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PHINEAS INGALLS OF ANDOVER, MASS.,
APRIL 19, 1775—DECEMBER 8, 1776.

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PHINEAS INGALLS, the son of Francis and Elizabeth (Stevens) Ingalls, was born in Andover, Mass., Nov. 14, 1758. He was a minute man in the Andover company commanded by Capt. Thomas Poor, and marched on the Lexington alarm, as is related in this journal. He enlisted in the company on Jan. 31, 1775. In June and October following he was serving in Capt. Benjamin Farnum's company. In March, 1777, he received a pay allowance with travel home from Albany, N. Y., he then serving in Capt. Samuel Johnson's company in Colonel Wigglesworth's regiment. He re-enlisted the same month for the remainder of the war and served in Capt. Parker's company until March 10, 1780, after which he appears at Springfield, Mass., in the corps of artillery and artificers. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Stevens, and settled in Bridgton, Maine, in 1781. There he was the first town treasurer, the first representative to the legislature, for many years chairman of the selectmen, and deacon of the Congregational church. He died Jan. 5, 1844. The following journal is now in the possession of Aldana T. Ingalls of Winston, Montana.

April 19 [1775], Wednesday. This morning at seven o'clock we had alarm that the Regulars were gone to Concord. We gathered at the meeting house. We heard that the Regulars had killed 8 men before we started from the meeting house. We started for Concord and were within 6 miles of that place when we heard that the

Regulars had gone back. We followed that night to Notami* and there camped.

April 20. Early this morning we marched on to the common in Cambridge and expected the enemy upon us every moment. They did not come. Folks came in very fast. Nothing happened today.

April 21. We paraded today.

May 15. This morning I was called for guard and went to the General's. About 1 o'clock we had an alarm that the Regulars had landed. We mustered & had news that it was only the guard who fired on the grand round. I was upon guard.

May 16. I came off the guard about 9 o'clock. Bot 1-2 cake gingerbread, 1 copper. Nothing happened today.

May 17. This morning I was called off for fatigue and was released. We paraded about 11 o'clock A. M. and was ordered to meet about 2 o'clock P. M. at the alarm post. We marched off and went and chose another alarm post, and at night I was called off for picket guard. About 9 o'clock we saw a light in Boston and thought Boston was on fire. We expected an alarm before morning, but we had no alarm tonight.

May 18. I am upon picket today. Went in swimming. Came off the guard at night and laid in a barn.

May 19. Don't parade this forenoon. Went to Watertown to see the cannon. I laid in a barn tonight.

May 20. This morning heard prayers. Bot 1 pint of milk—1 copper. Trained today and at night was called off for the picket guard, and went down to Charlestown to double the main guard.

Sunday, May 21. Came off the guard about sunrise. Went to hear prayers. Bot 1 p^t of milk—1 copper. Went to meeting in the forenoon in the meeting house. Text: Isaiah 26: 11. Heard in the afternoon that the were fighting at Weymouth with our men. In the afternoon went to meeting in the meeting house. Text: Chro. 15: 14, 15. We had some large cannon came into town. Went to see the intrenchment. Nothing happened tonight.

*Monotomy, now Arlington.

May 22. This morning is rainy—holds all day. Father came down. Moved from Mr. Prentice's yesterday morning to the house where the officers quartered. Spent 2/6.

May 23. Bo^t 3 pts. Milk—3 coppers, a bayonett sheathe 5/. We were paraded this afternoon & trained, had prayers at night & laid in a barn.

May 24. Morning paraded and had prayers. He read 55 chapt. Isaiah. I was called off on guard and went to the town house.

May 25. Bo^t 1 q^t milk—2 coppers. Came off guard about 10 o'clk. a. m. Washed & paraded in the afternoon. Heard prayers at night. Read 11 chap. Hebrews, laid in a barn.

May 26. Called on fatigue. Went up to Notomi to cut wood, about 6 miles.

May 27. About noon 14 were drawn out of our company with 3 officers viz. Capt. Poor, Sergt. Chickering & Sergt. Johnson. About sunset we heard they were upon Hog Island. Heard that a company went before. Heard firing all night.* At night about 200 went down to Lichmore point.

