At nine o'clock in the evening I mounted the camp guard. The enemy have kept a constant fire on our working parties all day.

2^d. The wagons of the army were collected and sent to the landing to bring up ordnance and ammunition for the siege. About sunset, at which time I dismissed my guard, the 1st L. Infantry Brigade marched to the lines as a covering party to the men who are at work. Several of our men were killed and wounded in the night by shot and shells which the enemy fired very briskly.

3^d. The enemy's fire is very moderate this morning, our men being chiefly under cover of the works which have been erected. At 11 o'clock A. M. we marched from the lines to our tents, but remained as a picket all day.

4th. At sunrise the Brigade was turned out and marched into the woods (for the purpose of making sausesons,¹ gabions, &c., &c.) where we continued till 5 o'clock P. M. at which time we marched to our tents and were dismissed. The enemy have kept up their fire as usual all day. In this evenings General Orders we have the particulars of a Skirmish which happened yesterday (at Gloucester) between the French and British Legions, — the latter having been out for the purpose of procuring forage.

5th. I breakfasted with Lieut. Nason; after which I walked with him and Mr. Morton (about a mile and a half) to a point on the river-side, where we had a plain view of the enemy's works at York & Gloucester, with their shipping, which lies in the river (between these

¹ Saucissons, — bags of sand shaped like sausages.

posts), the number of which we suppose is about 100 sail, including transports and small craft.

6th. After roll call I walked (with Capt. Bradford and Lieut. Spring) to the American park of artillery. At 5 o'clock p. m. one Regiment from each Brigade of the American Army was paraded on a plain near Tarleton's old camp. Those troops, with an equal (or greater) number from the French army, broke ground immediately after dusk, by opening a parallel about 350 yards advanced of our chain of redoubts. About 11 o'clock the enemy discovered our approaches, at which time their fire became more brisk and general.

7th, *Sunday*. But very little damage was sustained last night by the enemy's fire. At 11 o'clock the light infantry mounted the trenches. About nine in the evening we broke ground (in several places) about 40 yards advanced of the parallel line where we are erecting batteries with all possible expedition.

8th. At daylight the enemy appeared with a small field piece a little advanced of their works, from which they fired and wounded several of our men; but were drove into their works again by a small party of men detached from our advanced picket for that purpose. At 11 o'clock we were relieved by the Barron's [Baron Steuben's] division, when we marched to camp and were dismissed. Fire from the enemy's works all day as usual.

9th. At nine o'clock the Light Infantry moved their tents about half a mile further to the right and a little advanced of the line of the army. At 2 o'clock p. m. turned out and marched into the woods, where we were employed in making sausesons, fasciens, &c., till sundown, when we marched to our tents again. Several batteries from the right and left of our line were opened on the enemy this evening.

10th. Our batteries being all completed, a very brisk fire, both of shot and shells, are kept from them on the enemy, who returns theirs with equal spirit. At 11 o'clock the light infantry mounted the trenches.

11th. The Charon man-of-war & two sail more of the enemy's shipping were set on fire and burnt last night (by hot shot or shells thrown from the French batteries on our left). At 11 o'clock we were relieved by the Barron's division. In the afternoon we were turned out and employed in making fasciens, gabions, &c., till sundown, at which time the militia mounted the trenches for the purpose of fatigue. Firing on both sides as usual.

12th. That part of the army in the trenches broke ground last night by beginning a second parallel (on the left) about 350 yards advanced of the first. This parallel could not be brought further to the right than the left of the American line, by reason of two redoubts which the enemy have still possession of. At 10 o'clock our Battalion was paraded & marched into the woods, where we were employed in making sause-

sous, fasciens, &c., till 5 o'clock P. M. when we left work and marched to our tents. Firing on both sides as usual. Drank grog with Maj^r Gibbs at his tent in the evening.

