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PREFACE.

THE following diary, kept by Lieutenant Paul Lunt, of Newburyport, during a part of the Revolutionary War, came into my possession for a short time, through the kindness of the Hon. George Lunt, of this city. Extracts from it were read at the meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, for February, 1872, and it is published in full in their Proceedings of that date. A small edition is now printed from the forms used at that time. The spelling and punctuation have been made to conform to modern usage; and a change in the arrangement of some of the dates has also been made for the sake of uniformity. With these exceptions the diary is printed as it was written. For the following sketch of the writer I am indebted to Mr. Lunt.

Paul Lunt was a descendant of Henry Lunt, one of the original settlers of the town of Newbury, in the year 1635. His descendants still occupy the farm in Newbury (Oldtown) on which he resided. He was a first lieutenant of the company commanded by his kinsman, Ezra Lunt, at Bunker Hill. Of this company, one of the historians of Newburyport, Mrs. E. Vale Smith, says: "The Rev. Jonathan Parsons having made an appeal at the close of one of his sermons, in which he called on his hearers to form volunteer companies, and invited those to walk out into the broad aisle who would do so, Mr. Ezra Lunt was the first to do so; and a volunteer company was immediately formed, with Ezra Lunt as captain. His was the first volunteer company formed for the purpose of joining the continental army."

The same historian, writing of the final retreat of our troops from the redoubt on Bunker Hill, says: "Captain Ezra Lunt's company was ordered up to cover the retreat of these exhausted troops, whose ammunition was now all expended. His company did good service, and, with aid of others forming this devoted rear guard, effectually kept

the enemy at bay till the retreat was accomplished : but many of them were killed or wounded."

Paul Lunt, however, escaped injury, and afterward, as an officer, joined Arnold's famous expedition for the siege of Quebec, which sailed from Newburyport in September, 1775, for the Kennebec. Of his subsequent history nothing is known by the writer of this introduction, except that he returned to Newbury and resumed his occupation as a farmer at the old place, where he died in 1824.

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PAUL LUNT'S BOOK.

NEWBURYPORT, May 10. 1775.

A JOURNAL OF TRAVELS FROM NEWBURYPORT TO CAMBRIDGE AND IN THE CAMP.

Wednesday, May 10, 1775. — Marched from Newburyport with sixty men at eleven o'clock. Captain Ezra Lunt commander; marched to Rowley, took some refreshments; marched to Ipswich, Treadwell's, supped and lodged.

Thursday, 11th. — Fast day. Marched to Putnam's to breakfast; heard Mr. Hitchcock preach forenoon from Psalm lvi. 3; marched to Newell's, supped on salmon and lodged.

Friday, 12th. — Arrived at Cambridge [at] eleven o'clock, quartered in John Bolin's house; took refreshment, supped, and lodged at Steadman's.

Monday, 15th. — Marched to parade, returned, supped and lodged in quarters. At twelve o'clock at night alarmed by a report that the British troops were landing; paraded the first in the camp, but soon found the report to be false; returned to quarters.

Tuesday, 16th. — Captain Lunt and twenty-four men went on guard.

Wednesday, 17th. — Paraded at two o'clock; marched near Leechmere's Point, where some of our guard fired at a barge, killed two of them [and] wounded one. They returned the fire, but did no damage. At nine o'clock at night a fire broke out in Boston on Treat's Wharf in the soldiers' barracks, by delivering out some cartridges; blew up one soldier and burnt a number of warehouses.

Thursday, 18th. — Rode to Roxbury in company with Rev. Mr. Parsons and Captain Lunt.

Friday, 19th. — Went on guard at Mrs. Inman's with twenty-four men; moved from Bolin's to Mr. Wigglesworth's. Relieved from guard, Saturday, 20th, [at] nine o'clock.

Sunday, 21st. — Went to meeting.

Monday, 22d. — Wind at N.E., stormy. Nine men went on guard.

Tuesday, 23d. — Marched to parade, then returned to quarters.

Wednesday, 24th. — Went [to] Charlestown. Captain Lunt returned.

Thursday, 25th. — Paraded the men; then returned to quarters.

Friday, 26th. — Captain Lunt went upon guard with eighteen men.

Saturday, 27th. — A number of men (about six hundred) marched to Chelsea with two cannon, in order to burn some hay and drive off a number of cattle and sheep from Hog and Noddle's Island. There came an armed schooner against them from Boston, and ran aground between the islands and began a battle. Our men burnt the vessel with the loss of a man, and she kept a continual fire all the time till she was set on fire. She carried twelve cannon and four swivels.

Sunday, 28th. — Six hundred men marched to Chelsea to relieve those that were there.

Monday, 29th. — Went on guard at Madam Inman's with sixteen of our men.

Tuesday, 30th. — Returned from guard. Mr. Huse came here at nine o'clock in the evening.

Wednesday, 31st. — Captain Lunt went to Milton.

