EXTRACTS FROM AN ORDERLY BOOK KEPT SERGEANT BROOME OF CAPTAIN SIMOND'S 4th COMPANY OF THE ARTILLERY STATIONED NORTH AND MIDDLE REDOUBTS NEAR WEST POINT N. Y. 1780 -1781

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Arranged by the Transcriber in Chronological Order as far as possible..... Memorandum: of a vision that appeared to me when I wass deprived of My Senses when on board of the Ship Carolina Commanded by Cap! Ben-jamin Loxley bound from London to the City of Philadelphia between ye 18th of March & ye 14th of May in ye year 1772:

I Came on board ye 18th Inst: in Perfect health and went aLoft to help the Salors Lose the Sails. & in the Evening When whe came to Anchor I help. the Same to furl them & when I Came from Aloft I went in to the Cobuse where the Provision is Cookd and took a cupple of Bisquit and put them in Water & tosted them by the fire and Eat part of them but Whilest I Wass Eating them I wass Seased with a Strong feavour & a Violent Pain in my head Which obliged me to go to my hammock & from there I never Returnd till verry near this Country Except in a Distracted way that the Ships Company Wass obliged to Carrey me back by force ass John Miller Who Wass my Ship mate told me after I recoverd & for the truth he may be Enquired of he //2/07 being now Quarter Master Serj: in the Provost Company of Light Horse Commanded by Capt Van

Flave Vizt -I thought there wass a war Broke out between England & France at Last it wass Concluded upon that it wass to be decided by twelve of the best Swords men that Could be found in Each Country) that Wass the above Numbor from Each (I thought I wass amongst the number of Spectators and Saw the french men Land upon a Smooth Sandy beech Some where on the Cost of Kent and as I wass aLooking on them there Came a Gentleman to me and Clapt his hand on my Shoulder & told me that I wass Pitched upon to fight those twelve french men: at Which I was very much Surprised & told him that I Wass not used to the Sword) he had Like wise Pitched upon on William Kerby Who I had formerly Lived With in the Service of John Suffeild Brown Esq. at Leesthorp in Leicestershire (and I being verry much Dishartned Concearning my unskillfullness I made applycation to the above Kerby to take the Sword first he being a Stout harty well made yong man but he made answer that I was pick upon first and Should take My place accordingly there fore I thought I prayed to the Lord to assist me and took up the Sword in a verry weak Condittion and

I thought the french man made a Longe at me which I thought I parreyd it of over my Right Shoulder & the second I put of on my Left Side which Gave an open and I Rund him through the Sentere of his boddey and he fell dead to the Ground but I had no Sooner Slew him but there Wass his Seccond which I Served the Same and So I kept on till I had Killd wounded or Disarmed the twelve and I thought there wass Great rejoycing Concearning my being Such a hero and the Gentleman took me up to the kings Pallace and told me that the king wass aGoing to Settle five hundred pounds a year on me & my airs for Ever for the honour I had Gaind England and I thought thay took me into a verry Large beautyfull room which room which thay Called the board of Green Cloth and there I wass to Stay till the king Came to Settle the honours upon me I haveing Staid there Some time I thought I saw a door open out of an other appartment and who Should Come out but John Suffield Brown Esqr and Pointed at me and Saing is that him that is the Great hero he more Deserves hanging then honours at those Words I wass verry much terrified & by some means Got out of the Crowd but for Some time I thought I wass Got in to Some wild wilderness Place and no-

thing to be seen but Woods and that the War Wass not over but that I Saw Great Numbers of men Coming from all Quarters in Indian file and I thought that thay assembled on Such high hills that I had never Seen and I Distinctly Saw upon theese hills two Long rows of tents and in the rear of them a Great Number of marquees and that I wass verry buisey amongst them but Could not tell What I Wass adoing aney further then running backward and forward first to one and then to an other at Last there Wass a Gentleman Came to me and Said take you forty Men and Goyou down that hill and Look if you Can Se aney of the Enemey I obeavd my orders and March at the head of the Men till I had passd through a Large Wood at Last I Came in to a verry Large Meadow & what Should I Se thare as far as I Could Se to Right and Left but two ranks of men in Red Cloaths With verry bright arms. I thought the Men that Wass a Long with me Said to me Good God Whe are never able to fight those men there is two maney of them: With that I thought I made answer: my brave men be of Good Courrage & do not be daunted fire upon them by plattoons and keep a Constant fire & you are sure