13th. At sunrise the Regt. turned out and carried our day proportion of gabions & other materials to the top of the trenches, which we mounted at the usual hour. About 7 o'clock in the evening our Regt. moved from the first to the right of the second parallel, where Capt. White (a brave and deserving officer) and one private were killed. Two privates [were] wounded by a shell which dropped and burst in the centre of the Regt. as we were halted and taking tools to go to work. About nine o'clock we broke ground about twenty yards advanced of the second parallel by beginning to erect a battery, on which we worked all night.

14th. At 3 o'clock A. M. we were relieved from work by a Regiment of militia commanded by Col. Tucker; when we took our former position in the first parallel. We were relieved from the trenches as usual. At 5 o'clock P. M. the light Infantry mounted the trenches again. Immediately after dusk we advanced from the battery on our right (in one column) to the redoubt on the enemys left, which we attacked and carried by storm. A detachment of French Grenadiers carrying the one on our left about the same time (& in the same manner). We had nothing but the enemy's fire from their main works to hinder our completing our second parallel, which we proceeded to do with all possible expedition. In storming the before mentioned redoubt we lost one sergeant, eight R. & file killed; four officers and between 30 & 40 Rank & file wounded, most of them slightly.

15th. The works were carried on last night with such spirit that at daylight we found the parallel extended quite to the river on our right and nearly completed. Batteries are erecting with great expedition. Being now but 200 yards distant from the enemy's line of works, we are much troubled with their small shells, which they throw into our trenches exceeding fast. At 11 o'clock we left work and marched to our tents. Capt. White was interred last evening after we mounted the trenches. The fire, both of shot & shells, on both sides, has been exceeding hot all day.

16th. A little before daylight this morning, about six hundred of the enemy made a sally on our works. They entered a battery on our left & another on the right of the French line, and spiked several pieces of cannon in each of them. (This was done so slightly that the spikes were easily extracted.) The enemy [were] made to retire to their works with precipitation & considerable loss, both of killed and wounded. At 11 o'clock the light Infantry mounted the trenches as usual. About sundown our batteries from the second parallel were opened, and the fire of shot & shells became excessive hot on both sides.

17th. At daylight we found the enemy had stopped up the embrasures of the most of their batteries, and the fire from their cannon became almost silenced; but they continued to throw small shells very brisk. By this time the fire from our works became almost incessant, as new batteries are opening from almost every part of the line. About nine o'clock a drummer appeared and beat a parley on the rampart of the enemy's horn work; in consequence of which hostilities ceased till a flag came from their works to ours and returned again, when the firing commenced on both sides as usual. About 11 o'clock an answer to the enemy's flag was returned, and a cessation of arms granted them. At 12 o'clock we were relieved by the Barron's division, as usual. (This being the anniversary of the convention at Saratoga), at 2 o'clock P. M. the officers of Col. Vose's Battalion dined with him at his tent.

18th. Cessation of arms still continues. At 9 o'clock I mounted the camp guard. About 11 two Commissioners from the allied armies met two more from the British at Moors House (which is on the right of the American lines), where the articles [of] *Capitulation* were agreed on & signed. At 4 o'clock P. M. detachments of the allied armies took possession of the enemy's works in York and Gloucester.

19th. At nine o'clock A. M. I was relieved from guard by Ensign Luce of Col. Barber's Battalion. At 12 o'clock the allied armies were paraded, our right being at the entrance of York on the main road and our left extending to the American encampment (which is one mile and a half). Being thus paraded for the reception of the British Army, at 2 o'clock P. M. they began to march out with shouldered arms and drums beating, but were [not] allowed to beat any French or American march; neither were they allowed to display their colors. In this order they were conducted (by General Lincoln) to a large plain in front of the American encampment, where they grounded their arms; after which they marched back to York. Col. Tarleton & Simcoe's [Simcoe's?] horse, with about 1,700 foot, being on Gloucester side, they marched out & grounded their arms there. The prisoners are to remain in York and Gloucester till conveniency will permit of their marching to the places of their destination (while they remain prisoners of war), which is in the back parts of Virginia and Maryland.

20th. At 9 o'clock the light Infantry were paraded; and after sending a detachment to relieve the guards and fatigue parties in York, the remaining part of the Brigade marched and took our usual post at the second parallel.