Thursday, June 1st. — I set out for Newburyport at ten o'clock; got in at ten at night.

Tuesday, 6th. — Set out for Cambridge at eight o'clock, and arrived at eight at night.

Wednesday, 7th. — Nothing remarkable.

Thursday, 8th. — Drummed a bad woman out of camp.

Friday and Saturday, 9th and 10th. — Nothing remarkable.

Sunday, 11th. — Went upon guard at Mrs. Inman's with forty men.

Monday, 12th. — Returned from guard at nine o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th. — Captain Abner Greeneleaf and Captain Rogers came to the camps. Mr. Martin dined with us upon baked veal and green peas.

Wednesday, 14th. — Some ships and transports arrived at Boston with two hundred horse and three thousand troops.

Thursday, 15th. — Mr. Huse came to Cambridge.

Friday, 16th. — Our men went to Charlestown and intrenched on a hill beyond Bunker's Hill. They fired from the ships and Copp's Hill all the time.

Saturday, 17th. — The Regulars landed a number of troops, and we engaged them. They drove us off the hill, and burnt Charlestown. Dr. Warren was lost in the battle: the siege lasted about three hours. They killed about 50 of our men, wounded about 80: we killed of the king's troops 896, — 92 officers, 104 sergeants.

Sunday, 18th. — We intrenched on Prospect Hill; alarmed that the Regulars were advancing towards our intrenchment, but found it to be false; returned to quarters.

Monday, 19th. — We killed some of their guard.

Tuesday, 20th. — Went upon picket guard.

Wednesday, 21st. — Passed muster.

Thursday, 22d. — The soldiers received their first month's pay.

Friday, 23d. — Moved from Wigglesworth's house to Prospect Hill.

Saturday, 24th. — Nothing remarkable.

Sunday, 25th. — Heard the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland preach from Joshua xxii. 22, part 23d verse.

Monday, 26th. — Removed our tents off the hill.

Tuesday, 27th. — Went upon fatigue with thirty-eight men.

Wednesday, 28th. — Fired the morning gun at daylight. Five of the inhabitants broke out with the small-pox near our tents. At about sunset it began to rain after a very dry time, wind N.E.

Thursday, 29th. — Nothing remarkable.

Friday, 30th. — General orders for none to leave the camp.

Saturday, July 1st. — The Cat Ship fired at some of our people in a swimming.

Sunday, 2d. — The Gageites fired upon our troops at Roxbury, hove a number of carcasses and bombs, but did no damage, only burnt one house; in [the] afternoon showers till at night. General Washington came into the camp.

Monday, 3d. — Turned out early in the morning, got in readiness to be reviewed by the general. New orders given out by General Washington.

Tuesday, 4th. — Pleasant in the morning; afternoon, heard that the Regulars were coming out at night; set off a party to intrench on Lechmere's Point, which they did and returned before morning.

Wednesday, 5th. — Pleasant, all still, heard prayers, and at night alarmed; lodged on our arms all night.

Thursday, 6th. — Pleasant, nothing remarkable, all well.

Friday, 7th. — Paraded early in the morning, heard prayers, and a false alarm at night.

Saturday, 8th. — Alarmed early in the morning by our people's setting the Regular guard-houses on fire; burnt three [houses] and killed four Regulars.

Sunday, 9th. — All still, attended public worship. The Rev. Mr. Cleaveland preached all day. At retreat beat, a man was whipped twenty lashes for striking his officer: he belonged to Colonel Nixon's Regiment.

Monday, 10th. — Burnt two or three houses at Roxbury that the Regulars kept for guard-houses. Very hot all day, and dry.

Tuesday, 11th. — Pleasant; saw the fire at Roxbury this morning; very hot forenoon; afternoon, a fine shower, very sharp lightning and heavy thunder. The same day our people took from Long Island in Boston Bay fifteen prisoners, and one of them was Primus Hoyt, a negro that belonged to Joseph Hoyt, of Newburyport, and nineteen head of cattle and one hundred sheep, and killed a number of hogs, with the loss of only one man.

Wednesday, 12th. — Very warm all day, nothing remarkable.

Thursday, 13th. — Went with Captain Jones and Captain Noyes to view the intrenchments and the guards.

Friday, 14th. — New orders; pleasant in morning, but cool; had one man killed at Roxbury with cannon-ball. In the forenoon took my commission.

Saturday, 15th. — Captain Lunt went home to recruit men; new orders read to the company.

Sunday, 16th. — Turned out at gun-firing. In the morning heard Mr. Cleaveland preach; forenoon from Judges v. 23; the other part of the day, Ephesians v. 16.

Monday, 17th. — Not well; a small shower of rain in the forenoon, afternoon a heavy shower of rain, heavy thunder and sharp lightning.

