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NOTE. — The two following journals are by much more illiterate men than the preceding order-book; it is therefore not thought advisable in general to reproduce the spelling, except of proper names — which, as change sometimes involves guesswork that may be wrong, are uniformly left untouched. — and wholly shapeless stumbles at words. Nothing but spelling, capitalization, and punctuation, however, has been changed in the least. As samples of the original, and for philological suggestiveness, a few specimens are subjoined: —

MORGAN'S DIARY.

[July 14.] "A coat marfel Cap. Spiror Markee."

[Aug. 16.] "I fot out for Hume the Son abought a Nower hi at Night."

[Aug. 30.] "Thea was Captain walles failed to long pint in Stoingtoun with his Shep and fire tenders and Begund to fire upon the town and fired a most all Day and twas Judy it the ar was a bought fix hundred guns fired at the town kild No body. . . . And one of them was loded with fuger and malafes and thea fa it be long to providence and our men fired upon them when thea was ciren the vesels and killed som of them. . . . And walles came cros him and chas him up to the pint and he but jest efkaep."

[Sept. 16.] "Last Night Raglor came out of Boston and thea fired upon as tew Bum and fix Cannin and thea fired one cannin from our loer forte."

[Sept. 18.] "This Day then fierd 52 cannon and Booms upon our men tew work upon the Nack wheare thea was biling breast works."

[Sept. 19.] "Thea fierd 12 canen . . . and thea com clos to us."

[Sept. 20.] "It reand very Heard in the foranon and thea was very fil this Day."

[Sept. 21.] "Thes Day thea fired 16 or 18 cannon and Bums and one of the bums fel in to the fort."

[Sept. 25.] "It twas very fil times and I took hors."

[Oct. 4.] "Our regiment was free from Deaty becos wee musted."

[Oct. 6.] "Elish Cagelton Head Dis Charg. . . . Thea was fired all in a Nower. One of the presnor was . . . find for shcuten his gun of wile . . . and the ourther was one pulle drum mager."

[Oct. 8.] "Thea was a raglor com out of boston and he ses thea was a Nother reglar fet out to swim out from boston common and the other one swim to Neer the float in Battre thea se him and thea kick him."

[Oct. 9.] "I se one of the rif rif man wip 39 strips and was Drund out of the camps 55 Drumburs and 60 fifiers."

[Oct. 10.] "And It twas very fil times and It twas sub spoues at general jage for our for Home."

[Oct. 11.] "At Night 9 a Clock It Begune to rane and thunder and a merkelhel storm of thounder and ran l: twas."

[Nov. 4.] "Thea was a raglor or tew our sentre spide tham and thea heald them and thea Did Not Anfo."

[Nov. 6.] "One Plats . . . found gilte of Choken and Casen."
 [Nov. 7.] "The reglors went . . . to Cet sum Cattel but thea
 Cot Defeated."

"Carrowed" [carried], and "shogers" [soldiers], invariably; "a
 halting up ther nots."

LAYMAN'S DIARY.

[Aug. 20.] "We got redy for to go to meting and the offercis
 Came and Said that we must not go to meting without britchis and it
 was so hot that I cold not bare to ware them."

[Aug. 22.] "And they Rais a 170 Men and they marched to
 Rope Ferey and when they got theire the Man of War had Gawn
 of and then the arney came Back to New London."

[Sept. 6.] "We played bawl all day jest about Sunset we heard
 8 or 10 great guns tords Rodilar."

[Nov. 1.] "There was some of oer ridgment that went arter
 apples to the loer gard."

[Nov. 4.] "And he would sware and dam us all."

[Nov. 9.] "There was a layram and we turned out and the
 world seemed to be fool of men and the cannans roring on both sides
 . . . and the cannon balls would whistle through the are and we cold
 see them strike in the water and make it fly as hy as the bowen."

[Nov. 22.] "I went to the flagstruck gard and the reglars fired
 severar times at our gards."

[Nov. 28, 29.] "I went on forteague and helped carry 4 fasheans
 about half a mild."

[Dec. 1.] "We was ordered to parade before the ginirals dore
 the hole ridgment and Jiniral Lec and Jinir [] Solivan came out."

[Dec. 2.] "Our gard took 4 of there horses and the morrer peas."

[Dec. 10.] "We was ordered to paryade before the ginirals dore
 and we was counted of and and dismissed and we we [] to the
 luten and he gave us a dram."