to beat them: When I had Said that the fireing begun & an other Such Noise I thought I never heard and it Continued for for Some time at Last I thought I Saw the Enemey Break and run scaterd all over the meadow & I and my Small Party runing and Shouting after them and in Persuit of the Enemey I thought I got Lost from my Company and wandred up and down by my Self at Last I Got to the Incampment Where I Set of from first and I Wass Imeadeatly put in Confinement and thay told me the Crime Wass for Cowardice Which I thought Greeved me verry much thinking in my own brest that the Crime wass wrong not withstanding thay tried me at a Court Martial and Sentenced me to be Shot for being a Cowerd and I most Cartainly felt all the agoneys of one in those Circumstances and the day and hour Came that I wass to Suffer and Just as thay wass Going to Lead me out there Came forth a yong man and Said is this the man you are a Going to Shoot for Cowerdice thay answered yes for he deserves it the other Made answer he doeth not for the thurth is whe wass all Disheartned and he Courageous for this is the Man that Commanded us the other day when whe beat the Enemey and he deserves honour more then death I

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Leonard Broome Serj! in Cap.

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Provisions Drawn for Cap. Simonds Compy Stationd at the North & Middle Redoubts from the 1. of Jan. to the 31 = 1781 from Mr Bull A.C.I. to the New Hampshire Bregade

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Provisions Drawn for Cap^t Simonds Comp^y Stationed at the North & Middle Redoubt -- from y^e 1^t Feb^{ry} to the 28th - 1781 from M^r Bell A.C.I. to the New Hamshire Bregade

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Acct of Provision Drawn in Capth Simonds Compty y:

4th Regt of Artillery from the Connecticut Lines

Commissy M. Morgan North Redoubt March ye 1th 1781 -

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to the Noncommissioned officers & Soldiers of the Pennsilvania Line at Princetown January ye 7th 1781.

His Excelency Joseph Reed Esqr Presid^t and the Hon^{ble} Bregadeer Gen^l Potter of the Counsil of pennsilvania haveing heard the Complaints of the Soldiers as Represented by thair Serjts - Informd them that thay are fully authorised to Redress Reasonable Grevances and thay have the fullest Dissposition to Make them as Easey as Possable, for Which End thay propose -1. - that no Noncommiss officer or Soldier Shall be Detained beyond the time for Which he freely and voluntarly Ingaged but where thay appear to have been in any respect Compelld to Enter or Sign, Such Inlistment to be Deemed Void -- and the Soldier Discharg. 2dly to Settle Who are and Who are not bound to Stay, three Persons to be appointed by the President & the Counsel. Who are to Examine into the tearms of Inlistment. Who Where the orriganal Inlistments Cannot be found the Soldiers oath to be admitted to Prove the time and tearms of Inlistment & the Soldier to be Discharg. upon his oath of the Condition of the Inlistment ___

3dly Where Ever aney Soldier has Inlisted for three years or During the War he is to be Discharg. Unless he Shall appear afterwards to have reinlisted voluntarly & freely, the Gratuerty of one hundred Dollars Given by Congress Not to be record as a bounty or aney Men Detaind in Consiquence of that Gratuerty, the Commissioners to be appointed by the President & Counsil to ajust aney Difficultys Which May Arise on this article allso -4:y the Auditors to attend as Soon as Possable to Settle the Deppreseation With the Soldiers & Give them Ceartificates, thair arrearages of pay to be Made up ass Soon as Circumstances Will admit = 51 a pair of Shoes overhawls & Shirt Will be Deliverd to Each Soldier in a few Days as thay are allreadey Perchaced, & readey to be Sent forward when Ever the Line Shall be Settled, those who are Dischargd to receive the above artticles at Frentown, Produceing the Generals Discharge The Governor hopes that No Soldier of the Pennsilvania Line Will break his bargain, or Go from the Conttract made with the Publick, and thay May Deppend upon it, that the uttermost Care Will be taken to furnish them With Every Nessary fitting for a

to the States to take Some favourable Notice of those Who Ingaged for the War — The Commissioners Will attend at Frentown where the Cloathing & the Stores Will be Imeadeatly brought & the regiments to be Settled With In thair order, a Feild officer of Each Reg. to attend Dureing the Settlement of his Reg. Persuant to Gen. Wayn orders of 2. Inst No man to be brought to any trial or Cencure for What haith happened on or Since New years day, but all Matters to be buried in obvelion —

Joseph Reed

James Potter

Monthly Return of Cap! Simonds Comp! in ye Ith Reg! of Artillery Command by Gol! Thomas Proter____

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Joind Three Sery! To one Corp! Two bombad? one Gunner and Seven Motropses from Cap! Freemans Compy --- one Mattrops from Cap! Walkers Compy one Mattrops Transeferd from Col. Levingstons Reg!

