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List of officers belonging to the continental army, who died in the service, or who were killed in action, previous to the 28th May, 1778, and to whose widows or orphans seven years' half-pay was granted, taken from the returns of the respective States, on file in the War Office of the United States.

States.	Names.	Rank.	When killed or died.	Amount paid.	
New Hampshire.	Joseph Thomas, -	Lieutenant, -	September 19, 1777,	\$1,120 00	
	Winborn Adams, -	Lieutenant colonel, -	September 19, 1777,	2,520 00	
	Andrew Colburn, -	Lieutenant colonel, -	September 19, 1777,	2,520 00	
	Zachariah Beall, -	Captain, -	October 27, 1777,	1,680 00	
	Frederick M. Bell, -	Captain, -	October 8, 1777,	1,680 00	
	Benjamin Shortridge, -	Captain, -	July 8, 1776,	1,680 00	
	Joseph Wait, -	Lieutenant colonel, -	September 28, 1776,	2,520 00	
	Joseph Fay, -	Ensign, -	November, 1777,	840 00	
	Massachusetts,	John Thomas, -	General, -	June 3, 1776,	3,150 00
		Abner Cranston, -	Major, -	May 29, 1777,	2,100 00
Ezekiel Goodridge, -		Lieutenant, -	October 7, 1777,	1,120 00	
Edward Payson Williams, -		Major, -	May 25, 1777,	2,100 00	
Aaron Steel, -		Lieutenant, -	November 24, 1777,	1,120 00	
Ebenezer Town, -		Ensign, -	February 18, 1778,	840 00	
David Bryant, -		Captain, -	September 11, 1777,	2,100 00	
Joseph Andrews, -		Lieutenant of art'y, -	December 1, 1777,	1,400 00	
Edward Kingman, -		Ensign, -	October 1, 1777,	840 00	
Ephraim Jackson, -		Lieutenant colonel, -	December 19, 1777,	2,520 00	
Jacob Allen, -		Captain, -	September 19, 1777,	1,680 00	
William Perry, -		Ensign, -	October 10, 1777,	840 00	
Aldridge Wiley, -		Lieutenant, -	October 7, 1777,	1,120 00	
John Skillings, -		Captain, -	April 2, 1777,	1,680 00	
Ebenezer Francis, -		Colonel, -	July 7, 1777,	3,150 00	
Luke Roundy, -		Ensign, -	October 22, 1777,	840 00	
Josiah Bragdon, -		Lieutenant, -	April 30, 1778,	1,120 00	
Benjamin Reed, -		Lieutenant, -	September 19, 1777,	1,120 00	
Edward Turner, -		Lieutenant, -	December 26, 1777,	1,120 00	
Rhode Island,		Augustus Mumford, -	Adjutant, -	August 28, 1775,	756 00
	Sylvanus Shaw, -	Captain, -	October 29, 1777,	1,680 00	
	Benajah Carpenter, -	Capt. light art'y, -	August 27, 1776,	1,120 00	
	John Waterman, -	Lieutenant, -	April 20, 1778,	1,120 00	
Connecticut,	David Wooster, -	Major general, -	April 27, 1777,	5,250 00	
	Nathan Stoddard, -	Captain, -	May 15, 1777,	1,680 00	
	Jeremiah Parmelee, -	Captain, -	March 24, 1778,	1,680 00	
	David Dimon, -	Lieutenant colonel, -	September 17, 1777,	2,520 00	
New York, -	Hezekiah Davenport, -	Lieutenant, -	April 27, 1777,	1,120 00	
	Richard Montgomery, -	Major general, -	December 31, 1777,	6,972 00	
New Jersey, -	Andrew McMeyers, -	Captain, -	October 4, 1777,	1,680 00	
	Philip Johnson,* -	Colonel, -	August 27, 1776,	1,612 66½	
Delaware, -	Daniel Neil, -	Captain, -	January 3, 1777,	1,680 00	
	Nathan Adams, -	Captain, -	At Long Island,	1,680 00	
Virginia, -	Thomas Holland, -	Captain, -	At Germantown,	1,680 00	
	Moses Hawkins, -	Captain, -	October 4, 1777,	1,680 00	
	John Humphries, -	Lieutenant, -	Before Quebec,	1,120 00	
	Hugh Mercer, -	Brigadier general, -	January 3, 1777,	5,250 00	
	John Seayres, -	Lieutenant colonel, -	October 4, 1777,	2,520 00	

\* This person was paid until the orphan child attained the age of eight years.

The State of Connecticut has also transmitted a list of officers who died in the service, and for which no half-pay has been made by said State, viz:

Names.	Rank.	Killed or died.	Date.
Noah Philips, -	Ensign, -	Died, -	March 16, 1778.
Silas Dunham, -	Lieutenant, -	Killed, -	December 7, 1777.
John Durkee, -	Colonel, -	Died, -	-----, 1781.
Stephen Brown, -	Captain, -	Killed, -	November 16, 1777.
Nathaniel Kirtland, -	Lieutenant, -	Died, -	October 12, 1777.
David Barber, -	Ensign, -	Died, -	December 25, 1777.
William Douglass, -	Colonel, -	Died, -	May 27, 1777.
David Holmes, -	Surgeon, -	Died, -	March 20, 1779.
Solomon Howe, -	Surgeon's mate, -	Died, -	June 10, 1778.
Judah Alden, -	Captain, -	Died, -	August 22, 1777.
Charles Whiting, -	Captain, -	Died, -	July 10, 1779.
James Coon, -	Lieutenant, -	Killed, -	September 6, 1780.
Alexander McLowrey, -	Ensign, -	Killed, -	October 11, 1780.
Martin Eno, -	Ensign, -	Killed, -	October 11, 1780.
David Fellows, -	Ensign, -	Died, -	December 10, 1779.
Josiah Stoddard, -	Captain, -	Died, -	August 24, 1779.

N. B. The State of Pennsylvania has returned the names of three officers, for whose widows no provision was made:

Benjamin Fowler, lieutenant colonel of artillery and artificers, died 1781.

James Caldenood, captain of an independent company in Westmoreland county, the disputed bounds of Pennsylvania; killed at Brandywine.

Timothy Pierce, lieutenant of Captain Simon Spalding's independent company, raised in the disputed territory of Wyoming, and which company was afterwards annexed to the Connecticut line; killed in an action with the Indians in 1778.

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## CAPTAINS.

NAME.	Residence.	Remarks.
John Harmon, . . . . .	Suffield, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned Jan. 4, '80. In service from '75.
John McGregier, . . . . .	Plainfield, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; retired, by consolidations Jan. 1, '81.
Nathaniel Webb, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; retired, by consolidations, <del>Jan. 1, '81.</del> Jan. 1
Andrew Fitch, . . . . .	Lebanon, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; cont. in '81.
Stephen Brown, . . . . .	Woodstock, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; killed in defence of Ft. Mifflin (Mud Island), Pa., Nov. 16, '77. Served from Lexington alarm. See Knowlton's "Rangers," 76.
Abner Bacon, . . . . .	Canterbury, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; retired, by rearrangement of officers, Nov. 15, '78.
Jedidiah Hyde, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned July 31, '77.
Elisha Lee, . . . . .	Lyme, . . . . .	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned May 22, '78.
Beriah Bill, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; Capt. Nov. 24, '77; retired, by rearrangement of officers, Nov. 15, '78.
Seth Phelps, . . . . .	Windsor, . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; prom. Capt. May 25, '78; severely wounded at storming of Stony Point, July 15, '79; transf. to Invalid Corps Oct. 26, '80.
Robert Hallam, . . . . .	New London, . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; com. Capt. July 3, '77; resign'd May 20, '79.
Lemuel Chitt, . . . . .	Plainfield, . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; Capt.-Lieut. June 1, '78; com. Capt. May 20, '79; cont. in '81.
John Buell, . . . . .	Lebanon, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Nov. 25, '77; com. Capt.-Lieut. May 20, '79; prom. and com. Capt. Jan. 4, '80; cont. in '81.
John Durkee, Jr., . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. July 31, '77; com. Capt. Oct. 26, '80; cont. in '81.