21st, *Sunday*. About 11 o'clock the British troops in York and Gloucester began their march to the places of their destination. At 2 o'clock P. M. we were relieved by Gen'l Hazen's Brigade. At 4 o'clock we paraded again to attend divine service, which was performed (on

a plain before the York Brigade) by the Rev^d Doct^r Evens, Chaplain to the Hampshire line. Orders for the army to be in readiness to march.

22^d. After roll call I walked with Lieut. Smith to the landing in York, from whence we took a boat and crossed to Glosester. After viewing the works on that side of the river, we returned to York & from thence to camp.

23. The light Infantry have this day been furnished with common tents (which were taken from the enemy). Took a walk into York with several gentlemen of the Regt. in the afternoon.

24. The French army are leaving their works and preparing for an embarkation.

25. At 7 o'clock A. M. a fatigue party of 500 men were turned out of the L. Infantry for the purpose of leveling the works before York.

26. The Virginia troops have this day marched to their rendezvous; from thence they are to march and join the Southern Army.

27th. The French army under the command [of] Maj^r Gen^l the Marquis De S. Simon are embarking on board the fleet from which they landed. In the afternoon I took a walk with Capt. Hitchcock.

28th, *Sunday*. At 10 o'clock the L. Inf'y relieved the guards and fatigue parties in York. I was on the revine guard with Capt. Chapman of Colonel Gimatt's Battalion. Had a very agreeable guard.

29th. At 11 o'clock A. M. we were relieved (by troops from Gen^l Hazen's Brigade), after which we marched to camp and were dismissed. Found the Brigade (except what went on guard yesterday) were gone on fatigue.

30th. A small draft was made from the line of the army to complete Col. Armond's [Armand's] Legionary Corps, which are to join Gen^l Green's Army.

31st. At sunrise Col. Vose's Battalion was turned out and marched into York, where we were employed till sundown in getting stores on board the craft which is to transport them to the head of Elk. Drew a number of overalls and vestcoats for our men.

Thursday, November 1st, 1781. The invalids of the L. Infantry embarked on board some small craft at York, which are to transport them to the h. of Elk.

2^d. At sunrise I marched with a party of men to the landing in York, and after distributing them to the several vessels on board of which were the invalids of the Battalion, I embarked myself on board a small schooner (called the Liberty). On board this schooner is Capt. Bradford and 32 sick men, so that with them the well soldiers and boats crew amounted to upwards of fifty men. After procuring a sufficient quantity of wood and water, I went on shore and received my orders for sailing. About 8 o'clock in the evening we sailed for the

head of Elk. At 11 we passed the French fleet (laying the mouth of the river). The wind being about west, we sailed all night.

3^d. At 11 o'clock A. M. we came to anchor in Cockland's Creek (the wind being against us & blowing very hard), where we landed part of our men, our schooner being crowded.

4th, *Sunday*. The wind being N. W., we are obliged to lay still. About 11 o'clock I went on shore, the east side of the creek, and walked (about half a mile) to Mrs. Edwards, where I dined and spent the afternoon. At sundown I returned to the schooner again.

5th. The wind is still at N. W., which obliges us to remain in harbor. Breakfasted on board the schooner. Dined on shore at a Mr. Tolsen's. After dinner I walked to several houses on the west side of the Creek, one of which was Mrs. Williams's, where I spent the evening and returned to the schooner again about 10 o'clock.

6th. Wind still against us. Breakfasted [and] dined as usual. Capt. Bradford had a very severe fit of the ague and fever. About sundown (the wind being low) we got our men on board, got up our anchor, rowed out of the creek, and, with the flood tide, beat up the bay about one league, and came to anchor under the Western shore, where we lay all night.

7th. About 10 o'clock A. M. (being flood tide), we came to sail, and after beating all day came to anchor (under Point Look Out) about sundown; having got across the mouth of the Potowmock river.

8th. Wind still at N. W. At sunrise we made sail, and beat up the bay about one league; then, running under the Western shore, came to anchor (the wind blowing exceeding hard), where we lay all night.