Tuesday, 18th. — This morning a Manifesto from the Grand Continental Congress was read by the Rev. Mr. Leonard, chaplain to the Connecticut forces upon Prospect Hill in Charlestown, to those troops encamped upon and near said hill. Our standard was presented in the midst of the regiments with this inscription upon it, "Appeal to Heaven;" after which Mr. Leonard made a short prayer, and then [we] were dismissed by the discharge of a cannon, three cheers, and a war whoop by the Indians. Captain Derby arrived with our packet from England, and went to Congress.

Wednesday, 19th. — Went to intrench upon another hill to the north of Prospect Hill and near Bunker Hill in Charlestown and near Mystic River.

Thursday, 20th. — Fast day, pleasant weather; our people burnt Boston lighthouse early this morning; heard the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland preach forenoon from Psalm l. 15: "And call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me;" afternoon, from Ecclesiastes vii. 14: "But in the day of adversity consider." Heard that our people killed six Regulars at Roxbury with a cannon-ball, but found it to be false; took five prisoners at the lighthouse.

Friday, 21st. — Pleasant weather. No remarks.

Saturday, 22d. — Went upon main guard upon the lines at Charlestown.

Sunday, 23d. — Came off guard at ten o'clock, heard the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland preach from Isaiah. Captains Lunt and Kent came into the camps on Prospect Hill, Charlestown; Colonel Little went home.

Monday, 24th. — Pleasant weather, but warm; nothing remarkable.

Tuesday, 25th. — Lieutenant Montgomery went home recruiting; at night one of the Regular Grenadiers deserted and came over to our sentries; two regiments came here from Roxbury, belonging to Rhode Island.

Wednesday, 26th. — New orders, that no man fire a gun upon no pretence whatever, unless leave from the general. Two of the Regulars deserted and came to our sentries.

Thursday, 27th. — Cloudy and rain in the morning, wind at the southward. No remarks.

Friday, 28th. — Colonel Whitcomb's Regiment encamped upon Prospect Hill. An accident happened upon Prospect Hill: a gun went off and wounded two of the Rhode Island troops, one in the hand, the other in the foot, but likely to do well.

Saturday, 29th. — Two hundred and eighty of our regiment went upon main guard and quarter guard, even the cooks after dinner; fair weather.

Sunday, 30th. — Last night, twelve o'clock, a party of General Washington's Riflemen crept within the Regulars' sentries, but being discovered were fired upon, which occasioned a skirmish between them and the Regulars' main guard. Killed of the Regulars seven, took two prisoners: one corporal of the Riflemen was killed or taken. Between the hours of twelve and one o'clock we had an alarm, and we were all paraded, and there was an immediate cry for volunteers to follow such officers as would head them, when all our company marched out to follow the officers wherever they went, and some part of every company in the regiment. We marched up into the fort, and were ordered [to] ground our arms and wait for orders: the alarm was occasioned by the Regulars intrenching upon Charlestown Common. The intent of the volunteers was to go down and beat them off, but upon further consideration the generals thought it not prudent to proceed, they being under cover of their cannon upon Bunker's Hill and the floating batteries and the ships. The generals ordered us to return, and be ready at a moment's warning: [we] then returned according to orders.

Monday, 31st. — Last night at ten o'clock another alarm: paraded immediately, marched up to the fort, but were ordered back. This was occasioned by a brisk fire at the lower sentries. The Regulars came out of their fort to drive in our sentries; but all was soon quieted, and [we] were ordered back. Turned in and got to sleep; at one o'clock were alarmed by the cry of "Turn out, — for God's sake, turn out." We paraded again and manned our lines, and there remained until after sunrise: the greatest part of the night the air was filled with the roaring of cannon and the cracking of small arms upon all sides. The Riflemen had engaged them upon Charlestown Common from two o'clock till after sunrise, killed a number, recovered five guns, and lost not a man. At the same time they were engaged at Roxbury with small arms. The Regulars set fire to a house and barn in Roxbury, and hove two bomb-shells. The same night our people set fire to the new lighthouse; about eight hundred of our people went, took and killed all upon the island. — killed fifteen, took twenty-five marines, and seven Tories. This day two of our men were killed by a cannon-ball from Bunker's Hill: they kept a continual fire all day from the hill and the floating batteries. At about four o'clock P.M. they sent out a flag of truce, desiring [a] cessation of arms for three days; but it was not granted. One of the Riflemen shot at the flag-staff of the truce, and cut it off above his hand. Between sunset and dark our people killed fourteen of the Regulars which came out in search of their dead.

Tuesday, August 1, 1775. — Orders given from the general for scouting parties to fire at all times whenever they have opportunity. The same day raised the mast that came out of the schooner that was burnt at Chelsea, for to hoist our flag upon, in the fort upon Prospect Hill in Charlestown, seventy-six feet high.

Wednesday, 2d. — Had a good night's rest last night; all still this morning; some firing upon both sides at sunset, but killed none upon our side; some Regulars were seen dragged away, supposed to be dead.