## LIEUTENANTS.

Daniel Waite, . . . . .	[Lyme], . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; retired about Feb., '79.
Nathan Bishop, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; retired, by rearrangement of officers, Nov. 15, '78.
John Waterman, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; dismiss'd by Court Martial, July 24, '77, for misconduct in a skirmish below Peekskill, N. Y.
Joseph Chapman, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. May 12, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 20, '78; Qr. Mr. as above; Capt.-Lieut. Oct. 26, '80; also acted as Adj.; retired, by consolidations, Jan. 1, '81.
Timothy Cleaveland, . . . . .	Canterbury, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Nov. 25, '77; retired, by rearrangement of officers, Nov. 15, '78.
Pownall Deming, . . . . .	Colchester, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Nov. 15, '78; cont. in '81.
Charles Fanning, . . . . .	Preston, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Nov. 15, '78; Paymaster as above; cont. in '81.
Edward S. Coleman, . . . . .	[Stonington], . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Nov. 16, '78; at storming of Stony Point, July 15, '79; resign'd Apr. 21, '80.
Ezra Smith, . . . . .	Chatham, . . . . .	Com. Ensign, Jan. 1, '77; Lieut. July 31, '77; cont. in '81.
Silas Holt, . . . . .	Pomfret, . . . . .	Com. Ensign, Jan. 1, '77; 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Feb. 1, '78; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jan. 4, '80; cont. in '81.
Nathan Noble, . . . . .	Suffield, . . . . .	Com. Ensign, Jan. 1, '77; Lieut. Nov. 25, '77; disc. Dec., '77.
Eleazer Wales, . . . . .	Ashford, . . . . .	Com. Ensign, Jan. 1, '77; 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Feb. 1, '78; cont. in '81.
William Adams, . . . . .	Hartford, . . . . .	Com. Ensign, Jan. 1, '77; Paymaster as above; 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. May 1, '79; cont. in '81.
James Holt, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	Com. Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; died May 11, '77.
Andrew Griswold, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. Ensign, Jan. 1, '77; rept. wounded Sept., '77; 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Nov. 15, '77; paid to Jan. 1, '80; retired —, '80.
Libbeus Loomis, . . . . .	Colchester, . . . . .	See record as Adj.
Joseph Fish, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Com. 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut. Jan. 1, '77; dismissed by Court Martial, Oct. 25, '77, for misconduct on march to Battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, '77.

## ENSIGNS.

John Abbot, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Com. Ensign Jan. 1, '77; resign'd Dec. 27, '77.
Ebenezer Lester, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Com. Ensign Jan. 1, '77; sick and omitted on rolls March, '78.
Benjamin Holt, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	Com. Ensign Jan. 1, '77; resign'd Dec. 30, '77.
Jedidiah Hartshorn, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Serjt. Maj. Nov. 25, '77; Ensign, Oct. 25, '78; resign'd Jan. 12, '79.
James Hyde, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Serjt. Mar. 17, '77; Ensign Dec. 27, '77; cont. in '81.
Elias Robinson, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	Serjt. Mar. 12, '77; Ensign Dec. 27, '77; Lieut. Oct. 26, '80; cont. in '81.
John Cleaveland, . . . . .	Canterbury, . . . . .	Serjt. Apr. 28, '77; Ensign Oct. 24, '80; cont. in '81.
Lemuel Fling, . . . . .	Pomfret, . . . . .	Serjt. Jan. 15, '77; Ensign Oct. 1, '80; cont. in '81.
William Gleuny, . . . . .	Dunstable, . . . . .	Serjt. Jan. 1, '77; Ensign May 20, '79; cont. in '81.
Phineas Beckwith, . . . . .	[Mass.] Lyme, . . . . .	Qr. Mr. Serjt. Jan. 15, '77; Ensign Oct. 25, '80; cont. in '81.

## NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MUSICIANS.

NAMES AND RANK.	Residence.	Company	Time of Enlistment.	Term.	Remarks.
<i>Serjeants.</i>					
Austin, Thomas, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Lee, . . . . .	Mar. 3, '77	War	Omitted Aug., '77.
Alden, Mason F., . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Spanlding, . . . . .	Jan. 1, " "	" "	" "
Austin, Thomas, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Lee, . . . . .	Mar. 3, " "	" "	Omitted Aug., '77.
Bill, Jonathan, . . . . .	Lebanon, . . . . .	Lee, . . . . .	Mar. 3, " "	" "	Disc. Feb. 23, '80.
Bond, Joseph, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Webb, . . . . .	Apr. 25, " "	3 yrs.	Died of his wounds Jan. 28, '78.
Culver, David, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Herman, . . . . .	Jan. 1, " "	" "	Reduced to priv. July 1, '78, disc. Dec. 31, '79.
Campbell, Robert, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	McGriegier, . . . . .	Jan. 1, " "	War	Omitted Jan., '78.
Chappel, Russell, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	" "	Jan. 1, " "	" "	Reduced Jan., '81.
Coit, Farwell, . . . . .	—, . . . . .	Bacon, . . . . .	Apr. 9, " "	3 yrs.	Disc. Apr. 9, '80.
Dady, James, . . . . .	Suffield, . . . . .	Herman, . . . . .	Mar. 31, " "	War	Reduced to priv. Sept. 1, '77, transferred to Guards May 15, '78.

# Qualifying Proof #3

## FOURTH REGIMENT, "CONNECTICUT LINE."

### FORMATION OF 1777-1781.

[Regiment raised for the new "Continental Line" of '77, to continue through the war. Recruited mainly in Windham and New London Counties. Went into camp at Peekskill in spring of '77, and in Sept. ordered to Washington's army in Penn.; marched in Conn. Brigade under Gen. McDougall. Engaged in Battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, '77, on left flank of the army and suffered some loss. Assigned later to Varnum's Brigade a detachment of the regiment continued the brave defence of **Fort Mifflin, on the Delaware, Nov. 12-16**, and lost **Capt. Brown**, and several men killed and wounded. Wintered at Valley Forge '77-'78, and on June 28 following engaged closely at Battle of Monmouth, Col. Durkee then commanding the Brigade. Lieut. Col. Russell in command at close of the action. Regt. encamped with main army at White Plains until ordered into winter quarters at Redding, '78-'79; assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Conn. Brigade under Parsons. In campaign of '79, engaged in movements on east side of the Hudson under Heath as wing commander; its Light Co. under Capt. Phelps detached to Meigs' Light Regt. and took part in storming of Stony Point, July 15, '79. Wintered at Morristown '79-'80 and with the Conn. division stationed on the outposts. In '80 with main army on both sides of the Hudson (see text heading C). Wintered '80-'81 in camp, "Connecticut Village," opposite West Point near the Robinson House. Consolidated for new formation, '81-'83.]

### FIELD AND STAFF.

Colonel:	John Durkee,	Norwich,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; in com'd of Varnum's Brig., battle of Monmouth, and wounded June 28, '78; right hand permanently disabled; cont. in '81. Veteran French and Indian war.
Lieut. Colonel:	Giles Russell,	Stonington,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; prom. Col. 8 <sup>th</sup> Regt.; com. dated March 5, '78.
"	John Sumner,	Middletown,	Com. Maj. Jan. 1, '77; prom. Lieut. Col., com. dated Ap. 28, '77; retired, by consolidations, Jan. 1, '81.
Major:	Benjamin Throop,	Norwich,	Prom. from Capt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt., May 1, '78; cont. in '81.
Adjutants:	Elihu Marvin,	Norwich,	Com. Jan. 1, '77. Appt. Brig. Maj., see Gen. Staff for '77, etc.
"	Libbeus Loomis,	Colchester,	Serjt. Maj. Jan. 1, '77; com. Ensign Nov. 25, '77; com. Lieut. and Adj. Aug. 1, '78; cont. in '81.
Chaplain:	Rev. Andrew Lee,	Hanover,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned Oct. 15, '77.
Surgeon:	Samuel Lee,	Windham,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned Ap. 3, '78.
"	David Adams,	Preston,	Com. Ap. 3, '78; retired Jan. 1, '81.
Surgeon's Mate:	Thomas Gray,	Windham,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; retired Mar. —, '78.
"	Jonathan Knight,	—,	Com. Feb. 1, '78; retired Jan. 1, '81. Died at Norwalk, 1829.
Quarter Master:	Andrew Wheatley,	—,	Appt. Jan. 15, '77; resigned —, '78 (?)
"	Joseph Chapman,	Norwich,	Appt. Sept. 13, '78; see Lieuts.
Paymaster:	William Adams,	Hartford,	Appt. Jan. 1, '77; Qr. Mr. until May 1, '79; see Lieuts.
"	Charles Fanning,	Preston,	Appt. May 1, '79; see Lieuts.

# Qualifying Proof #4



## KNOWLTON'S "RANGERS," 1776.

AFTER the American defeat on Long Island, Aug. 27, '76, a small body of select troops was organized for special service along the lines and placed under the command of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Knowlton of Durkee's Conn. Regt. 20th Continental. Col. Knowlton, a veteran of the French and Indian war, had distinguished himself at Bunker Hill and in one or two subsequent exploits during the siege of Boston, and was peculiarly fitted to lead a partisan corps. The detachment in question, known as Knowlton's "Rangers," was composed of officers and men chosen from different regiments, to which they were to return when no longer needed. Knowlton appears to have selected officers whom he knew, which accounts for the large proportion from Connecticut; the men also were largely from the same state. The command was small, not over one hundred and thirty or forty. Its first service gave it no little reputation in the army. After the retreat from New York, Sept. 15, '76 — the troops in general being more or less depressed — Washington ordered Knowlton to move out early on the 16th from Harlem Heights and ascertain the position of the enemy. Knowlton marched over Bloomingdale Heights, and found the enemy's outposts somewhere along the line of 110th St. on the main road, now Broadway. A skirmish occurred and Knowlton fell back to the American lines, then stretching along 125th St. from vicinity of 8th Avenue west to the Hudson. The British Light Infantry followed him. Washington thereupon directed Knowlton to attack again, turning their right, while other troops attacked them in front and left. A successful engagement followed, the enemy being driven back over the Bloomingdale grounds with loss. In the affair, Knowlton was mortally wounded, and died during the action, greatly regretted. In General Orders of Sept. 17, Washington referred to him as "the gallant and brave Col. Knowlton who would have been an honour to any country."