Sunday, May 28. Heard that the Regulars had wounded 3 or 4 of our men and that ours had killed some of the Regulars and burnt one ship and took some cannon. This forenoon some more of our company went to the Island where the rest of them went yesterday. Went to meeting this forenoon. Text: Ezek. 38: 11. We heard that our men had got the victory and burnt one sloop and got a good deal of plunder. There were 3 loads come in that our men had got. They had a very hot fight, took 4 pieces of cannon and 8 or 9 swivels. Four of our men were wounded, but none killed. A man came out of Boston who said he saw 200 dead and wounded Regulars.

May 29. This morning I was called and went to the guard house. Our men who went out Saturday came home today.

May 30. Heard this morning that the Regulars were gone to Salem. I came off guard about 9 a. m. Heard our men were getting cattle off of Noddle's Island, that

*The battle of Chelsea, so called.

they had got about 30 head of cattle and about as many horses & 300 sheep. Our men had an alarm that the Regulars had gone to Salem. They started for Salem and at Esty's [Middleton] there heard they had not come so they came to Cambridge. They heard we were fighting. Col. Frye came with the men who started for Salem. Bo^t 1 pt. milk /6.

Election, May 31. Bo^t 1 pt Rum, 4 eggs a lemon 6/. Called out on fatigue and went intrenching. Bo^t $\frac{1}{2}$ cake gingerbread 1 copper. Two men buried this afternoon.

June 1 [1775]. Bo^t 1 p^t milk, 2 coppers. Nathan Ingalls, Thomas Kimball & Daniel Kimball here and went to see the breast works.

June 2. A man hung himself in a barn. He was found at daylight this morning. Supposed to have hung about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. 5 chap. James.

June 3. Heard that a party of our men went to Deer Island & took one of the Man of Wars barges & 4 men one yoke of oxen and some sheep. The boat brought here about 5 p. m. Two men whipped one 20 & the other 10 lashes. One man drummed out of the army.

June 6. We were sworn today. Many took their oaths.

June 11, Sunday. Went to meeting. Were paraded. Went down to Charlestown upon scout. Staid in a house just over the neck.

June 12. Came off the scout. Went to Notomi to see John Farrington, and carried corned victuals to those who were taking care of him.

June 13. Dudley Messer sick. I am taking care of him.

June 14. Nathan* came about 11 A. M. and I started for Andover about 3 P. M.—got home about dark.

June 17. Guns were heard and smoke seen towards Charlestown. At night a fire was seen towards Charlestown.

June 18. This morning about day there was an alarm at Andover that our men had got a breast work on Bunker's hill and that the Regulars had come out and had a

*A younger brother.

very hot battle and that the Regulars drove our men, had taken the hill and killed a great many of our men and that they wanted more men. Col. Johnson mustered his regiment and started for Cambridge. We heard that Capt. Farnum was wounded, and we then heard that Col. Johnson's regiment was coming back. They got back about dark. We heard that Charlestown was all burnt.

June 19. We heard that Darias Sessions of our company was missing and that 5 or 6 were wounded, viz. Capt. Farnum, Tim^o Carlton, Spofford Ames, Sam'l Towl, Jacob Barnard and Joshua Wood.

June 21. Went to Cambridge with Nathan. Got there about 11 A. M. Nathan started for home. Mare sick before he got home. Nathan left her. She died next day.

June 22. Unwell. Our regiment came off from Winter hill.

June 23. An alarm.

June 24. An alarm. Heard firing at Roxbury. Some fighting. Not much hurt done.

June 26. Went up to see Geo. Abbott.

June 27. Am going to work at haying. Have worked today.

June 30. Mowed for Mr. Robbins 1/2 a day and another man the other 1/2 @ 20/ per day.

July 1 [1775]. 2 whipped yesterday—one 26 the other 78 lashes.

July 2. Rained. A new general from Philadelphia.

July 3. Regulars firing. Col. Prescott's reg^t out on scout.

July 6. Daniel Griffin of Haverhill drowned. Col. Gardner buried yesterday.

July 7. Heard that Col. Parker died in Boston.

July 8. An alarm that the Regulars were coming out. Did not come. Had a fight at Roxbury before day this morning.