Thursday, 3d. — Went upon court martial; some firing upon both sides of the lines to-day, with small arms; very cool for the time of year.

Friday, 4th. — Went upon court-martial. Lieutenant Montgomery and wife and Captain Lunt's wife came into camp. The Regulars hauled up another ship back of the Common, Boston, or near New Boston.

Saturday, 5th. — Captain Lunt and wife, Montgomery and wife and Kent went to Roxbury. No remarks this day.

Sunday, 6th. — Cool weather, the wind at N.E. In the afternoon the Regulars went from Bunker's Hill and set fire to a house at Penny Ferry; they fired a number of cannon from their floating batteries, but did no damage; we returned the fire and silenced them.

Monday, 7th. — Very cool for the season. Sat upon court-martial to try Patrick Tracy for disobedience of orders, found him guilty; judgment brought in against him to ride the wooden horse twenty minutes.

Tuesday, 8th. — Three hundred Riflemen came into the camps, killed two Regulars. A number of cannon were fired from the enemy, and small arms upon both sides.

Wednesday, 9th. — Patrick Tracy rode the wooden horse, after which Mrs. Lunt and Mrs. Montgomery left the camps. Cloudy this morning; in the afternoon rain, after a dry time. At night went with Captain Gerrish upon Picket guard, lodged out upon the ground all night. Yesterday a vessel from the West Indies came into Cape Ann. She was beset by a cutter and barges from the Lively man-of-war that lay there, but, by the help of God and the dexterity of the people, beat them off the schooner, and took twenty-five prisoners with the master, and seven of our people which they had pressed on board the ship; likewise took another vessel from them that they had of ours, with the loss of two men: they shot at the town, and did considerable of damage.

Thursday, 10th. — In the morning cloudy, afternoon a great plenty of rain.

Friday, 11th. — Cloudy and some rain. A few small arms fired upon both sides, but did no damage.

Saturday, 12th. — Fine weather for the season, all still this morning; in the afternoon a fine shower of rain, cleared up pleasant. No remarks.

Sunday, 13th. — Pleasant weather after rain; went to Medford to meeting forenoon; dined at Billings'. Two Regulars deserted from Bunker's Hill, swam over to Mallden, and were carried to Royal's, General Washington's headquarters.

Monday, 14th. — Fine weather for the season. No remarks.

Tuesday, 15th. — Some firing with cannon upon both sides at Roxbury; all still at Bunker Hill; wounded one man by a bomb, one man was killed by our own people at the lower sentry.

Wednesday, 16th. — Pleasant weather for the season; some firing from the Regular sentries.

Thursday, 17th. — Fine weather, had a shot from Bunker Hill, did no damage.

Friday, 18th. — Went upon picket, home-guard; a smart shower last night.

Saturday, 19th. — Pleasant in the morning, cool in afternoon, the wind out east. No remarks this day.

Sunday, 20th. — Went upon main guard at the corner house; some firing from each sentry, but did no damage; all the brigade mustered and manned the lines.

Monday, 21st. — Pleasant for the season, came off main guard at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 22d. — Very hot weather, all still, no remarks. To-day Lieutenant Whittemore and wife came into camp, and Amos Pearson.

Wednesday, 23d. — Very warm weather; heard some cannon that were fired from Roxbury from the Regulars; went upon picket guard at night, some firing about midnight in the Common, Charlestown, but did no damage upon either side.

Thursday, 24th. — Very hot, came off guard at sunset. No remarks to-day.

Friday, 25th. — In the afternoon three men from the Regulars' floating [battery] there swam at Malden, and one came through Charlestown. A number of cannon and small arms were fired from the enemy this afternoon, but did no damage.

Saturday, 26th. — Cloudy this morning; some small arms fired at break of day. At night a large number of men, about twenty-five hundred, went to intrench upon a hill near Mystic River, well known by the name of the Plowed Hill: about one thousand had tools, the other was to cover them in case of an attack from the enemy.

Sunday, 27th. — As soon in the morning as the enemy saw our works, they cannonaded it from Bunker Hill and their floating batteries, killed two of our men with their cannon shot, belonging [to] Rhode Island, one of them was adjutant to Colonel Varnum's regiment, and his name was Mumford; wounded one Rifleman in the leg so that he was obliged to have it cut off; killed one Indian; they kept almost a continual fire with cannon and small arms all day; we killed a number of Regulars at the lower sentry.

Monday, 28th. — Last night we had a very smart shower of rain, attended with extreme hard thunder and sharp lightning: it began between eleven and twelve o'clock, and lasted about three-quarters of an hour. This morning pleasant, but some clouds after rain. All still at Bunker's Hill; some cannon fired in the afternoon; killed one of the Rhode Island men with a cannon shot, and wounded Robert Martial of Captain Lunt's company in the thigh with a small shot; the enemy hove three bomb-shells at sunset at the Plowed Hill breastwork, but did no damage.