**Knowlton's Senior Captain** — **Stephen Brown, of Woodstock** — succeeded to the **command of the "Rangers,"** but in a few days returned to his regiment — Durkee's. The other captains, so far as the records indicate, were Thomas Grosvenor, of Pomfret, and Nathan Hale, of Coventry. Grosvenor seems to have retired with Brown, and Hale, the "Martyr Spy," was then absent within the enemy's lines. As the next commander of the "Rangers," Washington appointed, Oct. 1, '76, Maj. Andrew Colburn, of Nixon's Mass. Regt. He was wounded before the end of the month and retired. The command devolved thereafter upon Lieut., afterwards Captain, Lemuel Holmes, of Sargeant's Mass. Regt. Upon the withdrawal of the army to White Plains and subsequently through New Jersey, it was proposed either to disband the "Rangers" or have them accompany the main force; but Col. Robert Magaw, of Pennsylvania, then commanding at Fort Mifflin, on New York Island below King's Bridge, urgently requested their continuance with him as being his main dependence for the security of his outposts. They accordingly remained on the Harlem lines until Nov. 16, 1776, when Fort Mifflin and the entire garrison were captured by the enemy.

The "Rangers" thus disappear as prisoners. Oliver Burnham, one of the detachment — afterwards Judge Burnham, of Conn. — writing after the war, says: "We remained until the sixteenth of November in this situation ("near Harlem") when we were warmly engaged on all sides. We were about two miles below the fort and well sustained the attack until the enemy made good their landing across Harlem River, when we had hard fighting to reach the fort. Just as we had reached the gate, the flag went out and surrendered the fort and ourselves prisoners of war."

It is worth while to note that the first three commanders of this corps fell in action during the war — Col. Knowlton at Harlem Heights; **Capt. Brown at Ft. Mifflin, Penn., Nov. 16, '77;** Maj. Colburn, as Lieut.-Col., at Saratoga, Sept. 19, '77. Capt. Holmes, the last in command, remained a prisoner two years.

The following roll of the "Rangers" is compiled from printed and Mss. records. The list of non-commissioned officers and privates is arranged from the papers of Capt. Lemuel Holmes, now in the Pension Bureau, Washington, and includes only the names of those who were captured with him at Ft. Mifflin. It doubtless represents the greater part of the original detachment.

## KNOWLTON'S "RANGERS," 1776.

## OFFICERS.

Lieut.-Colonel:	Thomas Knowlton,	Ashford,	Detached from Durkee's Conn. Cont. Regt. about Sept. 1, '76, to command of "Rangers"; mortally wounded in the "affair" or battle of Harlem Heights, Sept. 16; buried with military honors within the American lines on present Washington Heights, N. Y.
Major:	Andrew Colburn, <sup>1</sup>	[New Hampshire]	Major of Nixon's Mass. Cont. Regt., appt. to command of "Rangers," Oct. 1; wounded Oct. — and retired.
Adjutant:	Thomas U. Fosdick,	New London,	Ensign in Chas. Webb's Regt.
<b>Captains:</b>	<b>Stephen Brown,</b>	<b>Woodstock,</b>	Of <b>Durkee's Regt.</b> ; in command of "Rangers," after Knowlton's death until about Oct. 1, when he returned to his Regt.; see Durkee's Regt. '77.
	Thomas Grosvenor,	Pomfret,	Of Durkee's Regt.; returned to his Regt. about Oct. 1; cont. in '77.
	Nathan Hale,	Coventry,	Of Chas. Webb's Conn. Cont. Regt.; absent as spy in enemy's lines; executed Sept. 22, '76; see Webb's Regt. '76.
	Lemuel Holmes, <sup>1</sup>	[New Hampshire]	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Sargent's Mass. Cont. Regt.; rept. as Capt. Oct. 15, and commanded "Rangers," succeeding Maj. Colburn; prisoner Nov. 16, '76; exch. Nov. '78.
Lieutenants:	Oliver Babcock, <sup>2</sup>	Stonington,	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Parsons' Cont. Regt.; taken pris. Nov. 16, '76, at Fort Washington; exch. about Jan. 1, '77; died Jan. 25.
	Jesse Grant,	Litchfield,	Of Chas. Webb's Regt.; pris. Nov. 16, Ft. Washington; exch. Dec. 17, '80.
	Abner Bacon, <sup>3</sup>	Canterbury,	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Chester's State Regt.; cont. in '77.
	Ephraim Cleveland,	[Mass.],	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Sargent's Regt.
	Aaron Stratten,	[Mass.],	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Sargent's Regt.
	William Scott,	[Mass.],	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut. Sargent's Regt.
	Jacob Pope,	[Mass.],	2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut.-Col. Jon <sup>s</sup> Ward's Mass. Regt.; cashiered Sept. 28, '76.
Ensigns:	Benoni Shipman,	New Haven,	Of Chas. Webb's Regt.; cont. in '77.
	Aaron Cleveland,	Canterbury,	Of Chester's State Regt.
	Daniel Knowlton,	Ashford,	Of Chester's State Regt.; taken prisoner Nov. 26 at Ft. Washington; elder brother of Col. Knowlton.
	Thomas Hender,	Hartford,	Of Col. Wyllys' Conn. Cont. Regt.; taken prisoner at Ft. Washington, Nov. 16, '76.
	Ebenezer West,	—	Of Hitchcock's R. I. Cont. Regt.

<sup>1</sup> Maj. Colburn was doubtless the same officer who in the following year appeared as Lieut.-Col. of the Third Regt. New Hampshire "Line" and fell in the first engagement with Burgoyne's army near Stillwater, Sept. 19, '77. He came from North Marlborough in that State.  
Capt. Lemuel Holmes, of Sargent's Mass. Regt., also belonged to New Hampshire, town of Surry.

<sup>2</sup> "On the 23<sup>d</sup> of Jan. 1777, died Lieut. Oliver Babcock, of Stonington, in the 36 year of his age. He returned home from imprisonment in New York on the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month, and was taken sick of the Small Pox the 14<sup>th</sup>, of which Distemper he died, leaving a disconsolate widow and three small children."—*Conn. Gazette*, Feb. 14, 1777.

<sup>3</sup> A few of the officers and men in the "Rangers" were detached from Col. John Chester's State Regiment, which reinforced Washington's army in the summer of 1776. See Wadsworth's Brigade, Militia and State Troops.

*Fort Mifflin, Mud Island, Penn.*—After Germantown, Washington made an effort to command the Delaware below Philadelphia—the city being occupied by the enemy—and for a time succeeded. It furnished the occasion for a brave and spirited defence of the two American forts on opposite sides of the river. On the left bank Col. Greene, of Varnum's Brigade, repulsed the determined attack of Donop on Ft. Mercer. At Ft. Mifflin, Mud Island, on the right bank, Col. Smith, of Maryland, tenaciously held his ground against the overwhelming fire from the enemy's shipping. Exhaustion and a wound, however, compelled him to retire, and it also became necessary to relieve the greater part of the devoted garrison. It fell to Varnum's Brigade to furnish the relief, which consisted of detachments from Durkee's and Chandler's companies, under Lieut.-Col. Giles Russell of the latter regiment. This change took place on the 12th of November, '77. Russell, a veteran of four campaigns in the French and Indian war, in one of which he was wounded, and whom Varnum reports as a sensible and excellent officer, was "totally destitute of health," and soon requested to be relieved. Maj. Thayer, of Rhode Island, succeeded him as volunteer, and the garrison under his direction continued its remarkable defence under a still closer and more effective fire from the British ships. On the 16th, further resistance being out of the question, the ruined fort was abandoned. The Connecticut detachment, which bore the brunt of the bombardment, suffered seriously. "We have lost some gallant officers and men," wrote Gen. Huntington to Governor Trumbull, and he specially mentioned **Capt. Stephen Brown**, one of **Knowlton's favorite officers in the "Rangers"** of the previous year. This officer was killed by a round shot from one of the enemy's ships, and Capt. Nathan Stoddard, of Chandler's, suffered the same fate in a similar way.

Washington soon after withdrew towards Valley Forge.