July 14. Moved into the College.

July 15. L^t Johnson swore he would put me under guard unless I paraded, and I paraded.

July 17. Heard cannon. Showers.

July 21. Haying.

July 22. An alarm about 11 at night. Ordered to keep our clothes on.

July 26. Drum major put under guard.

July 29. A company of Washington's men went down to Charlestown neck and when the Regulars came to relieve the sentries, our men fired upon [them], killing 4 or 5 and took two prisoners.

July 30, Sunday. Went on guard at the town house. About 12 at night heard a firing, being on sentry I heard the cannon balls whistle by me. There was a floating battery come up the river. They burnt a house at Roxbury. They kept up the firing till morning. Thirty-five prisoners taken at the Light house last night.

Aug. 1 [1775]. They kept firing at our sentries. Our sentries fired at the Regulars and killed some of them. The Regulars killed one of our men.

Aug. 2. Isaiah* is sick. Moved him up to the house where the guard was formerly kept. Got a bed for him at the widow Watson's. Ingalls Bragg sick. I am taking care of them.

Aug. 3. Peter Farnum & Jacob Barnard sick. Isaiah has a fever. Sunday and Monday a star was to be seen.

Aug. 5. Ingalls Bragg and Peter Farnum started for Andover about 10 in a chaise with Mr. Bragg who came for them. Isaiah worse.

Aug. 6, Sunday. Isaiah better. So are all the sick. Father and mother came today.

Aug. 7. Isaiah no better. I go home with father. Mother stays.

Aug. 15. Capt. Berry's wife buried.

Aug. 18. Father and I started for Cambridge.

Aug. 19. Isaiah a little better. More hopes of his recovery. I staid at his hospital to take care of him.

Aug. 20, Sunday. Isaiah better. Fever turned.

Aug. 21. Isaiah got up and was dressed.

Aug. 23. Killed some robins.

Aug. 25. Sam^l Holt came after Isaiah with a horse and chaise.

Aug. 27. About 9 A. M. our regiment had an alarm

*An older brother.

& marched to Winter hill. The Regulars kept up firing upon our men through the night. We went onto the ploughed field.

Aug. 28. There were 3 alarms today.

Aug. 30. Stormy. The Regulars threw bombs by night & now and then one in the daytime.

Sept. 12 [1775]. Drums beat to arms. Uncle Joshua Ingalls came down.

Sept. 13. I have earned 20/.

Sept. 16. A man of our reg^t buried.

Sept. 18. Passed muster.

Sept. 19. Worked for the Brewers @ 18/.

Sept. 21. On guard at head-quarters.

Sept. 23. About 9 twelve Marblehead men are to be whipped—20 lashes each. One only was whipped.

Sept. 27. Marched to Prospect hill and went into the fort. Came back about 10.

Oct. 5 [1775]. Stormy. Drew 1 month's pay.

Oct. 13. Heard our privateer had taken the Livery Man of War.

Oct. 17. Our floating battery went down and fired into Boston tonight. One gun split, killed 1 man and wounded 7.

Oct. 18. Our reg^t went out in the boats.

Oct. 24. Stormy. Dr. Stevens went home.

Nov. 1 [1775]. Worked at 16/6 per day.

Nov. 2. Hired David Stevens to go on guard for me.

Nov. 6. Stood sentry at Dr. [Benjamin] Churches. Stormy.

Nov. 9. The Regulars landed on Litchmore point & got some [cows]. Our men fired upon them and^rdrove them off. We found some cattle they had killed. The Regulars killed 1 of our men and wounded 1.

Nov. 14. On fatigue digging sods at Cobble Hill.

Nov. 17. Got a furlough and went home.

Nov. 21. Went to Cambridge. Rode Phillip Farrington's horse.

Nov. 22. Our men went to digging on Cobble Hill at night.

Nov. 23. Thanksgiving day. Went to digging on Cobble Hill.

Dec. 1 [1775], Friday. Went to Cobble Hill. Our privateer took a sloop* that was coming into the Regulars. It had on board 1 13-in. mortar and a good many small arms and some shot. It took 6 teams to bring in the guns, shot, etc.