9th. At 9 o'clock A. M. got up our anchor, and running as near under the land as possible, landed part of our men (they being very sick). Capt. Bradford was again visited with a very severe fit of the ague & fever. At sundown, being almost calm, we got our men on board again, intending to make another trial to get up the bay; but the wind blowing again very hard from its usual corner, we were obliged to keep our station.

10th. Lay still till 4 o'clock P. M. at which time (it being flood tide) we came to sail and stood up the bay, the wind being about W. N. W., and blowing a moderate breeze. We sailed all night.

11th, *Sunday*. At 2 o'clock A. M. it began to rain. At daylight we found ourselves nearly opposite the mouth of Patuxion [Patuxent] river. At 8 o'clock we passed Anneplias [Annapolis], with a S. E. wind and severe storm of hail & snow. Soon after passing Annaplias, the wind hauling to the Eastward and storm increasing, we were obliged to bear away for a harbor, which we made in Wortou Creek at 1 o'clock P. M.

12th. Stormy morning. Our provision being almost spent, I went on shore for the purpose of getting more. I was furnished with a horse by Col. Graves, who lives at the head of the creek, and rode to Chester Town, where (with much trouble) I drew three days provision for my men and returned to Col. Graves's, about sundown, where I spent the evening and lodged, not being able to get on board the schooner with the provision.

13th. Pleasant morning. Sent the provision on board the schooner, and after breakfasting with Col. Graves went on board myself; but finding it impossible to get out of the creek with the schooner, I sent the men on shore to cook their provision. About 11 o'clock I went on shore and walked to Col. Graves' again, where I dined and spent the day. In the evening I returned to the schooner again. About 9 o'clock (being almost calm) we got up our anchor & rowed out of the creek; after which we proceeded up the bay with a small wind.

14th. Pleasant morning. At daylight we found ourselves nearly opposite Cissel [Cecil] Court house in Elk river (this being the place we embarked from the 9th March). It being quite calm, found ourselves obliged to use our oars. About 9 o'clock we landed at a little village called French Town (about 3 miles below the H. of Elk & on the eastern side of the river). Capt. Bradford, having recovered his health, took command of the party at this place. About 11 o'clock we marched for Cristean [Christiana], where we arrived about sundown. After getting our men into quarters, I walked with Capt. Bradford to Capt. Dun's tavern, where we supped and lodged.

15th. Drew two days allowance of provision for our men. About sunrise we marched for New Castle [Del.], where we arrived at 9 o'clock A. M. After a short halt we embarked on board of a sloop. The tide being in our favor, we immediately sailed & proceeded up the river about one league, and came to anchor, where we lay till sundown, at which time we came to sail again. Proceeded about seven miles up the river, and came to anchor again about one mile below the lower chevaux-de-frise, it being very dark and about 12 o'clock at night.

16th. Came to sail about daylight; but it being almost calm we were obliged to use our oars to get up the river. About one o'clock we came to anchor (near a wharf) at the North end of the City of Philadelphia. Went on shore with Capt. Bradford, and walked to the Coffee House. Returned to the sloop again at seven o'clock in the evening. At 10 o'clock (it being flood tide) came to sail, and beat up the river about one league and came to anchor.

17th. Stormy morning. About 9 o'clock A. M. we came to sail; but the storm increasing & the wind being against us, was obliged to run as near the Jersey shore as could get and came to anchor. I went on shore with Capt. Bradford, and walked about a mile to Mrs. Steakles's

(a quaker widow), where we dined. After dinner we walked to a Capt. Andrewsons, where we spent the evening & lodged.

18th, *Sunday*. Clear morning. Went on board the sloop at daylight. About sunrise we came to sail. Our sloop being very [unmanageable] to beat, with much trouble we arrived at Burthentown [Bordentown] at 4 o'clock P. M., and not being able to get any further up the river, we landed our men & marched to Trenton, where we arrived a little after dusk. After getting our men into quarters, I walked with Capt. Bradford to Mr. Copes tavern, where we spent the evening and supped; but the lodgings being all taken up before we arrived, walked to a private house and lodged with several other officers of the army.