*Putnam on the Hudson.—The Burgoyne Campaign.*—So many regiments had been ordered from the Peekskill camp to report to Gates on the upper Hudson or to Washington in Pennsylvania, that on Oct. 1, '77, Gen. Putnam had but one Continental brigade at his command. This was Parsons', which consisted of the three remaining regiments of the Connecticut "Line," namely, Wyllys's, Chas. Webb's, and Meigs', together with Samuel B. Webb's and Sherburne's "additional." A considerable body of militia was on its way from Connecticut to reinforce him.

The enemy under Sir Henry Clinton at New York moved up the Hudson in October to attempt the relief of Burgoyne. With his superior force and under cover of boats and shipping Clinton was able to deceive Putnam as to his line of advance—whether on the east or west side of the river—and by a rapid move attacked and captured Forts Clinton and Montgomery. Subsequently Kingston was burned. Putnam fell back, marching up the Hudson, and was prepared to interpose himself between Clinton and Gates, reinforcing the latter in case the former persisted in his original design. Clinton, however, returned to New York, and Putnam resumed his position at Peekskill. In the spring of '78 a Court of Inquiry, consisting of Gens. McDougall and Huntington and Col. Wigglesworth, of Mass., investigated the causes of the loss of the two forts mentioned above, and exonerated Gen. Putnam.

In the movements against Burgoyne no Continental infantry from Connecticut took part, her nine regiments having been engaged under Washington and Putnam. One company of Sheldon's Dragoons, under Capt. Thomas Y. Seymour, had been detached to Gen. Gates' force; otherwise Connecticut was represented on that field by militia, as noticed under that head. Two of the militia regiments—Cook's and Latmer's—did excellent service during the campaign.

*Whitemarsh, Penn.*—After Burgoyne's surrender Washington called for more troops from the northern camps. From Parsons' Connecticut Brigade Col. Chas. Webb's regiment was detached. It set out Nov. 14, '77, and on Dec. 8 engaged in a brisk action with enemy at Whitemarsh, Penn., in which two young Lieutenants and a number of men were killed and wounded. Not properly supported by the militia the few Continental troops were compelled to fall back, leaving the ground in the enemy's hands.

# Qualifying Proof #5

The company commanded by Capt. Thomas Dyer was present 106  
 at Battle of Princeton per Pension File S46203 (Jacob Loomis)  
 pp. 3, 4, 6, 9, and 12.

## COLONEL DURKEE'S REGIMENT, 1776.

### 20th CONTINENTAL.

[This regiment, known generally as Durkee's in the campaign of '76, was Gen. Putnam's Regt. of 1775 as reorganized for service in the Continental army for the year 1776. Benedict Arnold was its first appointed Colonel, but as stated below, he never assumed command. The regiment marched from Boston to New York in April '76, and was stationed until Sept. 15 at Bergen Heights and Paulus Hook, now Jersey City. Later it was ordered to Ft. Lee, opposite Ft. Washington, and then accompanied Washington on the retreat through New Jersey. Engaged at Battle of Trenton, Dec. 25, '76, and in part at Princeton, Jan. 3, '77, a portion of the regiment, at urgent request of Washington, continuing in service with other troops, about six weeks after expiration of their term. Rolls incomplete.]

#### FIELD AND STAFF.

Colonel: . . . . . Benedict Arnold, . . . . . New Haven, . . . . . Appt. Col. while absent before Quebec; never with the regt; prom. Brig.-Gen. See Gen. Staff.  
 " . . . . . John Durkee, . . . . . Norwich, . . . . . Lt. Col. Jan. 1, '76. Prom. Col. Aug. 12, '76 re-ent. Cont. service in '77.  
 Lieut.-Colonel: . . . . . Thomas Knowlton, . . . . . Ashford, . . . . . Prom. Lieut. Col. Aug. 12, '76; killed at Harlem Heights, Sept. 16, '76 See Knowlton's "Rangers."  
 Major: . . . . . Thomas Knowlton, . . . . . " . . . . . Prom. as above.  
 " . . . . . Thomas Dyer, . . . . . Windham, . . . . . Prom. from Capt. Aug. 19, '76.  
 Surgeon: . . . . . John Spalding, . . . . . [Canterbury.]  
 Chaplain: . . . . . Rev. Abiel Leonard, . . . . . Woodstock.  
 " . . . . . Rev. Benjamin Boardman, . . . . . Middle Haddam.  
 Adjutant: . . . . . Daniel Tilden, . . . . . Lebanon, . . . . . Prom. Capt. Sept. 7, '76.  
 " . . . . . Nathaniel Webb, . . . . . Windham, . . . . . Appt. Sept. 7; re-ent. Cont. service in '77.  
 Quartermaster: . . . . . Ebenezer Gray, . . . . . Windham, . . . . . Re-ent. Cont. service in '77. See Gen. Staff '76.  
 " . . . . . Benjamin Stone, . . . . . ———, . . . . . Appt. Sept. 7, '76.  
 Paymaster: . . . . . William Adams, . . . . . Hartford, . . . . . Appt. Sept. 7, '76.  
 Sergeant Major: . . . . . Reuben Pride, . . . . . Norwich, . . . . . Re-ent. service '77.

#### CAPTAINS.

#### SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

Name.	Residence.	Remarks.	Name.	Residence.	Remarks.
Ephraim Manning, . . . . .	Woodstock, . . . . .		Nathaniel Bishop, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.
Jedediah Waterman, . . . . .	Canterbury, . . . . .		John Waterman, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.
Thomas Dyer, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	Prom. Maj. as above.	James Holt, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	
Thomas Grosvenor, . . . . .	Pomfret, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77. See Knowlton's "Rangers."	Benjamin Durkee, . . . . .	Pomfret, . . . . .	
<b>Stephen Brown,</b> . . . . .	<b>Woodstock,</b> . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77. See Knowlton's "Rangers."	Seth Phelps, . . . . .	Windsor, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.
John Keyes, . . . . .	Ashford, . . . . .		Josiah Fuller, . . . . .	[Stafford,] . . . . .	
Wills Clift, . . . . .	Plainfield, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.	Jonathan Woodworth . . . . .	[Lebanon] . . . . .	
John Robertson, . . . . .	—, . . . . .		Robert Hallam, . . . . .	New London, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.

#### FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

#### ENSIGNS.

Nathaniel Webb, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	Appt. Adjt; see above.	Bryant Brown, . . . . .	Woodstock, . . . . .	
Ebenezer Gray, . . . . .	Windham, . . . . .	See Quartermaster above.	Watrous Clark, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	
Daniel Tilden, . . . . .	Lebanon, . . . . .	See Adjutant above.	Benjamin Durkee, Jr., . . . . .	Pomfret, . . . . .	
James Sprague, . . . . .	Union, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.	Timothy Cleveland, . . . . .	Canterbury, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.
Samuel Brown, . . . . .	—, . . . . .		Silas Goodale, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	
William Adams, . . . . .	Hartford, . . . . .	Appt. Paymaster, see above.	John Buel, . . . . .	Lebanon, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.
Daniel Putnam, . . . . .	Pomfret, . . . . .	A. D. C. to Gen. Putnam; see Staff.	John Alden, . . . . .	[Lebanon,] . . . . .	
Beriah Bill, . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.	John Durkee, Jr., . . . . .	Norwich, . . . . .	Re-ent. Cont. service in '77.

Ebenezer Lellingwell, Private Capt. Clift's Co. and John English of Capt. Waterman's Co., in Durkee's Regt. at N. Y., 1776. Private Isaiah Beaumont wounded at Battle of Princeton, Jan. 3, '77.

<sup>1</sup>Major Dyer belonged to the regiment that covered the retreat from Fort Lee to Delaware River, which regiment, both officers and men, behaved with great spirit and bravery, to the entire satisfaction of the General, and was with him in the action at Trenton. — *Conn. Gazette, Feb. 14, 1777.*

## FOURTH REGIMENT, "CONNECTICUT LINE."

### FORMATION OF 1777-1781.

[Regiment raised for the new "Continental Line" of '77, to continue through the war. Recruited mainly in Windham and New London Counties. Went into camp at Peekskill in spring of '77, and in Sept. ordered to Washington's army in Penn.; marched in Conn. Brigade under Gen. McDougall. Engaged in Battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, '77, on left flank of the army and suffered some loss. Assigned later to Varnum's Brigade a detachment of the regiment continued the brave defence of Ft. Mifflin, on the Delaware, Nov. 12-16, and lost **Capt. Brown, and several men killed and wounded.** Wintered at Valley Forge '77-'78, and on June 28 following engaged closely at Battle of Monmouth, Col. Durkee then commanding the Brigade. Lieut. Col. Russell in command at close of the action. Regt. encamped with main army at White Plains until ordered into winter quarters at Redding, '78-'79; assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Conn. Brigade under Parsons. In campaign of '79, engaged in movements on east side of the Hudson under Heath as wing commander; its Light Co. under Capt. Phelps detached to Meigs' Light Regt. and took part in storming of Stony Point, July 15, '79. Wintered at Morristown '79-'80 and with the Conn. division stationed on the outposts. In '80 with main army on both sides of the Hudson (see text heading C). Wintered '80-'81 in camp, "Connecticut Village," opposite West Point near the Robinson House. Consolidated for new formation, '81-'83.]