Tuesday, 29th. — Went up to the alarm post at break of day, returned at sunrise; cloudy this morning; at seven o'clock came on stormy, wind at N.E., rained very hard. At night went upon picket

guard at the Plowed Hill, out all night in the rain: the Regulars hove eight bomb-shells, but did no damage.

Wednesday, 30th. — Stormy all day, wind at N.E.; some cannon fired from Bunker Hill; at night had four bomb-shells hove at the Plowed Hill.

Thursday, 31st. — Stormy all day, wind at N.E. Some small arms fired at the lower sentries, and some cannon from Bunker's Hill.

Friday, Sept. 1, 1775. — Last night a number of cannon was fired at Roxbury, and small arms; stormy this morning, wind at N.E.; a great number of small arms fired at the lower sentries upon both sides; one man wounded at Plowed Hill, and two killed at Roxbury with cannon shot, and two deserted from the Regulars from Roxbury.

Saturday, 2d. — Cloudy this morning, then pleasant at eight o'clock, and warm after a cold storm; cloudy afternoon; several bombs hove from Bunker's Hill, two burst in the air, and two fell that did not break, which were dug out and carried to General Greene.

Sunday, 3d. — Stormy all day, wind N.E.; one carcass, one shell, and some cannon-shot hove to-day.

Monday, 4th. — Cloudy, dull weather. This morning some cannon and small arms fired from the Gageites, and some bombs hove.

Tuesday, 5th. — Pleasant weather after a long storm. At night went upon guard at Plowed Hill; very cool in the night; all still. Took three horses from the Regulars in Charlestown Common; fair weather.

Wednesday, 6th. — Came off guard from Plowed Hill at night, all still.

Thursday, 7th. — Pleasant weather for the season; all still. No remarks.

Friday, 8th. — Fair weather, all still; a general court martial held for the trial of Colonel Mansfield, at Cambridge.

Saturday, 9th. — Paraded in order to pass muster forenoon, but did not pass, for the muster master had not time; so were dismissed. Some mutiny among the soldiers.

Sunday, 10th. — Pleasant weather; some cannon fired from the enemy, at Roxbury. Heard the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland, forenoon, from Psalm xiv. 1. Twenty of our company enlisted to go to Canada under the command of Captain Ward.

Monday, 11th. — Cool this morning, wind at N.W., blowed hard; passed muster. In the afternoon, six Regulars and a sergeant were taken prisoners at Dorchester.

Tuesday, 12th. — Pleasant weather for the season. No remarks.

Wednesday, 13th. — Pleasant for the season; went to Sewall's Point. In the afternoon the regiment marched from Cambridge to Newburyport, there to embark for Canada, under the command of Colonel Arnold, Lieutenant-colonel Greene, and Major Bigelow. Captain Ward commanded the company that the Newbury men enlisted in.

Thursday, 14th. — Came off picket-guard this morning from Plowed Hill, and in the forenoon paraded, by General Greene's order, the whole

of his brigade, and manned the lines; then returned to quarters. A Rifleman was killed dead by an accident of a gun going off.

Friday, 15th. — Fair weather, this morning wind blowed very hard at S.W. A man was shot through the body at Plowed Hill by a gun's discharging accidentally.

Saturday, 16th. — Cloudy this morning, but warm. A Regular of the Fifth Regiment, deserted, and came to the Whitehouse guard last night. The plot that he laid was this: he was standing sentry with another Regular, he took the flint out of his own gun, hove out the priming and spit in the pan, then offered to swap with his partner and give him a drink in the morning, which he accepted. As soon as that was done made his escape; his partner snapped his gun at him, but to no purpose; he turned round and discharged his piece at his partner, then threw off his watch-coat, and cartridge-box, and made the best of his way to our guard.

Sunday, 17th. — Rain last night, cloudy this morning. Heard the Rev. Mr. Cleveland preach, forenoon, from Acts iii. 19: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Some cannon fired from Roxbury upon both sides: all still at Bunker Hill. One Regular lieutenant killed at Roxbury with a cannon-shot, several more wounded; one hung himself because he thought he was in a wrong cause.

Monday, 18th. — Foggy this morning, but warm, cleared off, pleasant forenoon. A number of cannon fired upon both sides at Roxbury; two shells hove to Plowed Hill, but did no damage: one cannon fired from Prospect Hill at the ship near Lechmerc's Point, but did no execution.

Tuesday, 19th. — Cloudy, wind at east. Some cannon fired at Roxbury, on both sides; rain at night; two shells hove at Plowed Hill.

Wednesday, 20th. — Cloudy this morning, some rain. Last night a Regular deserted, and came to the Plowed Hill picket with all his accoutrements. A man was set in the pillory for being concerned in writing an infamous letter against Colonel Brewer. He was to sit one hour; before the time is [was] out the man fainted, and the doctors much ado to bring him to. At night went on guard at Plowed Hill. Cool at night.