[Dec. 23.] "I went and run some bolts and agreed to work 2
 months for Luke Camp and at Night I inted for the ich and had a
 fine rash or [] it."

"Kick" or "Ceched," "tound," "mild" [mile], "brakefast,"
 invariably; "tuck" [took], "putteague," etc.

[Paper A.] "It is hoped and expected that as you vallow the
 sacred right and Liberties of your Contry you will shew a propper
 contempt and indignation towards those disaffected miscreants who are
 at this Chrises deserting hur cawe. . . . Our army will the very day
 of there desertion be stronger than ever but the spirit and virtue of
 the mager part sary to render" etc.

"Thus much may surrise for Jiniral Lec."

[Rations.] "Bread or flower With 3 points of bear pr day and
 also malases a point of rice or a point of indian meal . . . also one
 jill of rum p^r man p^r day upon phiteague onely . . . milk malases
 candles sope vinegar cofy Chocolate Shugar Tobacco and onion in
 their Season and vegetables . . . in the Diction of the general and
 feald offercis."

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August 11th. We staid at Litchfield till about 4 o'clock, there we had a sermon preached to us by Mr. Bellowmy which I think I never heard outdone by anybody in my life for liberty. He preached from Matthew 12th. Then we marched to Philops about 8 miles into Torrington, there we kept guard all night.

August 12th. The next morning we came to the tavern about 6 mile, there we went to breakfa[st]. Then we went to Farmingtound about 12 miles, there we staid all night at Landlord Porter's.

Sunday morning, 13th. We marched [?] to Hartford about 12 miles to [torn] Colwell, there we heard [a] sermon in the afternoon. Then we went into the boat about 4 o'clock and we went to Rockyhill about 6 mile, there we staid that night.

14th. The next morning we went to Middletown, there we had a breakfast, then we went to Had Lime and staid that night.

15th. The next morning we set off and we sailed down to the lower end of Lime, then we went to shore and set off afoot and marched down to New Lonnen at the upper end of the town.

16. And the next morning we marched into the town about 5 miles, then we was stationed there.

17. [In] the forenoon we walked [round] the town, and in the afternoon we was called to arms and was marched up to the meeting house, and there was about 200 weight of tea brought and put in the middle of the road, and there was tar barrels and shavings and wood put on and then fire was put to it and consumed. There was about 400 soldiers under arms marched round 4 square, and there was a vast number of people and spectators around, some on housen and some on

the walk of the meeting house, with a French horn and drums and fifes. They marched around the fire, and there [were] two that was with the tea that was blacked that came with the tea that was a running round on their heads, and so they continued till it was consumed, and then they gin a whoraw and came home.

August 18th. In the forenoon I went to work to pay for my washing, and in the afternoon we marched about 2 mile and exercised a while, and then we marched into the town.

19. We washed our clothes in the forenoon, and in the afternoon we marched out and exercised a while and came in, then there was 12 of us that was called out to guard the town.

20. Sunday morning we got ready for to go to meeting, and the officers came and said that we must not go to meeting without breeches, and it was so hot that I could not bear to wear them, and I did not go meeting in the forenoon. I went to see a crazy man and there was a man that he knew him, and he got mad, and I think I never saw such a sight in my life. He was chained and he would spring at us and hallo at us. There was one stout man that said that he never saw a man that he was afraid of before. In the afternoon I went to meeting.

21. In the morning we marched out about 3 quarters of a mile, then we fixed our guns, and in the afternoon we marched out about a mile and exercised, and just before night we discovered a ship, and they sailed around the lighthouse, and about 12 o'clock there came a post that they were agoing to land, and there was no small stir among the people, and we had not drawed our powder, and our orders was that all that had powder and

ball should fix out, and the companies got together about 186, and our captain was head, and the insign was with him, and Sergeant Porter and a corporal and 4 soldiers, that was all that could fix out, and they marched about sunrise 22, and about 8 o'clock they came in. The ship went off about daylight. In the afternoon we went off a sailing.

[Detached entry later on:— And they raised a 170 men and they marched to Rope Ferey, and when they got there the man of war had gone off, and then the army came back to New London. This was the 22 day of August.]

23. The next day there was about 20 of us went aboard a sloop and went to Fisher's Island about 12 m.

24. We walked about and we went aboard of the old Spanish ship that was cast away. It was 8 rod long and four decks, and there was rooms as fine as any in the housen all papered off.