### FIELD AND STAFF.

Colonel:	John Durkee,	Norwich,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; in com'd of Varnum's Brig., battle of Monmouth, and wounded June 28, '78; right hand permanently disabled; cont. in '81, Veteran French and Indian war.
Lieut. Colonel:	Giles Russell,	Stonington,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; prom. Col. 8 <sup>th</sup> Regt.; com. dated March 5, '78.
"	John Sumner,	Middletown,	Com. Maj. Jan. 1, '77; prom. Lieut. Col., com. dated Ap. 28, '77; retired, by consolidations, Jan. 1, '81.
Major:	Benjamin Throop,	Norwich,	Prom. from Capt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt., May 1, '78; cont. in '81.
Adjutant:	Elihu Marvin,	Norwich,	Com. Jan. 1, '77. Appt. Brig. Maj., see Gen. Staff for '77, etc.
"	Libbeus Loomis,	Colchester,	Serjt. Maj. Jan. 1, '77; com. Ensign Nov. 25, '77; com. Lieut. and Adj. Aug. 1, '78; cont. in '81.
Chaplain:	Rev. Andrew Lee,	Hanover,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned Oct. 15, '77.
Surgeon:	Samuel Lee,	Windham,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; resigned Ap. 3, '78.
"	David Adams,	Preston,	Com. Ap. 3, '78; retired Jan. 1, '81.
Surgeon's Mate:	Thomas Gray,	Windham,	Com. Jan. 1, '77; retired Mar. —, '78.
"	Jonathan Knight,	—,	Com. Feb. 1, '78; retired Jan. 1, '81. Died at Norwalk, 1829.
Quarter Master:	Andrew Wheatley,	—,	Appt. Jan. 15, '77; resigned —, '78(?)
"	Joseph Chapman,	Norwich,	Appt. Sept. 13, '78; see Lieuts.
Paymaster:	William Adams,	Hartford,	Appt. Jan. 1, '77; Qr. Mr. until May 1, '79; see Lieuts.
"	Charles Fanning,	Preston,	Appt. May 1, '79; see Lieuts.

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### GENERAL ORDERS, 17 SEPTEMBER 1776

#### General Orders

sept: 17th 1776. Parole: Leitch.

Countersign: Virginia.

The General most heartily thanks the troops commanded Yesterday, by Major Leitch, who first advanced upon the enemy, and the others who so resolutely supported them<sup>1</sup>—The Behaviour of Yesterday was such a Contrast, to that of some Troops the day before, as must shew what may be done, where Officers & soldiers will exert themselves—Once more therefore, the General calls upon officers, and men, to act up to the noble cause in which they are engaged, and to support the Honor and Liberties of their Country.

The gallant and brave Col. Knowlton, who would have been an Honor to any Country, having fallen yesterday, while gloriously fighting, **Capt. Brown** is to take the Command of the party lately led by Col. Knowlton—Officers and men are to obey him accordingly.

The Loss of the Enemy yesterday, would undoubtedly have been much greater, if the Orders of the Commander in Chief had not in some instances been contradicted by inferior officers, who, however well they may mean, ought not to presume to direct<sup>2</sup>—It is therefore ordered, that no officer, commanding a party, and having received Orders from the Commander in Chief, depart from them without Counter Orders from the same Authority; And as many may otherwise err through Ignorance, the Army is now acquainted that the General's Orders are delivered by the Adjutant General, or one of his Aid's-De-Camp, Mr Tilghman, or Col. Moylan the Quarter Master General.

Brigade Majors are to attend at Head Quarters, every day at twelve O'Clock, and as soon as possible to report where their several Brigades and Regiments are posted. If many regiments have not been relieved, for want of the attendance of their Brigade Majors for Orders;<sup>3</sup> It is therefore the Interest and Duty of every Brigadier to see that his Brigade Major attends at twelve O'Clock at Noon, and five in the afternoon; and they are to be careful to make the Adjutants attend them every day.

The several Major & Brigadier Generals are desired to send to Head-Quarters an Account of the places where they are quartered.

Until some general Arrangement for duty can be fixed, each Brigade is to furnish Guards, who are to parade at their respective Brigadier's quarters, in such proportions as they shall direct.

Such regiments as have expended their Ammunition, or are otherwise deficient, are immediately to be supplied, by applying to the Adjutant General for an Order—but the regiment is to be first paraded, and their Ammunition examined, the commanding officer is then to report how such deficiency has happened.

Varick transcript, DLC:GW; Df, in Joseph Reed's writing, DNA: RG 93, Orderly Books, vol. 15.

1. For an account of the Battle of Harlem Heights on 16 Sept., see GW to Hancock, 18 September. Andrew Leitch (c.1750–1776), merchant from Dumfries, Va., who had visited at Mount Vernon with his wife in April 1775, commanded the Prince William County Independent Company before he was commissioned a captain in the 3d Virginia Regiment on 5 Feb. 1776 (see *Diaries*, 3:313–14, 322–23). Although no record of his promotion to major has been found, Leitch apparently succeeded Thomas Marshall as major of the 3d Virginia Regiment after Congress on 13 Aug. promoted Marshall to lieutenant colonel (see *JCC*, 5:649). Leitch died of his wounds on 1 or 2 Oct. (see GW to Hancock and GW to Samuel Washington, both 5 Oct.).

2. For the failure of GW's plan to cut off a detachment of British light infantrymen by having Knowlton's and Leitch's men march behind them, see GW to Hancock, 18 Sept., n. 1.

3. The word "If" is struck out in the draft.

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### GENERAL ORDERS, 30 JUNE 1776

#### General Orders

30th 1776. Parole Philadelphia.

Countersign Holland.

The Brigadiers are to order the officers and men belonging to their several Brigades (not on duty) to march from their respective regimental parade to their alarm posts at least once every day that they may become well acquainted therewith, they are to march by such routes as are least exposed to a fire from the shipping and it is expected that all officers from the highest to the lowest, will make themselves well acquainted with the ground, that they may at any time be able to make advantage of it.<sup>1</sup>

Upon the Signal for the enemies approach, or upon any alarm, all fatigue parties are immediately to repair to their respective Corps, with their arms, ammunition and accoutrements ready for instant action; the working parties in no other instance are to be interrupted; the finishing of our Lines of defence and other works expeditiously, is a matter of so much consequence, that the General is persuaded from the known Zeal of the troops, that officers and men will stand in no need of arguments, to stimulate them upon common exertion upon the occasion, his anxiety for the Honor of the American Arms, and the noble cause we are engaged in, not a distrust in the officers care, induces him once more, and while time will allow it, to recommend a thorough Inspection in the mens arms and ammunition, to see that every Soldier is completed to Twenty-four Rounds, and has a good Flint well fixed into the lock; in short to be well prepared for an e[n]gagement is, under God, (whose divine Aid it behoves us to supplicate) more than one half the battle.

The General desires that each Colonel, or commanding officer of the established Regiments, will furnish him with a list of the vacancies therein, and that the Field Officers of those Regiments would recommend proper persons, to fill them<sup>2</sup>—The commanding officer for the time being, of such Militia as shall arrive in this City from New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts bay, is to give in Returns thereof to the Adjutant General, of the parties as they arrive, he is immediately to discharge every man who comes without Arms, and is to see that all the others are completed with their Twenty-four rounds ¶ man, and that they do their proportion of all duties, as well fatigue as other duty.

Capt: Josiah Fay of Col. Ward's Regiment to act as Major of the said regiment, 'till further orders, he is to be obeyed as such.<sup>3</sup>

After Orders. Twenty six thousand Musket Cartridges to be sent Col. Prescott on Governor's Island with some flints.

The Brigadiers to order a circle to be marked round the several Redoubts, by which their officers are to be directed, in giving orders for the first discharge—Small brush may be set up to make the line more distinct and familiar to the men, who are by no means to be ordered to fire before the enemy arrive at the circle.

The Countersign in future to be delivered by the Adjutant General, to the Brigade Majors, and Adjutant of Artillery, at six oClock P.M.; who are to send the same sealed to their respective Brigades, and to the Field Officers of their respective brigades, if required by the latter and to no others.

Capt. Stephen Brown of Col. Durkee's Regiment, to go immediately to New-Ark, and apply for assistance in procuring and fixing boats, near the ferries, for facilitating the passage of the Troops from Jersey to New York.<sup>4</sup>

Genl Heath to order the house and barn on Governors Island, to be consumed.<sup>5</sup>

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Varick transcript, DLC:GW.