Thursday, 21st. — Pleasant this morning. At about eleven o'clock the Regulars began a fire from Bunker Hill upon our people that were intrenching between Prospect Hill and Plowed Hill; they hove two shells and a number of cannon-shot, but did no damage, only wounded two men belonging to Colonel Doolittle's regiment. In the afternoon some cannon fired from Roxbury and two from Prospect Hill.

Friday, 22d. — King's coronation day, 1771 [1761]. The cannon were fired from the ships and batteries in Boston and some from Bunker's Hill at our people. Rain in the afternoon.

Saturday, 23d. — Pleasant after rain; went upon fatigue between Prospect Hill and Plowed Hill. Some cannon fired from Plowed

Hill, and a number at Roxbury, but did no damage as we have heard. Captain Lunt went home.

Sunday, 24th. — Pleasant this morning, but cool. Attended public worship all day. All still on both sides. No remarks.

Monday, 25th. — Cool last night; pleasant this day. Some bombs hove at Plowed Hill; one broke in the air, but did no damage.

Tuesday, 26th. — Some cannon fired from Bunker Hill at our people near Plowed Hill. A number of fatigue men went into the fort to make preparations for barracks upon Prospect Hill. All still on both sides.

Wednesday, 27th. — In the morning all still; at twelve o'clock the whole brigade turned out, manned the lines, and were reviewed by the generals. All still both sides; wind at south, blowed hard, some rain just at night.

Thursday, 28th. — Fair weather and pleasant for the season; all still this morning, nothing remarkable to-day.

Friday, 29th. — Cool last night, all still on both sides, wind out east. No remarks; two Regulars deserted at night from Roxbury.

Saturday, 30th. — Pleasant for the season; went upon guard at Plowed Hill at eight o'clock in the morning. All still on both sides.

Sunday, Oct. 1, 1775. — Came off guard at nine o'clock in [the] morning; all still. In the evening Captain Lunt returned to the camp; cloudy and some rain.

Monday, 2d. — Cloudy this morning and warm, wind at the southward; all still. A Regular deserted from Bunker Hill and came to our lines.

Tuesday, 3d. — Clear and pleasant; set out for Newburyport at eight o'clock in the morning; carried Stephen Lunt home sick; got home at nine in the evening. All well.

Thursday, 12th. — Set out for the camp at nine o'clock and arrived at eight at night; left my father sick, the rest of my friends well.

Friday, 13th. — Fair weather, went on guard at the Whitehouse, at night all still at Bunker Hill. Nothing remarkable.

Saturday, 14th. — Pleasant for the season; came off guard at night. All still.

Sunday, 15th. — Cloudy this morning, and cool. Heard the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland preach, forenoon, from Luke iii. 9: "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree, therefore, which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire." In the afternoon he delivered a fine discourse from Luke x. 42: "But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." At night heard of the death of Captain Lunt's youngest child, named Ezra.

Monday, 16th. — Some rain last [night], but cleared off pleasant this morning; in the afternoon wind blowed hard at N.W. Mark Anthony departed this life with a putrid fever; he was a soldier in Captain Gerrish's company. One man broke out with the small-pox in Captain Parker's company, and was moved away to the hospital: it is thought that he caught it by a pair of stockings that he took out of a stone wall.

Tuesday, 17th. — Fine weather for the season. Lieutenant Montgomery went home to get tools to finish the barracks.

Wednesday, 18th. — Last night two of our floating batteries went out of Cambridge River, in order to alarm the Regulars in Boston and to try the cannon. After they had fired a number of times into Boston Common they unhappily burst a nine-pounder, which did considerable damage, killed one man and wounded seven more, and damaged the battery, but made out to reach the shore. One Rifleman deserted from us to-day and went to Bunker Hill.

Thursday, 19th. — Warm for the season; at night a very heavy shower of rain.

Friday, 20th. — Cloudy and some rain; at night went on picket-guard; at about twelve o'clock it began to rain, and so continued all night.

Saturday, 21st. — Rain all day, came off guard at night; all still.

Sunday, 22d. — Wind at south-west, blowed hard. Attended public worship, heard the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland, forenoon, from Matthew xvi. 26: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" In the afternoon from Matthew iii. 12: "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Monday, 23d. — All still this morning and pleasant. Nothing remarkable.

Tuesday, 24th. — Cloudy in the morning and rain till near night, then cleared up cool. News came to headquarters that the Regulars had burnt near two-thirds of Falmouth last Wednesday, and that they had orders to burn all capital towns between there and Boston.

Wednesday, 25th. — Went upon fatigue, wind blowed hard at west, and cool.

Thursday, 26th. — Pleasant for the season, and all still with the enemy. A wrestling-match between Winter Hill brigade and Prospect, before our regiment; ours carried the ring.

Friday, 27th. — Went upon guard at Plowed Hill, some rain; all still with the enemy. Nothing remarkable.