25. In the morning we marched out before breakfast and we heard three great guns off on the Sound, and at night we heard 3 more, and we heard that they was chasing a brig.

26. In the morning we marched out and exercised, and the rest part of the day we was a drawing our powder and ball.

Sunday, 27. In the forenoon I staid at home, and in the afternoon I went to church, and about noon there came a sloop in the harbor that was loaded with 12 swivels and 500 French guns, all loaded with 25 hundred of powder and ball.

28. We marched out in the morning and exercised, and in the afternoon we marched out again and exercised again.

29. In the forenoon it rained, in the afternoon we exercised.

30. In the morning it rained, and we heard about 220 great guns fired at Stonningtound, and about noon there was a post came that they was a firing at the town and that we must be ready at a minute's warning, and they got ready to march, and about 2 o'clock we had orders that half of the companies must go, and they marched round in a single file and counted off 30 men and went off.

31. In the morning they fired some cannon and went out to sea and come in sight of us. There came a post to us that they had not hurt but 3 of our men and had gone off. They did not hurt the town much. The people was a moving all day as fast as possible out of New Londen.

September 1st, A.D. 1775. In the forenoon there was four of us that went down to the lighthouse with our spyglass to see the ship, and we looked off and we see the Rose man of war and 3 sloops that they took from Stoningtound with 2 tenders. They all lay at anchor, and about 3 o'clock Mr. Shaw had a sloop that sot sail, and when they came in reach of the ship they fired a gun and hailed them, and one of the tenders came and fetched them in to the ship, and they all hoisted sail and came in plain sight of the town, and we was all ordered to get all our things together as quick as we could by the mayor, and we got them all in a heap, and the ship went round the island and it was so late that [it] could not go off, and we carried our packs in our old store.

2 day. The company came into town about 8 o'clock, and about 9 o'clock we heard that the ship was returned

and all of us that did not go before must go, and about 12 o'clock we marched off, and about sunset we arrived to Stonington. We went to the tavern and staid that night.

Sunday morning the 3. In the forenoon it rained, and in the afternoon I looked round the housen to see the damage they did the town. They fired 12 into the housen. Some went through 3 housen and some not one, they lodged in the housen. They went through a case of drawers and into a pillow where the man had just got off.

4. In the forenoon we marched to another house and fixed it to live in. [In] the afternoon we looked round the town and got some apples.

5. In the forenoon we played ball, and in the afternoon we looked around the town.

Wednesday the 6. We played ball all day. Just about sunset we heard 8 or ten great guns towards Rodilan.

Thursday the 7. I come upon guard and stood 3 times.

Friday the 8. In the forenoon I digged in a well and got 8 pence, and in the afternoon there came two companies to town and we had orders to come out of town to go to Lime, and some of us came by water and the rest by land, and those that came by water was as sea sick as ever I see men in my life. I was sick with the rest. We had a very good wind, and we went round Fishis Island about 40 miles, and we arrived at New-londen about 9 o'clock at night to our old tent to our great joy with the rest of our soldiers.

A Saturday the 9. In the forenoon I washed my clothes and in the afternoon we had orders to march to

Lime, and we put all our things in our packs and put them aboard of a sloop, and about 3 o'clock we marched off about 4 miles and stayed at the tavern.

Sunday, 10th. We marched about 3 miles over the rouefery [*sic*; rope ferry] and got breakfast, then we marched about 4 miles to Governor Grisel's, and the captain and lieutenant came ashore and we stayed there that night. About 12 o'clock our packs came ashore with the rest of our men. The next morning we got our packs.

Monday, 11th. I went to cutting stork [stalks] and I cut all day.

12th day, Tuesday. In the morning we exercised, and in the afternoon the other company moved off and we moved in the house they was in and carried our packs.

Wednesday, 13th. I was upon guard, and I stood 3 times.

Thursday, 14th. I wrote letters all the forenoon, and in the afternoon I played goold [goal] and got beat.

Friday, 15th. In the forenoon we exercised, and in the afternoon we went up town to see a company train and get apples and cider, and the people was very kind to us.

Saturday, 16th. I was upon guard, and it rained all night and our house leaked and we got wet through. I stood 3 times, 2 hours a time. In the afternoon we heard 10 great guns off to the west on the Sound.

Sunday, 17th. I went to meeting, and when we came home we had orders to go to Boston immediately.