Leonard Broome Senjt ye 4th Regt. Artillery - Monthly Returns of Captain Simonds Company of the 4th Regiment of Artillery for the following dates, identical in form to the Return on the previous page:-

February 24, 1781

March 25, 1781

Weekly Returns of Captain Simonds Company
of the 4th Regiment of Artillery for the following dates, identical in form to the Monthly Return
on the previous page:-

February 2, 1781

February 9, 1781

February 16, 1781

February 23, 1781

March 3, 1781

March 9, 1781

March 16, 1781

(Return with no date given)

March 30, 1781

NOTE: All of the above returns were made while the

Company was at North Redoubt, near

West Point, N. Y..

One page containing the accounts of Leonard

Broome with several individuals and companies.

Artillery orders

Janry ye 24th - 81

The officers Commanding the arty at the different Posts will Se the platforms Cleand from Snow and that Everything is put in the Most perfect read ness for action -----

HeadQuarters New Windsor

Janry ye 30 - 81

The Gen! Returns his thanks to Major

Gen! Howes for the Judiceious Measures he persued,

& to the officers & Men under his Comm! for the

Good Conduct & Alacrity with Which thay Excicuted

his orders for the Surpressing the Late Mutiny in

part of the New Jersey Line, it Gave Inexpressa
ble pain to have been to have been oblig! to Imploy

thair arms upon Such an ocasion & Convinced

that thay them Selves felt all the Reluctance

which former Affection to fellow Soldiers Could

Inspire, he Considers the patience with which thay Conducted thair fateague of the March through rough & Mountainious Roads Renderd Almost Impassable by the Depth of the Snow & the Chearfullness with Which thay perform! Every other part of thair Duty as the Strongest proof of thair fidelity - attachment to the Service Subordaination & abhorrance of the principales th actuated the Mutineers in So doing & Attrocious a Departure from what thay owed to thair Country, to thair officers to thair oaths and to themselves _____ The Gen! is Deeply Sensable of the Suffering of the armey, he Leaves no Expident unassaid to Releive them & he is persuaded that Congress & the Several States are Doing Every thing in thair power for the Same purpose _____ but While Whe Look to the publick for the fullfillment of its Engagements, Whe Should do it with a proper allowance for the Embaresment of publick affairs Whe began the Contest for Liberty & Independence ill provided with the Means for War, Relying on our patriotism to Supply the Defficiency, Whe Expected to Encounter maney wants & Distresses & We Should Neather Shrink from them When thay happen nor fly in the face of Law and Government to procure Redress _____ Thare is no doubt in the Event. the publick will do ample Justice to Men fighting & Suffering in its Deffence, but its our Duty to bear present Evils with fortitude Looking forward to the pereod when our Services _____ History is full of Examples of armeys Suffering with patience — Extrameties of Distress which Exceed those which whe have Expeerencd, and this in the Cause of ambition and Conquest, not in that of the right of Humanity of thair Country of thair famelys & of themselves - Shall Whe Who aspire at the Distinction of a patriot armey Who are Contending for Every thing Precious in Socity --- Against Everything hatefull & Degradeing in Slavery, Shall Whe Who Call our Selves Cityzens, Discover Less Consistancy & Millatory Vertue the Merceary Instriments of ambition ____ _____ Those who in the present Instant have Staind the Honour of Americain Soldery & Sulied the Reputation of patiant Vertue, for which thay have been So Long Eminant, Can ondley attone for this Pennsilvanion Defection by a Life Devoted to Glorious & Examplary Discharge of thair Duty — The Gen!

is perswaded that a Greater part wher Influenced
by the Pernicious advice of a few who proberbly
have been paid by the Enemy to betray thair

Associates, The Gen! is happy in the Lenity Shewn
in the Excicution of ondly two of the most Guilty

— after Compelling the Whole to a Conditional Surrender and he flatters him Self no
Simelar Instance will hereafter Disgrace our

Millatory History ————

It Can ondley bring ruion to those Who are

Mad enough to Make the attempt for Lenity in aney

future Ocasion, would be Crimmal & Inadmissable —

The Gen. at the Same time presents his thanks to

Major Gen. Parsons for the prudent & Millatory

Disspositions he made & to Lt Colo Hull & the officers & Men under his Comm. for the Good Conduct

address & Currage, with which thay Excicuted the

Enterprize against a Corps of the Enemey in West

Chester, haveing Destriod thair barricks & a Large

Quanterty of forrage, Burnd a Bridge across Harlam

river under the protection of one of their Redoubts —

Brought of 52 Prissioners and a Number of horses

& Cattle, With **Energy Massachusetter Redoubts** Inconsiderable Loss, Except the Loss of Ensign Thompson