Dec. 2. Our people placed that mortar at the laboratory.

Dec. 3, Sunday. Meeting. Text: Sam., 10: 12.

Dec. 7. Our militia went to Barrack N^o 2.

Dec. 10, Sunday. Militia marched to Roxbury and are there stationed. Went to Cobble Hill.

Dec. 11. Selling chestnuts.

Dec. 13. Marblehead sent for and marched for home, but returned having heard of a French ship.

Dec. 14. On fatigue duty ditching between the neck and point.

Dec. 17, Sunday. Our men went to Lichmore's p^t to entrenching, and about 1 o'clk the man-of-War vessel began to fire upon our men. They threw some bombs from Boston, throwing during the night 4 bombs and firing 2 cannon.

Dec. 18. Regulars threw some bombs.

Dec. 19. On fatigue at Lichmore point. The Regulars threw some bombs and some shot. The bombs except one broke in the air.

Dec. 20. Went to Roxbury. The Reg^s fired some today.

Dec. 21. The Reg^s did not fire.

Dec. 25. Our reg^t was dismissed, for there were not tools for all to work.

Dec. 28. On fatigue for Geo. Abbott.

Dec. 29. Hired John Wilson to go on guard for me last night. Our men attempted to go to Bunker's hill, but did not get there, as the ice would [not] bear.

Dec. 30. Our guns were prized.

Jan. 1, 1776, Monday. We were dismissed.

Jan. 2. We started for home about 9 o'clock—got home about 8 p. m.

March, 1775. Went to school 8 1-2 days.

March, 1776. Went to school 7 days.

*See Essex Institute Hist. Colls., vol. xiv., pp. 8-9.

Journal kept by Phineas Ingalls during the campaign of 1776 to Lake Champlain.

July 16 [1776]. Enlisted, passed muster, took the bounty £7-00-0 and one month's pay £2-00-0.

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I rec ^d my bounty	7	0	0	lawful money 20/	\$23.33
1 mo's pay	2	0	0		6.67
For blanket	0	12	0		2.00
Use of arms	0	6	0		1.00
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	9	18	0		\$33.00

July 23. Began our march to Crown Point. Marched through Tewksbury, Billerica, and stopped in Chelmsford.

July 24. Went through Westford, Groton, Shirley, into Lunenburg—staid at my Uncle Hovey's.

July 25. Through Fitchburg to Westminster.

July 26. Through Ashburnham and Winchendon to Fitzwilliams. Had a very bad road for ten miles.

July 27. Through New Marlboro to Swansy.

July 28, Sunday. Went to meeting in Keene. Went through Westmoreland to Walpole. Staid at Mr. Goldsmith's.

July 29. Raining. Still in Walpole.

July 30. To N^o 4 (Charlestown).

Aug. 5 [1776], Monday. Marched from N^o 4 over the river and went about 8 miles.

Aug. 6. Marched through Springfield to Weathersfield into Cavendish. Camped in the woods.

Aug. 7. 18 miles between houses and roads very bad. Camped in the woods. Raining, got very wet.

Aug. 8. Through Saltash to Ludlow. It rained severely. Staid in a house. 7 miles between houses.

Aug. 9. Through Rutland to Pittsfield.

Aug. 10. Crossed Otter Creek. Camped in the woods in Ludbury.

Aug. 11, Sunday. Rained.

Aug. 12. Marched to Lake Champlain, 10 miles. Went over the lake to Ticondaroga and then to M^t Independence. Staid in a brush camp.