Monday, 18th. We was a getting ready to move. We put up all our things ready to start off.

Tuesday, 19th. We carried our packs down to the

water to put them aboard, and about half of the soldiers went by water and the rest by land, and we sat off and got amost there, and it began to rain and we got some wet. We got to Newlondon about 4 o'clock, and we staid to our old habitation that night.

Wednesday, 20th. We looked round the town, and about 8 o'clock at night our sloop came ashore with the rest of our soldiers.

Thursday, 21th. In the morning we moved our packs in another sloop to go to Norrage, and about 10 o'clock we marched off by land and we got to Norrage Landain about 4 o'clock. There we staid that night.

Friday, 22th. We got our breakfast and set off and marched 8 miles, and it rained, and we staid at Captain Bornam that night. I see a clock that would play tunes with 10 hammers, and a loom that they wove stockings.

Saturday, 23th. In the morning we got some victuals, and marched 7 miles into Plainfield and eat again, then to Vollingtound about 12 miles to Citiate and got supper.

Sunday, 24th. Morning, we got our breakfast and marched 8 miles to Covingtry, then we marched 6 miles and staid that night. There was 2 companies staid there that night and got supper, and Monday 25th the next morning we marched [to] Jonston, then to Providence, and we marched through in order 2 miles. The streets was paved and housen as thick as they could well stand, and many things to see. Then to Pawtucket and then to Attlebury, there we staid that night.

Tuesday, 26th. I was on guard, and we marched to Rentharn, then to Wallpole, then to Dedham, there we staid that night.

Wednesday, 27th. We marched into Roxbury about noon and we staid in the town that night.

Thursday, 28th. I looked round the town and found my old mates, and we moved our packs about half a mile and fixed for our tents and staid that night.

Friday, 29th. In the forenoon we went round the town, and in the afternoon we putted up our tents and marched through Cambridg to Charlstound, there we was stationed. We put up our tents.

Saturday, 30th. In the morning I went to Ploud Hill, and the regulars was exercised their cannon on Bunker's Hill, and they began to fire in the town and they fired at Roxbury 24 cannon and our men fired many. They never hurt one man of ourn, and I looked round the forts and I never see such work. There was a fort or a breastwork on every hill, and all sorts of work a going on.

October 1st, Sunday. Night, the captain came to all of our tents and said that he would have us keep to our tents and not run about, and they did.

Monday, 2nd. I looked round the forts and went to the lower guard within about 60 rods of the regulars, and I see them a hauling up their boats.

Tuesday, 3rd. I rubbed up my gun and looked round the forts.

Wednesday, 4th. W[e g]ot some boards to fix our tents, and it rained and we did not do it.

Thursday, 5th. It rained, and I wrote a letter home and staid round house.

Friday, 6th. I was not well, I went to the doctor and he said that I must eat light food, and in the morning our men fired 2 cannon from Roxbury at the regulars, and they fired 80, and one of the balls struck one of our

men and took his arm off, and killed 3 cows besides with some of the other balls.

Saturday, 7th. I was better and went down to the forts and looked round, and in the afternoon there was a man that was whipped 39 lashes and then drummed out of the camp with 16 drums and 8 fifes. At night I went to stay at a house to stay a few days.

Sunday, 8th. It rained in the forenoon, in the afternoon it was fine.

Monday, 9th. I wrote 2 letters and sent them by G. Pompilly.

Tuesday, 10th. I was very well, and came and lay in my tent.

Wednesday, 11th. The priest came, and at night he went to prayer with us, and at night it thundered and lightened and rained.

Thursday, 12th. I went to carry victuals to some of our men, and I went to the lower guard, and I see the regulars a digging a trench across the neck to make an island of Bunker Hill.

Friday, 13th. I went to Cambridge to get some walnuts and see the College.

Saturday, 14th. I went to carry victuals to the guard and viewing the forts and the regulars.

Sunday, 15th. Our minister preached 2 sermons. He preached from Dutrinomy 23th and 9th verse in the forenoon and afternoon, and he preached 2 very good sermons to the soldiers how it was best for us to do and what not to do.

Monday, 16th. We built a chimney to our tent and mended our old trousers.

Tuesday, 17th. I went to tend mason to build chimneys to the barracks, and I listed to tend till the chim-

neys was done, and I was to be cleared from all duty and have a gill of rum a day.