Saturday, 28th. — Came off guard, rain all day, wind at N.E.

Sunday, 29th. — Fair weather. This morning a Regular sergeant deserted and came to the Whitehouse guard and said they expected us in last night, and kept their lines manned all night.

Monday, 30th. — Cool this morning; in the afternoon went to Roxbury by way of Sewall's Point, to view the works; all still with the enemy.

Tuesday, 31st. — Pleasant this morning and warm for the season; no remarks, all still.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1775. — Pleasant for the season; all still, nothing remarkable.

Thursday, 2d. — Pleasant weather in the morning, in the afternoon the wind out N.E. Nothing remarkable to-day.

Friday, 3d. — Began to rain last night about midnight, rainy this morning. Some cannon fired on board the ships; stormy all day.

Saturday, 4th. — Fair weather and cool. Captain Lunt's wife and Mr. Huse's came into the camps; dined upon roast pork. Daniel Mitchell went home.

Sunday, 5th. — Fair weather and pleasant for the season. Went upon guard in the morning; some rain at night; all still.

Monday, 6th. — Cloudy and warm for the season. Came off guard; all still.

Tuesday, 7th. — Rain last night and this morning; stormy all day.

Wednesday, 8th. — Fair weather, all still.

Thursday, 9th. — Cloudy this morning, some rain. Went upon fatigue. About two o'clock p.m. an alarm through the camp, occasioned by the Regulars embarking from Boston and Charlestown in boats and landing on Lechmere's Point, in order to take off some cattle; the tide being very full, made it difficult for our men to go on, but notwithstanding a large number waded on up to their middles in water and drove them off with the help of the cannon on Prospect Hill. They took off twelve cattle before our men could get on. One Regular was found dead, the next morning. They fired from their ship and from Charlestown, but did little or no damage. The number that came out is thought to be about five hundred.

Friday, 10th. — A very heavy storm came on last night, wind N.E. Some snow, but little to be seen in the morning. Cloudy, dull weather to-day; all still.

Saturday, 11th. — Fair weather, wind at N.W., blowed hard all day and cold. Heard that two Regulars deserted at Roxbury.

Sunday, 12th. — Went upon Plowed Hill guard. Cold this day, wind blowed hard at N.W., cold at night. All still.

Monday, 13th. — Came off guard this morning, windy and cool: all still. Received our wages for the month of September. In the afternoon some movement with the enemy, ordered to lay on our arms all night. New enlistments were given out.

Tuesday, 14th. — Pleasant this morning for the season; all still. Heard the news that St. John's was taken by the American forces. Fine weather all day.

Wednesday, 15th. — A heavy storm of rain came on last night, wind at N.E., blowed hard and rained very fast this morning. Two Regulars were taken at Plowed Hill; rain all day.

Thursday, 16th. — A small flight of snow fell last night with some rain, wind at N.W. One Regular deserted and came to Plowed Hill last night, and heard that some deserted at Roxbury. Fair weather to-day; all still with the enemy.

Friday, 17th. — Clear and cold, wind at N.W. At night ordered to lay on our arms.

Saturday, 18th. — Very cold for the season this morning. No alarm last night.

Sunday, 19th. — Cool this morning, but pleasant. Went on guard; cool, uncomfortable weather; all still.

Monday, 20th. — Came off guard this morning from Plowed Hill. Pleasant for the season. All still in the day; at night turned out at

about ten o'clock, went into the fort but found the alarm to be false. Returned to our tents.

Tuesday, 21st.—Cool this morning, all still. Captain Perkins and Lieutenant Huse went home to recruit men.

Wednesday, 22d.—Snow fell last night so as to cover the ground. Captain Lunt went home to recruit men for the new army.

Thursday, 23d.—Thanksgiving day, pleasant weather for the season. Last night a party of General Putnam's Brigade went to intrench on a hill in Charlestown, well known by officers and soldiers by the name of Cobble Hill; no opposition made as yet by the enemy.

Friday, 24th.—Pleasant this morning for the season; all still.

Saturday, 25th.—Pleasant this morning. Alarmed. At eight o'clock paraded, marched up to the fort, but found it to be false. Returned, went upon fatigue. William Little and Francis and Anthony Davenport came into camp.

Sunday, 26th.—Rain last night, wind at S.E., b[lowed] hard. Went on Plowed Hill guard this morning; stormy all day, wind at N.W., some snow. All still with the enemy.

Monday, 27th.—Cleared off cold last night, cold this morning. Came off guard at sunrise; all still.

Tuesday, 28th.—Cloudy, cold weather. News came that Montreal surrendered to the Americans.

Wednesday, 29th.—A storm of rain came on last night, wind at N.E.; cleared off this morning pleasant and warm, wind at the southward. All still; heard that our privateers took a transport and brought her into Cape Ann loaded with warlike stores, one thirteen inch brass mortar.

Thursday, 30th.—Good weather for the season; all still.