<sup>1</sup>. Lord Stirling reported to GW on 1 July: "In Consequence of the General Order of Yesterday, I gave it out in Brigade Orders (which were Issued in the Afternoon at the same time with the General Orders) that the fourth Brigade should be Under Arms on their Regimental Parades at Sun Rise and from thence March to their Alarm posts.

"Colonel's Nixon, Webb, & McDougal had their Regiments under Arms and Marched them to their posts in proper time.

"Colonel Ritzma's Regiment did not arrive at their post till Seven oClock, which was two hours after the

Others: and then Came without one feild Officer. nor has one feild Officer been with the Regiment this day, or sent any excuse for their Absence" (DLC:GW).

2. Congress requested this information from GW in a resolution of 27 June (see [Hancock to GW, 29 June, n.1](#)). For GW's explanation of the delay in his obtaining and forwarding the necessary returns, see [his letter to the Board of War of 29 July](#).

3. Josiah Fay (1731–1776), a farmer from Southboro, Mass., who had served as sergeant in the French and Indian War, joined Artemas Ward's Massachusetts regiment as a captain in May 1775 and retained that rank in Col. Jonathan Ward's 21st Continental Regiment when the army was reorganized on 1 Jan. 1776. In an undated "Return of the Names of those Recommended to fill up the Vacancies in the 21st Regiment," Jonathan Ward writes that Capt. Josiah Fay, who was "Published in Genal Orders to do the Duty of Majr June 30th[,] Died Augst 8th 1776" (DNA:PCC, item 152).

4. Stephen Brown (d. 1777) served as a first lieutenant in the 3d Connecticut Regiment during 1775 and became a captain in Col. John Durkee's 20th Continental Regiment on 1 Jan. 1776. He served as a captain in Durkee's 4th Connecticut Regiment in 1777 and was killed on 15 Nov. 1777 at Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River.

John Durkee (1728–1782) of Norwich, a veteran of the French and Indian War who became major of the 3d Connecticut Regiment in May 1775, was promoted to lieutenant colonel of that regiment in July, and on 1 Jan. 1776 he was named lieutenant colonel of the new 20th Continental Regiment. Because Benedict Arnold, for whom the colonelcy of the 20th Regiment had been reserved, was made a brigadier general on 10 Jan. 1776, Durkee commanded that regiment almost from the start, and on 10 Aug. Congress officially appointed him the regiment's colonel (*JCC*, 5:644; see also [GW to the Board of War, 29 July](#), and [General Orders, 12 Aug. 1776](#)). Durkee served as colonel of the 4th Connecticut Regiment from 1777 to 1781 when he transferred to the 1st Connecticut Regiment. He died after a short illness on 29 May 1782 (*Norwich Packet, and the Weekly Advertiser*, 30 May 1782).

5. As brigadier general of the day for the previous day and night, Heath reported on this date: "Two Citizens were Sent to the East River Guard by one Mr Obell for drinking the Kings Health Success to his army &c., and were this morning Sent to the City Hall Guard, where there was 25 Prisoners before, 23 prisoners were also received by the Guard at the East River, who were lately Taken in Some retaken vessells &c." (DNA: RG 93, Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775–83).

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### FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON TO JOHN HANCOCK, 18 SEPTEMBER 1776

#### To John Hancock

Sir

rouse  
Sept 18th 1776

As my Letter of the 16th contained Intelligence of an Important nature, and such as might lead Congress to expect, that the evacuation of New York and retreat to the Heights of Harlem in the manner they were made, would be succeeded by some other Interesting event, I beg leave to inform them, that as yet nothing has been attempted upon a large and general plan of Attack.

About the time of the posts departure with my Letter, the Enemy appeared in several large bodies upon the plains about Two & a half miles from hence. I rode down to our advanced posts to put matters in a proper situation if they should attempt to come on. When I arrived there, I heard a firing which I was informed was between a party of our Rangers under the Command of Lieutt Col. Knolton, and an advanced party of the Enemy. Our Men came in & told me that the body of the Enemy, who kept themselves concealed consisted of about three Hundred as near as they could guess. I immediately ordered three Companies of Colo. Weedons Regiment from Virginia under the command of Major Leitch & Col. Knolton with his Rangers, composed of Volunteers from different New England Regiments, to try to get in their Rear, while a disposition was making as if to attack them in front, and thereby draw their whole attention that way. This took effect as I wished on the part of the Enemy. On the appearance of our party in front, they immediately ran down the Hill, took possession of some fences & Bushes and a Smart firing began, but at too great a distance to do much execution on either side. The parties under Colo. Knolton & Major Leitch unluckily began their attack too soon, as It was rather in flank than in Rear. In a little time Major Leitch was brought off wounded, having received Three Balls thro his side, and in a short time after Colo. Knolton got a wound which proved mortal. Their Men however persevered & continued the Engagement with the greatest resolution.<sup>1</sup> Finding that they wanted a support, I advanced part of Colo. Griffiths and Colo. Richardson's Maryland Regiments with some detachments from the Eastern Regiments who were nearest the place of Action. These Troops charged the Enemy with great Intrepidity and drove them from the Wood into the plain, and were pushing them from thence, (having silenced their fire in a great measure) when I judged It prudent to order a Retreat, fearing the Enemy (as I have since found was really the case) were sending a large Body to support their party.<sup>2</sup> Major Leitch I am in hopes will recover, But Colo. Knolton's fall is much to be regretted, as that of a brave & good Officer. We had about Forty wounded, the Number of Slain is not yet ascertained, but It is very inconsiderable. By a Serjeant who deserted from the Enemy & came in this Morning, I find that their party was greater than I imagined—It consisted of the 2d Batallion of Light Infantry, a Batallion of the Royal Highlanders & Three Companies of the Hessian Rifle Men, under the command of Brigadr Genl Leslie. The Deserter reports that their loss in Wounded & Missing was Eighty Nine, and Eight killed—In the latter, his Account is too small as Our people discovered and buried double that Number.<sup>3</sup> This Affair I am in hopes will be attended with many salutary consequences, as It seems to have greatly inspirited the whole of our Troops. The Serjeant further adds, that a Considerable body of Men are now encamped from the East to the North River, between the Seven & Eight mile Stones under the command of Genl Clinton—Genl Howe he beives has his Quarters at Mr Aphthorps House.<sup>4</sup> I have the Honor to be with Sentiments of the highest regard & esteem Sir Yr Most Obedt Sert

Go: Washington

P.S. I should have wrote Congress by Express before now, had I not expected the post every Minute which I flatter myself will be a sufficient Apology for my delaying It.

The late losses we have sustained in our Baggage & Camp necessaries have added much to our distress which was very great before, I must therefore take the Liberty of requesting Congress to have forwarded as soon as possible such a supply of Tents, Blankets, camp Kettles and Other Articles as can be collected. We cannot be ovrstocked.

G.W.

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LS, in Robert Hanson Harrison's writing, DNA:PCC, item 152; LB, DLC:GW; copy, DNA:PCC, item 169; Varick transcript, DLC:GW. Congress read this letter on 20 Sept. (JCC, 5:787). A somewhat condensed and partially altered version of this letter appears in Dixon and Hunter's edition of the *Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg) for 4 Oct. 1776 as an "extract of a letter from a General officer, who was present at the time of action."

Although the action of 16 Sept. described in this letter has become known as the Battle of Harlem Heights, it consisted, as GW wrote Nicholas Cooke on 17 Sept., only of "some smart skirmishes" between detachments of the two contending armies. This indecisive little engagement raised the Americans' morale, however, by reassuring them in the wake of the previous day's debacle at Kip's Bay that many of their soldiers could and would fight bravely and well against British and Hessian regulars in small unit actions. For

general accounts of this engagement, see particularly Johnston, *Harlem Heights*, 44–91; Blivin, *Battle for Manhattan*, 83–100; Freeman, *Washington*, 4:197–203; and Ward, *War of the Revolution*, 1:246–52.

1. Joseph Reed says in a letter to his wife, Esther De Berdt Reed, of 17 Sept. that on the morning of 16 Sept. "an Acct. came that the Enemy were advancing upon us in three large Columns—we have so many false Reports that I desired the General [GW] to permit me to go & discover what Truth there was in the Acct. I accordingly went down to our most advanced Guard [Knowlton's rangers] & while I was talking with the Officer, the Enemy's advanced Guard fired upon us at a small Distance, our men behaved well stood & return'd the Fire till overpowered by numbers they were obliged to retreat. . . . Finding how things were going I went over to the General to get some support for the brave Fellows who had behaved so well—by the Time I got to him the Enemy appeared in open view & in the most insulting manner sounded their Bugle Horns as is usual after a Fox Chase. I never felt such a sensation before, it seem'd to crown our Disgrace. The General was prevailed on to order over a Party to attack them & as I had been upon the Ground which no one else had it fell to me to conduct them—an unhappy Movement was made by a Regt. of ours which had been ordered to amuse them [the British] while those I was with expected to take them in the Rear—but being diverted by this the Virginia Regimt. with which I was went another course; finding there was no stopping them I went with them the new Way—& in a few Minutes our brave Fellows mounted up the Rocks & attacked them; then they ran in Turn—each Party sent in more Succours so that at last it became a very considerable Engagement & Men fell on every side" (Johnston, *Harlem Heights*, 134–36). Reed's letter to his wife of 22 Sept., contains a somewhat different version of these events, in which he says that Knowlton's and Leitch's attempt to cut off the British detachment "was unhappily thwarted . . . by some Persons calling to the Troops & taking them out of the Road I intended" (*ibid.*, 136–39).