Wednesday, 18th. I went to Mistick and got a horn and some apples. I sent a hand to work at the chimneys, and there was some that went to the head of the works and said that we would not stay only a day or 2, so we was dismissed.

Thursday, 19th. It rained, and I worked at my horn the most of the day.

Friday, 20th. It rained, and I finished my horn and went up to Mistick and got some apples.

Saturday, 21th. I was on the flag of truce guard and it rained all day till just night, then I came on guard and I stood three times 2 hours at a time. I went to the orchard and got apples that was within about 60 rods of the regulars, and we backed about a boshes [*sic*, plain]. We could hear the organs and bells in the town of Boston a Sunday [*sic*] night.

Sunday, 22th. There came a ship in and they fired about 30 cannon to salute her. About 9 o'clock we was relieved and we came home, and then I went to meeting in the forenoon and afternoon, and the minister preached from the 2 of Thessalonians the 2 chapter and 16 verse in the forenoon and afternoon, and he preached very well.

Monday, 23th. I went on fatigue, and I did about one hour's work and I got about half a pint of rum.

Tuesday, 24th. It rained in the forenoon, and in the afternoon they drawed a great great gun up the bank from the floating battery.

Wednes[day], 25th. In the morning I went to Mistick to draw provision for the company. In the afternoon our men fired their cannon that they drawed

up 3 times, the first time it fell short and struck in the water and the other went on Bunker Hill. The regulars fired the same day about 30 cannon, clear powder to clear them.

Thursday, 26th. We got wood for our tents and wrote some letters.

Friday, 27th. I was on pick[et] guard, and in the morning there was one of the soldiers that took a gun, and not knowing it was loaded he snapped it, and it went off and went through 5 tents, and there was men in them all, and it went within a few inches of 2 or three men and never hurt one man. The man was put under guard. There was a man that was buried that died with the camp distemper. He belonged to our regiment.

Saturday, 28th. I came off [?] guard about 9 o'clock, and it began to rain and it was a very cold rain. It rained all day, and at night it cleared off.

Sunday, 29th. I was on the main guard, and about eleven o'clock the meeting began, and there was but one meeting, and he preached from 2th of Chronicles 20th chapter and 20th verse. The minister preached very well.

Monday, 30th. I came off guard and went out about 4 miles to Mistick and got some apples.

Tuesday, 31th. I sot out with some of our soldiers to see Lexington, and we had not got far before we saw the biggest sight that ever I saw in my life. I see a man that had his body almost covered with lice, and I heard that he died before night, and they said that the lice killed him. And I went to the town of Nortimy,* then to Lexington about 10 miles, and I see the housen

* Menotomy, now Arlington.

where the regulars rummaged and broke the windows and burnt some, and I see 5 mortar pieces to fling bombs, I never see any before, they was about 3 foot long and ten inches across, and we got some apples and came home by night.

November 1th, Wednes[day]. I came on main guard about noon. I received 4 letters from home. It seemed as if I had got at home when I had read them and heard that they was all well. There was some of our regiment that went after apples to the lower guard, and the regulars fired three guns and one of the balls cut off the feather of his hat and did not hurt none of them.

Thursday, 2th. I came off guard, and in the afternoon I went out about 4 miles and got some apples, and I got about a peck of walnuts.

Friday, 3th. It rained till about noon and then it slacked, and the regulars fired 25 cannon from the ships to salute, and about 4 o'clock they fired a cannon from the floating battery and the bullet came so near that we heard it whistle through the air.

Saturday, 4th. I was on quarter guard, and I stood 6 hours 2 hours at once, and there was one that was drunk and they put him under guard, and I had to keep him 2 hours and he would try to get out, and I stood with my gun and bayonet and he would crowd on it, and I pricked him and he would swear, and the sergeant told me to keep him in the house, and he would not go, and I pushed him down and bid him to stand, and he would swear and damn us all, and about 10 o'clock he [I?] was relieved.

Sunday, 5th. We had a new minister, and he preached from St. John 3th and 17th verse, and it was the day of thanksgiving with the regulars, and about

one o'clock they began to fire, and they fired a 190 cannon as fast as I could count.

Monday, 6th. It was my turn to cook, and about 12 o'clock the regulars fired 25 cannon from the ships to salute, and I see Master Williams and he told me that he had seen a letter that I wrote about his coming down, and he told me that he was married.

Tuesday, 7th. I come on quarter guard and it rained all day, and I stood 3 times 2 hours in the night.