19th. Drew six days allowance of provisions. About 10 o'clock A. M. we began our march for Prince Town [Princeton], where we arrived about sundown. After getting our men into quarters (which were the public house of the town), I walked with Capt. Bradford to a tavern known by the sign of Hudebrass [Hudibras], where we put up for the night. Spent the evening very agreeably with several gentlemen of the town.

20th. Clear and pleasant morning. Walked to the barbers and was dressed. About 9 o'clock A. M. began our march from Princetown. After marching about 8 miles halted, and dined at a house near Millstone bridge. After halting an hour and an half proceeded on our march as far as Sumersett, where we arrived a little before sundown, and had our men quartered as usual. I quartered with Capt. Bradford, at a rich old gentleman's, a magistrate of the town.

21st. Breakfasted at our quarters. At 9 o'clock we began our march, and after proceeding several miles, stopped and dined at a duck house, after which we proceeded as far as Basking Ridge, where we arrived about sundown and took quarters as usual.

22nd. Begun our march at 8 o'clock A. M. After proceeding 3 miles we halted to take breakfast; after which we continued our march as far as Moristown, where we arrived about 10 o'clock P. M., and took billets for our men about one mile & an half North of the town. Capt. Bradford & myself took quarters at a Captain Beaches.

23rd. Remained in quarters for the purpose of our men cleaning their arms & washing their clothes. Drew provision for our men.

24th. Capt. Bradford is visited again by his usual disorder in a very severe manner. The troops began their march at 10 o'clock A. M., but Capt. Bradford not being able to march with them, he tarried in the rear with the wagon, which came up about 7 o'clock in the evening, at which time we halted (being about 10 miles from Moristown), and took quarters as usual.

25th. Dark and cloudy morning. About 9 o'clock A. M. we began our march, and arrived at Pumton [Pompton] about 12, where we halted for the day, it being very stormy. I took quarters with Capt. Bradford at Mr. Van Gilders, where we dined on fresh fish.

26th. Unsettled weather. Remained in quarters all day, Capt. Bradford not being able to march. Spent the day very agreeably.

27th. Began our march at 9 o'clock A. M., & after making several halts on the road, arrived and put up at houses 12 miles from King's ferry. Capt. Bradford and myself took quarters at a small duck house, where we lodged on the floor.

28th. About nine o'clock A. M. we set out, and marched 9 miles towards the ferry and put up, it being very stormy. I took quarters with Capt. Bradford at M^r. Burnes's.

29th. At nine o'clock A. M. we left our quarters and marched to the ferry, where we drew one day's allowance of provision and rum for our men. After a short halt at the ferry we embarked on board a flat bottomed boat which was to transport us to West Point, for which we immediately set out; and after rowing about 3 or 4 miles up the river, found it impossible to proceed any further, the wind being against us & blowing very hard; in consequence of which we run ashore near Peaks Kill landing, where we landed our men; and Capt. Bradford with those of them which were able immediately marched for W. Point; after which I interceded with Capt. Daney to take the remaining part of the men and our baggage on board his sloop, which was laying near the landing, and bound up the river as soon as the wind would permit. I lodged with Capt. Daney on board the sloop.

30th. The wind being at N. W., which makes it impossible to get up the river with the sloop, in consequence of which I landed (leaving a sergt. and two well men with the sick & baggage), and walked to Nelson's ferry, which I crossed; and after making a short stop in W. Point, I walked to York Huts and joined the Regiment, after a very fatiguing but successful campaign of nine months & eleven days. The Light Infantry have not yet arrived in camp, except the detachment with which I came.

York Huts, Dec. 8th, '81. The Light Infantry arrived in camp, and joined their respective Brigades and Regiments.

Mr. BUGBEE also communicated, through Mr. Smith, copies of the following letters written by two French officers who served in the War of the Revolution, — the first by Louis de Maresquelle, who sought admission to the Society of the Cincinnati; the second and third by Bernard Maussac Lamarquisie, who sought temporary aid from the Cincinnati Society