The first skirmish of the day occurred near the British advanced posts in the vicinity of present-day West 107th Street about dawn when two or three companies of British light infantry discovered and attacked Knowlton's rangers, a force of about one hundred and twenty New England volunteers whom GW had sent out to obtain intelligence about the dispositions of Howe's army. After firing eight or nine rounds and suffering ten casualties, Knowlton's men retreated north about two-and-a-half miles to the American advanced posts on the heights overlooking the "Hollow Way," where GW had positioned himself (see letter attributed to Capt. Stephen Brown, 21 Sept., *ibid.*, 154–55; Oliver Burnham's recollections, *ibid.*, 178–80; William Howe to George Germain, 21 Sept., in Davies, *Documents of the American Revolution*, 12:227–29; Tatum, *Serle's Journal*, 107–8; Mackenzie, *Diary*, 1:51; Kemble Papers, 1:89; and Lydenberg, *Robertson Diaries*, 99).

The American counterattack was launched about eleven o'clock across the "Hollow Way" from the American-held heights on the valley's north side toward Vandewater's (now Morningside) Heights on its south side, where British troops had taken up positions a short time earlier. Leitch and Knowlton fell as the Americans fought their way up Vandewater's Heights. The British made a stand at the top of the heights in a buckwheat field near present-day 120th Street where the heaviest fighting of the day occurred from about noon to about one o'clock.

Leitch's detachment consisted of captains Charles West's, John Thornton's, and John Ashby's companies. The decoying force that drew the British troops down from Vandewater's Heights included the rest of Weedon's regiment, a detachment of one hundred and fifty volunteers commanded by Lt. Col. Archibald Crary from Gen. John Nixon's brigade, and some Maryland troops, probably Maj. Thomas Price's three companies (see John Chilton to an unknown correspondent, 17 Sept., in "Old Virginia Line," 92–94, and John Gooch to Thomas Fayerweather, 23 Sept., in "Revolutionary Actors," 334–35).

2. The British retreated to their advanced posts near present-day 106th Street, where the Americans broke off the engagement. GW sent Tench Tilghman to recall the troops, who, Tilghman says, "gave a Hurra and left the Field in good Order" (Tench Tilghman to James Tilghman, Sr., 19 Sept., in Tilghman, *Memoir*, 138–39; see also Joseph Reed to Esther De Berdt Reed, 17 and 22 Sept., in Johnston, *Harlem Heights*, 134–39).

The Maryland flying camp troops that GW sent forward included three companies commanded by Maj. Peter Mantz from Col. Charles Greenberry Griffith's 1st Regiment and apparently three companies commanded by Maj. James Eden from Col. Thomas Ewing's 3d Regiment (see Extract of a Letter to a Gentleman in Annapolis, 17 Sept., in Force, *American Archives*, 5th ser., 2:370–71; William Beatty, Jr., to William Beatty, Sr., 18 Sept., in the *Historical Magazine*, 2d ser., 1 [1867], 147; and Johnston, *Harlem Heights*, 82, and note 1). There is no evidence that any troops from Col. William Richardson's 4th Regiment fought on 16 September. The New England reinforcements included the remainder of Nixon's brigade and Col. William Douglas's and Col. Paul Dudley Sargent's regiments (see John Gooch to Thomas Fayerweather, 23 Sept., in "Revolutionary Actors," 334–35; Joseph Hodgkins to Sarah Perkins Hodgkins, 30 Sept., in Wade and Lively, *This Glorious Cause*, 221–23; Martin, *Private Yankee Doodle*, 42–43; and the returns of Nixon's, Sargent's, and Douglas's brigades, in Force, *American Archives*, 5th ser., 3:721–28).

William Richardson (1735–1825), a merchant from Caroline County, Md., was a member of the general assembly from 1771 to 1774 and the convention from 1774 to 17 Aug. 1776 when he was named colonel of the 4th Regiment of the state's flying camp troops. Richardson did not arrive at Harlem Heights until sometime after 5 Oct. (see returns of officers of the Maryland flying camp, that date, in Force, *American Archives*, 5th ser., 2:897, 900). He became colonel of the 5th Maryland Regiment in December and served

until 22 Oct. 1779 when he resigned his commission.

3. American losses on 16 Sept. included at least thirty-five officers and men killed, sixteen men missing, and five officers and men captured (see the casualty returns for Nixon's, Sargent's, Fellows's, and Douglas's brigades, and the 10th, 14th, 19th, and 23d Continental regiments, 18–23 Nov. 1776, in *Force, American Archives*, 5th ser., 3:719–30; Extract of a Letter to a Gentleman in Annapolis, 17 Sept., *ibid.*, 2:370–71; and Gustavus B. Wallace to his brother, 18 Sept., in "Old Virginia Line," 94–95). The number of American wounded probably was about one hundred (see *Johnston, Harlem Heights*, 87–88).

British losses in the engagement, General Howe says, were fourteen men killed and eight officers and about seventy men wounded (Howe to George Germain, 21 Sept., in *Davies, Documents of the American Revolution*, 12:227–29). Col. Stephen Kemble agrees that fourteen British soldiers were killed, but says that eleven officers and 146 men were wounded (*Kemble Papers*, 1:89). Hessian Captain Baurmeister says that twenty British were killed and 210 Hessians were wounded (*Baurmeister, Revolution in America*, 50). Gen. George Clinton, who sent out parties to bury the American dead on the morning of 17 Sept., wrote his brother-in-law, Dr. Peter Tappen, on 21 Sept. that "the Enemy removed theirs in the Night[.] we found above 60 Places where dead Men had lay from Pudles of Blood & other appearances & at other Places fragments of Bandages & Lint" (*Johnston, Harlem Heights*, 142–45).

Alexander Leslie (1731–1794), who had served as lieutenant colonel of the 64th Regiment at Boston for several years before the war and during the siege of 1775–76, was brevetted a brigadier general in America by General Howe on 3 April 1776 and commanded the light infantry brigade during the New York and New Jersey campaigns. Leslie became a major general in the spring of 1779, and in October 1780 he led an expedition to Virginia before joining Cornwallis in South Carolina in December. Leslie was promoted to lieutenant general in July 1781, and that fall he succeeded Cornwallis as commander of the southern theater.

4. The main lines of Howe's army ran from Horn's Hook on the East River at present-day East 89th Street to the Hudson River near Bloomingdale with advanced posts a short distance north between McGown's Pass near the northeast corner of present-day Central Park and the Hudson in the vicinity of present-day West 106th Street (see William Howe to George Germain, 21 Sept., in *Davies, Documents of the American Revolution*, 12:227–29, and *Mackenzie, Diary*, 1:56–57). After the landing at Kip's Bay on 15 Sept., Frederick Mackenzie says Howe "took up his quarters at Mr Elliott's house, about 2 miles from New York" (*ibid.*, 50). By 23 Sept. Howe's headquarters was about four miles from the city "at Lt. Col. James Beekman's House on the East River near Turtle Bay" (Letter from New York, 23 Sept., in *Johnston, Harlem Heights*, 210). Apthorp's mansion at Bloomingdale near the present-day intersection of 91st Street and 10th Avenue probably was Gen. Henry Clinton's headquarters (see *ibid.*, 51–52). Charles Ward Apthorp (d. 1797), a member of the king's council for New York, fled to Governor Tryon's ship, the *Dutchess of Gordon*, in June 1776 when he was summoned to appear before the provincial congress as a suspected Loyalist. In 1779 Apthorp was indicted for treason, and the following year his Bloomingdale estate was confiscated and offered for sale. He returned to New York after the war, however, and was acquitted of the charges against him.

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**Brown, Joseph** (Pa). Surgeon's Mate 7th Pennsylvania, January, 1777; Surgeon, July, 1777; retired 1st July, 1778. (Died 1835.)

**Brown, Joseph** (S. C.). Lieutenant-Colonel South Carolina Militia, 1779-1781.

**Brown, Joshua** (Mass). 1st Lieutenant of Prescott's Massachusetts Regiment, May to December, 1775; was wounded at Bunker Hill, 17th June, 1775; 1st Lieutenant 7th Continental Infantry, 1st January to 31st December, 1776; Captain 15th Massachusetts, 1st January, 1777; supernumerary, 1st August, 1779.