Wednesday, 8th. It was a very clear day, and 3 of us went to Notimy about 4 miles, and got about half a bushel of walnuts and a peck of apples, and we returned.

Thursday, 9th. In the forenoon I wrote letters, and about 12 o'clock there was a larum and we turned out, and the world seemed to be full of men, and the cannon roaring on both sides, and the small arms a crackling and the cannon balls would whistle through the air, and we could see them strike in the water and make it fly as high as the houses, and the regulars landed about 500 to get some of our cattle, and the riflemen waylaid them and fired on them and the regulars ran, and our men whorawed and fired and the regulars pulled on their oars and went off, and we stayed about half an hour and we had orders to return to our tents, and it began to rain and it rained all night.

Friday, 10th. I went on Prospect Hill to hear the news of the battle, and we heard that they found 5 regulars dead, and they took one of the riflemen and wounded 3 more of them, and they was in high spirits.

Saturday, 11th. I was on main guard and I stood 5 hours, 4 hours to keep the prisoners.

Sunday, 12th. It was my turn to cook. The

minister preached a sermon from 2th of Chronicles 13th chapter and 23th verse.

Monday, 13th. I went to Nottimy about 4 miles, and we got about 3 pecks of apples, and we come down about 2 miles and we went and pulled 4 bushel of turnips, and we had a pack and we brought them home and they gave us 8 pence for them.

Tuesday, 14th. It was a fine pleasant day, and I went to see them dig turf to make a fort atop of the hill against the old ship. There was about 2 hundred men. They was out of the regulars' sight, and they intended to make a breastwork in the night right against the old ship, and fix some cannon and drive them out of the harbor, and they was fixing for another on Cheley side, and they thought that the regulars had discovered something, and we was ordered to have our guns in the best order and be ready at a minute's warning to turn out on the larum if called.

Wednesday, 15th. I was on main guard, and it rained all day and it was a very cold storm, and I stood 4 times one hour and 20 minutes at a time. I stood 3 times in the house.

Thursday, 16th. It cleared off cold, and it was Thanksgiving with us,* and we took and fried some fresh meat and stewed some apples, and about 9 o'clock there was a larum, and they ordered 10 men out of a company to go to the picket guard and staid all night.

Friday, 17th. I was on picket guard, and it was very cold and our men went to the barn to live, and fixed our beds and moved our things.

Saturday, 18th. We finished our room and moved all of our things to the barn.

* But see entry under 23d.

Sunday, 19th. We had a fine sermon preached to us from Esther 8th and 6th verse. He talked to the colonel and captains, then to the soldiers.

Monday, 22th. I washed my clothes, and about 11 o'clock at night there was a larum, and our regiment turned out 400 men and we marched round a while and they could not find out as there was any regulars, and they dismissed them and ordered us to turn out between daylight and sunrise, and we returned to our beds.

Tuesday, 21th. In the morning we turned out and marched round about an hour, and we had orders to turn out the next morning and man out our forts, and then we was dismissed and come home, and it was my turn to cook and I cook, and at night there came a light snow.

Wednesday, 22th. I was on picket guard, and I went to the flag of truce guard, and the regulars fired several times at our guards but did not hurt any of them. At night our men fired at them several times. They was about 20 rods apart. I stood 4 hours, two hours to the lower guard. There was 3 sheep that run from the regulars, and our men got one and killed it, and at night our men built a fort on Litchamores Point right against the old ship.

Thursday, 23. It was Thanksgiving with us, but we did not expect to keep it only by fighting. The regulars moved round their floating batteries and we was ordered to be ready for a larum.

Friday, 24th. I went to Litchamore Point and I could see in the town of Boston and the ship, and then I went to Cambridg and see the artillery [*sic*], and looked round the town, and about one o'clock they fired 15 cannon to salute.

Saturday, 25th. It was a fine day, and I was on main guard. The sentries fired at each other all day by spells.

Sunday, 26th. It stormed the most of the day, and we stayed in and read all day.

Monday, 27th. I washed some of my things and put them up.

Tuesday, 28th. I went on fatigue and helped carry 4 fascines about half a mile.