Friday, Dec. 1, 1775.—Fine weather for the season. Captain Lunt came into camp; all still. A ship brought into Beverly by our privateer loaded with coal and dry goods.

Saturday, 2d.—Pleasant weather. Ensign Mitchell went home recruiting; went to guard at Whitehouse. The 13 inch brass mortar was brought into Cambridge this day, with a number of small arms and other warlike implements.

Sunday, 3d.—Came off guard this morning; wind at southward, some rain and warm; all still.

Monday, 4th.—Good weather for the season, but cool. Ordered to lay upon our arms this night; one hundred boats were seen to pass from Boston to Charlestown this day.

Tuesday, 5th.—Pleasant weather for the season. All still with the enemy last night. This morning the prisoners taken by our privateers and brought into Beverly were guarded through the camp to headquarters, twelve in number; guarded by sixteen Rangers belonging to Salem, dressed in uniform.

Wednesday, 6th.—Very fine weather for the season. All still with the enemy.

Thursday, 7th.—Cloudy this morning, but pleasant. Nothing remarkable.

Friday, 8th. — Cloudy this morning, but warm. At six o'clock in the evening began to rain; heard that twenty tons of powder arrived at Dartmouth a few days since. Some of it is arrived in camp. One Rifleman shot another in their barrack, through the partition, and he expired immediately, the other confined for trial.

Saturday, 9th. — Some snow and rain last night; cleared off cold this morning. All still with the enemy.

Sunday, 10th. — Colonel Little's regiment excused from duty. Paraded in order to enlist men for the new establishment: a considerable number engaged. Captain Manly, master of one of our privateers, took a ship and brig and brought them into Salem, which belonged to the king, laden with coal and West India goods and English, &c.

Monday, 11th. — Some rain last night, wind blowed hard at the southward, warm this morning, but soon cleared off cold, wind at N.W. Went upon guard at the Whitehouse.

Tuesday, 12th. — Very cold this morning, wind at N.W.; came off guard at ten o'clock this morning. Edward Rand, of Newburyport, was taken on suspicion of having communication with the enemy at Boston, and brought to camp this day, to be examined by the committee at Watertown.

Wednesday, 13th. — Cold weather, wind at N.W. A number of men from General Putnam's Brigade went and entrenched on Lechmere's Point without any opposition from the enemy.

Thursday, 14th. — Rain last night, warm this morning. Went to Plowed Hill to guard; some rain in the morning, cleared off pleasant.

Friday, 15th. — Very pleasant for the season. All still with the enemy. Heard that Canada had surrendered to the American arms, and that Governor Carlton with four or five more were fled to the wilderness. This report proved to be false.

Saturday, 16th. — Pleasant for the season, and warm for December. All still with the enemy.

Sunday, 17th. — Rain last night, foggy this morning. After our men had made a covered way on to Lechmere's Point began to intrench on the height of the point. As soon as they were discovered by the enemy they were saluted with four cannon, loaded with grape and langrage shot; wounded two of our troops, and that was all the damage done by the ship, which lay near the point. They continued the fire from the ship all day; at times hove a number of shells, but did no damage with them. Our men fired at the ship from Cobble Hill, which made her move off the next morning.

Monday, 18th. — Cleared off cold this morning, wind at N.W. Some shells hove from Boston and Bunker Hill to-day, but did no damage.

Tuesday, 19th. — A number of shells were hove by the enemy last night from Bunker Hill and Boston, but were but little minded by our troops; still kept on with their intrenchment. One Regular deserted last night from Bunker Hill; some shells and shot hove to-day.

Wednesday, 20th. — Some shells and shot hove from Boston and Bunker Hill, but did no damage.

Thursday, 21st. — Very cold weather. Some shells hove from the enemy, but did us no damage.

Friday, 22d. — Cold weather. One Regular deserted from Bunker Hill. No uncommon movement with the enemy to-day.

Saturday, 23d. — Set out from the camp afoot at eight o'clock in [the] morning, in company with Samuel Noyes; got to his house at seven in the evening; at nine arrived home, found Mrs. Lunt well as could be expected; she was delivered of her first son at about ten o'clock in the day, call'd his name Joshua Coffin. He lived ten days and left this evil world.

Paul Lunt, son of Paul Lunt and Margaret his wife, was born July 2, 1777.

Sarah Lunt, daughter of Paul Lunt and Margaret his wife, was born Sept. 5, 1779.

Margaret Lunt, daughter of Paul Lunt and Margaret his wife, was born Oct. 14, 1781.

MEMORANDUM, 1779.

1779. — The month of February very fine weather, but little snow. The month of March, some small snows at the beginning, but the 22d a severe storm of snow that fell about a foot deep. 23d, cleared off pleasant; the 24th came on a storm of snow more terrible; wind at east, then N.E. lasted till next day. The wind continued N.E. by N. Very cold for the season. More snow on the ground than at any one time in the winter.