Extracts from Gen¹ orders ----

Head Quarters New Windsor Febry 3d - 81

all the Men Serving in this Department who
have not had the Small pox, to be Given in to the
orderly office ass Soon ass possable by Bregades --

Artillery orders West point Feb^y ye 4th- 81 Commanding officers of Companeys at this post and its Dependencys to Make out Returns With out Delay, of Men Who have not had the Small Pox, theese Returns to be Given to the Adjutant

Artillery orders West point Feb. ye 5th- 81

Companies to be mustered at 11 a.m. the next day.

Behold Happy is the Man Whome God Correcth - there fore Despise Not the Chastening of the Almighty - for he maketh Sore - and he Bindeth up - he Woundeth - and his hand maketh Whole - he Shall Deliver them In Six trubbles yea in Seven, there Shall no Evil touch thee - in famine He Shall Redeem thee from Death - & in War from the Power of the Sword -

North Redoubt L. Broome Serjt in February ye 18th 1781 ye 4th Regt of Artillery

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North Redoubt

March ye 28th 1781

Remarks for the Month of Febuary 1781 In Capt Simonds Compy of arty

2d	William	Gill	Confind	at	New	Windsor	for	the ft	-

- 5 Serj! Hyer & three Mattrosses Sent to new Windsor for Cloathing -----
- Thomas M. Farling Returnd from Comm. from Kings
 Ferry -----
- 11 Charles Proud being Detaind by the river being
 Not Passable Drawd 2 Days Provision
- 14 Frances Parry Returnd from fourlough. James Pamely
 Came from Stony Point boath of them Drawd
 three Days Provission Each -----
- 15 Edward Wallace Returned from Cd at N: Windsor
- D. Serjt M.Carty Peter Ripley & Joseph Jones Sent

 to New Windsor for 9 Blankets and thirty

 Seven Pair of Buckles ye 17th Inst Returnd

 With the above ye 18th Re[?]d ye Buckles =--
- 19 9 Blankets Deliverd to the Compy by Lottery & 37

 pair of Copper buckles a Lottry-fer-ye Blankets-
- 20 Jerim Paschall on Furlough to Amwell Township

 Jerseys for forty Days -----
- 25 John Jones Came from the Hospital & Sent to y: Middle Redoubt -----
- ormitted L. Doty gave me orders to Erase the Names
 of Pollard & Jones out of the Company Role -
 Serjt M. Carty Corp: Little & Mattresses Sent to ye

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7	Park for Shoes & Shirts & Stockings &cc ommitted } Peter Jordain - William Robinson - & Petrick Riley Deserted Mar. 2d Returnd Omitted } Rudolph Esling Dischargd at Philadelphia
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Return of the Q:: Gen: Stores in Cap: Simonds
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Thos Procter ----

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Leonard Broome Serjt
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Roll of Cap: Simonds Company in ye 4th Reg! of Art! under y. Comm. of Col. Thomas Procter ----

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9	Jn. M: Donnald	30 Francs Parry
10	Jn. Rickey	31 Ja. Pamely
11	Jerimh Paschal Dus[?]	32 Jn. Jones
12	Geo. Gadsby abot with &	33 In? Dunn at without Leive
13	Sam: Assop	34 Clark Dicker
14	Jn° Brian	35 w. Kershaw S abot
	Gunners	36 Jn. Lilley abst wth Leive
15	€o. Williams	37 Davd Griffiths abot without L
16	Fos Fletcher as whout L	38 Jn? McGill & Do
17	Char! Proud on F	39 Pet. Ripley
18	Jos Jones ab with out of	40 Jn. Vinson D. D.

Drum & Fife

19 Jnº Scrome

20 William Murphey

Note: The entries made above in ink were in the original made with different ink from that used in writing the roll, and apparently entered at some later date.

Remarks for the Month of Aprill 1781

- 2d Capt Lt Power went to Philada Peter Riply obtained a furlough to Go to Philada for Twenty Days -----
- Geo Gadsby W^m Robinson Pat. Riley Jo. Fletcher Jo. Jones Jn. Dunn David Grifiths Jn. M.Gill Jn. Vinson Deserted --- L. Porter Sent after them With two Serj. & 7 Men & Return ye 6th not hearing aney thing of them:

See Note on Page 27

The next to the last page of the book contains a short note written in cipher with a key to the cipher.

On the last page of the book only very few words are distinguishable.