Wednesday, 29th. In the morning the whole regiment was ordered to parade before the general's door, and they formed a hollow square, and the general came in and made a speech to us, and then those that would stay till January must follow the fifers and col., and the captains turned out and they marched round the company several times, and there was about a 100 soldiers turned out. The most of them had listed to stay another year, and they was led down to the colonel's and treated, and the rest was dismissed to return to their tents again, and I washed my clothes, and about sunset we went out and chose 2 corporals, and then they brought 2 bottles of brandy and they dranked it, and then they was dismissed.

Thursday, 30th. About 12 o'clock they fired about 10 cannon to salute. In the afternoon we was ordered out to see who would stay 3 weeks longer, and there was but three that would stay and they had listed to stay another year, and they dismissed them.

December, Friday, 1st. We was ordered to parade before the general's door, the whole regiment, and General Lee and General Solivan came out, and those that would not stay 4 days longer after their enlistments was out they was ordered to turn out, and there was

about 3 quarters turned out and we was ordered to form a hollow square, and General Lee came in and the first words was "Men, I do not know what to call you, [you] are the worst of all creatures," and flung and curst and swore at us, and said if we would not stay he would order us to go on Bunker Hill and if we would not go he would order the riflemen to fire at us, and they talked they would take our guns and take our names down, and our lieutenants begged of us to stay and we went and joined the rest, and they got about 10 of their guns, and the men was marched off and the general said that they should go to the work house and be confined, and they agreed to stay the four days, and they gave them a dram and the colonel told us that he would give us another the next morning, and we was dismissed. There was one that was a mind to have one of his mates turn out with him, and the general see him and he caught his gun out of his hands and struck him on the head and ordered him to be put under guard.

Saturday, 2nd. I was on quarter guard in the morning. They was paraded before the colonel's door and he gave us a dram, and then they read some new orders to us and they said that we must not go out of our brigade without a written pass from our captain, and before night there was a paper set up on the general's door not to let the soldiers have any victual if they would not stay 3 weeks longer, and they said that they was 50 miles in the country, and some was mad and said they would not stay the 4 days, and the paper was took down as soon as it was dark, and another put up that General Lee was a fool and if he had not come here we should not know it. The sentries fired at each other all day by spells, and at night our guard took 4

of their horses, and the mortar piece that our men took from the regulars was brought to Cambridge. It was 13 inches across. They brought several chests of small arms, and General Put[nam] dashed a bottle on it and called it the royal Congress.

Sunday, 3rd. It was my turn to cook, and at night we had orders that if we would stay till 10th we should have a written pass, and we felt a good deal better for it.

Monday, 4th. I wrote a letter and drawed off the advertisement that was sat up to keep us from having anything on the road.*

Tuesday, 5th. I went over to Chelsea about 7 miles, and I see 6 loads of the balls and shells, and I see the ships. There was a vast number of them, and I could see the castle and the town, and I see about 20 sail off on the sou[th], and they said that there was some of our privateers after them.

Wednesday, 6th. I was on main guard, and I stood 4 hours.

Thursday, 7th. We was ordered to march out 10 o'clock and 3 regiments more, and we manned out a breastwork and exercised awhile, and then we marched down and the generals come and we marched round awhile, and we was ordered to parade the next morning at 10 o'clock, and then we was dismissed.

Friday, 8th. It was a cloudy day and we did not go out to exercise, and in the forenoon I fixed my things and put them in my pack, and in the afternoon there was two soldiers came from Roxbury to see us, and I went rou[nd] down to Ploud Hill and to the lower sentries, and then to Prospect Hill and see the cann[on], and then we came home to our barn.

* See Paper A at the end of this journal.

Saturday, 9th. The whole regiment was ordered out on the parade, and we was ordered to stand three deep, and the captains was in the front and the lute and the sergeants in the rear, and the general came round the whole and we all made a salute to him, and then we was ordered to march down before the general's door, and those that was agoing to stay another year should march out and front the regiments, and they was dismissed to go to their tents, and the officers was ordered to view our arms, and then we was dismissed and we came home, and then we was ordered to turn [in] our guns and ammunition and our guns was to be priced, and orders was that all that was not well might march off, and those that had sent for horses and hey (no others) sot off, and when it came night we had orders to go on Ploud Hill and handle the lances all night, and they all said that they would not go, and they did not get one.

Sunday, 10th. In the morning we was ordered to parade before the general's door, and we was counted off and dismissed, and we we[nt] to the luten and he gave us a dram, and then we marched off to Cambridg and I see the brass mortar piece, and then we marched to Watertown and then to Waltham and then to Western, then to Sutbury. There we stayed all night and I got a good supper and lay in a good bed. We traveled 15 miles and it was wet and sloppy and it rained all night.