**Brown, Josiah** (Conn). 2d Lieutenant of Sherburne's Continental Regiment, 28th February 1777; resigned 17th April, 1780. (Died 12th August, 1826.)

**Brown, Josiah** (N. H.). 1st Lieutenant 3d New Hampshire, 23d May to December, 1775.

**Brown, Josiah** (Vt). Lieutenant Vermont Militia in 1777.

**Brown, Malcolm** (Ga). Captain and Aide-de-Camp to General Andrew Williamson, and deserted to the enemy with the General in July, 1780.

**Brown, Morgan W.** (N. C.). 1st Lieutenant 9th North Carolina, 28th November, 1776; resigned 12th October, 1777; served as a Volunteer, and was taken prisoner at Charleston 12th May, 1780. (Died 1840.)

**Brown, Moses** (Mass). Sergeant in Lexington Alarm, April, 1775; Captain 14th Continental Infantry, 1st January to 31st December, 1776. (Died 1820.)

**Brown, Nathan** (Mass). Captain of Mansfield's Massachusetts Regiment, May to December, 1775; Captain, 27th Continental Infantry, 1st January to 31st December, 1776; served subsequently as Major Massachusetts Militia. (Died 29th May, 1825.)

**Brown, Nathan** (N. H.). Captain New Hampshire Militia, 1776-1780.

**Brown, Nathaniel** (R. I.). Lieutenant-Colonel Rhode Island Militia in 1775.

**Brown, Nicholas** (Pa). Ensign Pennsylvania Battalion of the Flying Camp, July to December, 1776.

**Brown, Oliver** (Mass). Private in Lexington Alarm, April, 1775; Lieutenant of Gridley's Regiment Massachusetts Artillery, June to December, 1775; Lieutenant of Knox's Regiment

Continental Artillery, 13th December, 1775; Captain Lieutenant 3d Continental Artillery, 1st January, 1777; resigned 30th April, 1779. (Died 17th February, 1846.)

**Brown, Peter** (Md). 2d Lieutenant 1st Maryland, 10th December, 1776; resigned 10th July, 1777.

**Brown, Peter W.** (Mass). Ensign 18th Continental Infantry, 1st January, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, 15th April to 31st December, 1776. (Died 23d February, 1830.)

**Brown, Richard** (N. H.). 2d Lieutenant 2d New Hampshire, 23d May to December, 1775; Quartermaster 2d New Hampshire, 8th November, 1776; resigned 22d August, 1778.

**Brown, Richard** (Pa). 3d Lieutenant of Thompson's Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, June to 26th October, 1775; Captain 1st Battalion of Miles' Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 19th March, 1776; taken prisoner at Long Island, 27th August, 1776. (Died 1811.)

**Brown, Richard** (S. C.). Lieutenant 3d South Carolina, 17th June, 1775; 1st Lieutenant, 12th September, 1775; wounded at Beaufort 9th February, 1779.

**Brown, Robert** (N. J.). Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel New Jersey Militia, 1779-1781.

**Brown, Robert** (Pa). Lieutenant of Baxter's Pennsylvania Battalion of the Flying Camp, July, 1776; taken prisoner at Fort Washington, 16th November, 1776; exchanged 25th January, 1781. (Died 26th February, 1823.)

**Brown, Robert** (R. I.). Colonel Rhode Island Militia in 1775.

**Brown, Robert** (Va). Lieutenant of a Virginia State Regiment, 1778 to 1781.

**Brown, Samuel** (Conn). 1st Lieutenant 20th Continental Infantry, 1st January to 31st December, 1776.

**Brown, Samuel** (Conn). Surgeon's Mate, 1st Connecticut, 1st August, 1777; resigned 1st May, 1779.

**Brown, Samuel** (Mass). 1st Lieutenant of Thomas' Massachusetts Regiment, May, 1775; taken prisoner at Quebec, 31st December, 1775. (Died 1828.)

**Brown, Samuel** (Mass). 2d Lieutenant of Bridges' Massachusetts Regiment, May, 1775; wounded at Bunker Hill, 17th June, 1775.

**Brown, Stephen** (Conn). 1st Lieutenant 3d Connecticut, 1st May to 7th

December, 1775; Captain 20th Continental Infantry, 1st January to 31st December, 1776; Captain 4th Connecticut, 1st January, 1777; killed 15th November, 1777, in the defence of Fort Mifflin, Pa.

**Brown, Sylvanus** (Conn). Captain Lieutenant 5th Connecticut, 1st May to 13th December, 1775; Captain of Silliman's Connecticut State Regiment, 20th June to 25th December, 1776; Captain 8th Connecticut, 1st January, 1777; retired 15th November, 1778.

**Brown, Tarlton** (S. C.). Lieutenant South Carolina, —, 1776; Captain, —, 1777; served to —.

**Brown, Thomas** (Conn). Major of Douglas' Connecticut State Regiment in 1776, and Lieutenant-Colonel Connecticut Militia in 1777.

**Brown, Thomas** (Ga). 1st Lieutenant 2d Georgia, —; killed at Stono Ferry, 20th June, 1779.

**Brown, Thomas** (Mass). 2d Lieutenant of Little's Massachusetts Regiment, 19th May to December, 1775.

**Brown, Thomas** (Va). Ensign 1st Virginia, 8th February, 1776; 2d Lieutenant, — May, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, 4th October, 1776; Captain Lieutenant, 18th October, 1777, and served to —.

**Brown, Timothy** (R. I.). Lieutenant of Captain Spalding's Company Rhode Island Artillery, 15th January, 1776, to May, 1777.

**Brown, William** (Md). Lieutenant Maryland Militia in 1776; Captain Independent Company Maryland Artillery, 20th November, 1777; Company transferred to 1st Continental Artillery, 30th May, 1778; Major 1st Continental Artillery, 31st January, 1781, and served to June, 1783.

**Brown, William** (N. Y.). 1st Lieutenant 1st New York, 28th June, 1775, to January, 1776, and Captain, July to November, 1776.

**Brown, William** (Va). Assistant Surgeon of the Flying Camp, 19th September to 1st December, 1776; Surgeon-General of the Hospital, Middle Department, 13th May, 1777; Physician and Director-General of Hospital, 6th February, 1778; resigned 21st July, 1780.

**Brown, Windsor** (Va). Captain 1st Virginia State Regiment, 28th February, 1777, to January, 1781.

**Brown, Zephaniah** (R. I.). Ensign of Richmond's Rhode Island State Regi-

ment, 19th August, 1776; 1st Lieutenant 1st Rhode Island, 11th February, 1777; Captain, 11th November, 1779; retained in Olney's Rhode Island Battalion May, 1781, and served to 3d November, 1783.

**Browne, William** (Pa). Lieutenant of Miles' Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 8th January, 1776; 1st Lieutenant 9th Pennsylvania, 2d December, 1776; wounded at Brandywine 11th September, 1777; retired 30th September, 1778. (Died 1825.)

**Brownell, Jonathan** (R. I.). Captain of Church's Rhode Island Regiment, 3d May to December, 1775; wounded at Bunker Hill 17th June, 1775; Captain in Babcock's and Lippitt's Rhode Island State Regiments in 1776 and 1777. (Died 1796.)

**Brownfield, Robert** (S. C.). Surgeon's Mate 2d South Carolina in 1778, and served to close of war.

**Browning, Isaac** (Va). Captain Virginia Militia, 1780-1781.

**Browning, Jacob** (N. J.). Captain New Jersey Militia in 1777.

**Brownlee, Alexander** (Va). Ensign of Grayson's Continental Regiment, 1st November, 1777; resigned 27th January, 1778.

**Brownlee, Alexander** (—). Ensign, —; killed at Guilford, 15th March, 1781.

**Brownlee, John** (Va). Surgeon's Mate Virginia Regiment, —; taken prisoner at Charleston, 12th May, 1780.

**Brownlee, Joseph** (Pa). 3d Lieutenant 2d Battalion of Miles' Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 15th August, 1776; taken prisoner at Long Island 27th August, 1776; exchanged 9th December, 1776; 1st Lieutenant Pennsylvania State Regiment, 18th April, 1777; resigned 22d June, 1777. Also reported (unofficially) as having been killed by the Indians at the burning of Hannastown in 1782.

**Brownlee, Wm.** (Va). Sergeant of Grayson's Additional Regiment, — March, 1777; Ensign, 8th June, 1777; 2d Lieutenant, 1st February, 1778; Regimental Quartermaster, 15th September, 1778; transferred to Gist's Regiment, 22d April, 1779; retired 1st January, 1781.

**Brownson, Eli** (Conn). 1st Lieutenant Connecticut Militia at the battle of Bennington, August, 1777. (Died 1830.)