- Aug. 20. Moved to Ticondaroga.
- Aug. 21. Isaiah and Nathan unwell.
- Aug. 31. Col. Bond died last night. Two row galleys sailed.
- Sept. 1 [1776] Sunday. Rainy. Countersign "Liberty."
- Sept. 2. A man whipped 78 lashes.
- Sept. 3, 4, 5. On fatigue duty making a fort.
- Sept. 6. Heard they have had a very hot battle at New York—5000 killed, 2000 of our men and 3000 of the Regulars. Two of our generals missing. News not certain. Mounted two 18-pounders.
- Sept. 19. I went to hospital to take care of sick.
- Sept. 21. Abijah Ingalls ill.
- Sept. 24. Isaiah confined by Penn^a Riflemen and was tried by a Reg^l court martial. Cleared.
- Oct. 6 [1776]. We have today 3 prisoners.
- Oct. 10. Isaac Richardson was found dead by the old Fort.
- Oct. 13, Sunday. Our fleet and the Regulars fleet met and kept up firing Friday, Saturday and part of today, till 2 or 3 o'clock. The Regulars drove so hard upon our fleet that in their damaged state they were unable to escape. Some run on shore, some got aground, and some the enemy took. Not more than 1-3 of our shipping got away. Our men destroyed most of the rest. The row galley that had Col. Wigglesworth on board was burnt, but he escaped. Gen^l Arnold went ashore and came in by land. Gen^l Waterbury went ashore and it is supposed was taken.
- Oct. 14. David Beverly came in tonight alive and well. We are expecting the enemy.
- Oct. 19. We have to go on fatigue from 1-2 to 1 hour before daylight ever since the fleet had their battle.
- Oct. 21. The grand round took the Capt. of the Jersey Blue Redout.
- Oct. 22. I yesterday found 36 head of cattle in the woods. The Indians took 2 men and killed one.
- Oct. 23. Found 11 head of cattle in the woods.
- Oct. 27. Have good news from New York. Paraded and gave 3 cheers for the news that our men had driven the Regulars.

Oct. 28. One of the enemy's boats came down. Our men fired upon her. She went back.

Oct. 31. Ephraim Swan died this afternoon at 2.

Nov. 3 [1776]. Sunday. Uncle Abijah Ingalls died between 4 and 5 this afternoon. Hear that the Reg have left Crown Point.

Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Trimming balls and making cartridges.

Nov. 10, Sunday. Simeon Farnum started for home.

Nov. 13. Charles Danelson died.

Nov. 14. Stark's brigade discharged.

Nov. 16. Col. Stark's and Poor's Reg^{ts} march.

Nov. 18. Orders are read to us that we are to march as soon as the Battoes get back from Fort George. We go by the way of Albany, N. Y. Gen^l Gates, Arnold, Brickett marched from Ticonderoga, leaving the command with Gen. Waine.

Nov. 22. Stormy. The Hampshire reg^t have [gone] home through the woods.

Nov. 23. Our reg^t were ordered to bring over the lake 80 cords of wood. This we did. And then turned our tents into the store. Went on board the battoes and started for home about sunset. Got to Skeensboro' at 12 at night.

Nov. 24. Rainy. Stay'd at Skeensboro.

Nov. 25. Marched from Skeensboro through the woods to Fort Anne.

Nov. 26. We marched to Kingsbury within 4 miles of fort Edwards. I stopped at a Mr. Jones'.

Nov. 27. To Fort Miller. I stopped in a house about 2 miles beyond Fort Miller. At the Ferry Serg^t Dow and Isaac Smith in attempting to cross the river in a log canoe run on the falls and upset and came near being drowned. Were saved by one of our battoes.

Nov. 28. Marched about 14 miles to Saratoga. We crossed the ferry in the morning. I staid at George Bradshaw's.

Nov. 29. Went by Stillwater & Half-moon. Crossed the ferry half an hour before sunset, and stopped at Albany new city at D. Knowlton's.

Nov. 30. Crossed the ferry about 10. Got into Albany about 1 p. m. Dined. Rainy. Again crossed the ferry. Went about 4 miles and staid in Greenbush.

Dec. 1 [1776], Sunday. Started by day—went through Schooduck, Kinderhook. Staid at night at Matthew Scott's in Spencertown.

Dec. 2. Went to Barrington, dined, thence to Torrington and stopped at Hezekiah Hill's.

Dec. 3. Went through Laudon and staid in Glos'cho.

Dec. 4. Dined in Westfield, thence to Springfield. There crossed the Connecticut River. Stopped at 2 miles from the ferry.

Dec. 5. Went to Brookfield, stopped at a private house.

Dec. 6. Went to Northbury and there stopped over night.

Dec. 7. Went through Concord to Billerica. Staid at Polland's tavern.

Dec. 8, Sunday. Got into Andover at 10 a. m. Absent 4 months and 24 days.