Monday, 11th. We marched to Morlbury, then to Northbury, then to Shrewsbury and stayed that night. It was very bad traveling, and we went 21 miles and got a good supper.

Tuesday, 12th. It was very cold, and we went to Woster 6 miles and got breakfast, and then we went to Lester, then to Spencer, then to Brookfield, there we

staid all night and got a good supper of, veal. We went 24 miles.

Wednesday, 13th. In the morning we went 5 miles and got a breakfast. There we went off to go to Northampton, and went to Were town and then to Belcher[town], and there we stayed all night and got a supper. We went 23 miles that day.

Thursday, 14th. We sat off and went 6 miles to Hadley and got a breakfast, and then we came to Northampton about 10 miles and I went round and see my friends that day.

Friday, 15th. We went to Southampton and see my friends.

Saturday, 16th. We sat off about sunrise and marched Murrifield,* then to Glasco† to Landlord Pease's, and there we overtook our lieutenant and sergeant, and we made a stop and got some victuals, and then we went to London,‡ then to Sandersfield. There we stayed that night at Spring's and got a good supper. We went 27 miles that day over the hills and holes [hollows].

Sunday, 17th. We sat off and went 6 miles and got a breakfast at Tidingham,§ then to New Malbury, then to Sheffield, then to Salisbury. There we stayed that night. We went 20 miles that day.

Monday, 18th. I got home and found my friends and relations all well, to my great joy.

Tuesday, 19th. I went round to see the neighbors.

Wednesday, 20th. I went to mill and did not do much that day.

Thursday, 21th. I went to Townhill and got me a gun.

*Murrayfield, now Chester.

†New Glasgow, now Blandford.

‡Now Otis.

§Tyringham.

Friday, 22th. I scoured my gun and went to get some thrashing and I could not.

Saturday, 23th. I went and run some bullets and agreed to work 2 months for Luke Camp, and at night I [o]inted for the itch and had a fine wrastle ov[er] it.

Sunday, 24th. It snowed all day and it fell about knee deep.

Monday, 25th. I tried my gun, and we had a fine Christmas a shooting at a mark.

Tuesday, 26th. I went to Canan to see my friends.

Wednesday, 27th. I came home.

Thursday, 28th. I went to work for Luke Camp.

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[Paper posted on Gen. Lee's tent. See page 129, ante.]

To the Publicans and other Houskeepers residing on the different roads betwixt Cambridge, Newlondon, and Hartford.

Fellow Citizens: It is hoped and expected that as you value the sacred right and liberties of your country, you will show a proper contempt and indignation towards those disaffected miscreants who are at this crisis deserting her cause. Those who for want of zeal or courage, at a time when everything conspires to give us victory over our wicked enemies and tyrants, can so basely abandon their colors, those who by a traitorous desertion in the hour of trial would open a possibility to the enemy of enslaving you, have forfeited all title to be treated not only [as] fellow citizens but as men. You therefore, gentlemen, are most earnestly entreated

and conjured to give testimony of your virtue and patriotism by punishing to your utmost those vile *refugees*. In short, you are requested *not to admit into* your houses or furnish with any refreshment those bands of deserters now sneaking homeward to infect [infect] their relations and neighbors with cowardice and every bad quality, but to consider them as reprobates to virtue, honor, God, and their country, for in these lights they may justly be considered, particularly when it is known that it was only requested of them to remain three weeks longer, which they (oh scorn to the name of America) have most basely refused to comply with. Thanks however to God Almighty, who has hitherto so manifestly prospered our cause, this vile dastardly spirits is so far from being general that our army will the very day of their desertion be stronger than ever, but the spirit and virtue of the major part serve to render the infamy of those particulars more conspicuous.

Thus much may suffice for General Lee.

B

Allowance to the army, that is $\frac{3}{4}$ quarters of a pound of pork or 1 pound of beef and 1 pound of bread or flour with 3 pints of beer per day, and also molasses, a pint of rice or a pint of Indian meal, and 6 ounces of butter, and also 3 pints of beans or peas each man per week, and also one gill of rum per man per day, upon *fatigue only and at no other time*, milk, molasses, candles, soap, vinegar, coffee, chocolate, sugar, tobacco, and onions in their season, and vegetables to be provided for said troops at the discretion of the general and field officers.