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“The alarms of war and a Crie for human Blude.”

August 24, 1760

Augustine Caldwell, 1899

DIARY OF JOHN FROST, JR., 1760. — Eliot, Maine.
EXPEDITION AGAINST CANADA.

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Prob. in Capt. Chadburn & Co. Col. Williams Regt.

REMARKS made in the Expedition against Cannda, In the year 1760, by me, John Frost, Jun'r :

May 10, 1760. I Left home on may 10. Day I Left, my Father very sick a Bad. & Rode in Company with Capt. Chadbourn & Several other Gentlemen to Kingstown.

May 20th. Very Raney. Rode to Belerica to Osgoods where we Lodged.

21st. Raney this Day. Arived at Worcester.

22. This morning waited on Collo : williams For orders Had ouer men musterd.

23d. Very Beasy makeing up ouer Biliten Role at Capt. Curtises, when 80 oxen was Drove by, 2 of which Gurted 7 feet and 10 Inches. Sum Showers to-Day.

24th. This Day Very Plest. Som Showers. Caried in ouer Biliting Roll.

Sunday, 25th. This morning we went and took Part of ouer billiting of mr. Gray, & likewise we paid of Part of ouer men.

Monday, 26th. This Day took ouer Blankets, &c. Very Raine this Evening.

27th. This Day we Rec'd ouer Provision, and marched to Leicestor to Fleggs. Some Showers & hard thunder. Bad Traveling.

28th. This Day we marched. Showers. at Kingstown Samuel Bridges being Very sick we Cared him upon ouer horses most of the way.

29th. This day we marched to Springfield where we Tarded all night in order to have ouer men musterd at Mr. Church.

30th. This Day we marched to Westfield. a Plesant Day. Good Road. We went over a River about forty Rood in Bredth. Some Rode over, same waded over.

31st. Marched to ye foot of Glasgow mountains & there Dined at Tackets. Marcht to Knox at Glasgow. Very hot Day & there put up.

June, Sunday 1. Fair pleasint weather. About 9 Clock we marchd into the Green woods, the weather being Ex-treme Hot. Just after Dark we arrived at Mr. Chadwicks in Number one, where we Tarried all Night.

Mundy, 2th. Fair pleasant in the Morning. after Dinner we marchd from Number one toward Sheffield. This Day there was a Smart Shower. This Day I was much out of order. Taried all night at Burgets.

3d Day. We marchd to Ingersols where we found Mr. Thomas Moody Very Sick. had a good Super, And inted for the Ich with anquintum: & Lev't Fauster Likewise.

4th. this Day it Was Very Raineye all Day: we tarried here all Day. Just before night I was taken Very Ill and went to bad.

5th. this Day Very Rayney. I was better. the Company marchd on. Capt. Chadbourn, Lev't Fauster marchd with them and left me behind. Left Serg't Barnes and Ins: McIntyre with me. There was four Companies Came along that day from Corneticut.

6th. this day it was Very Rainey all Day. Several Company went a Long from Cornidicut.

7th. this Day Very Rayney.

8th, Sunday. This Day fair weather. Last of the Day Sum Showers.

9th. this Day I and Mr. Moody sot of from Mr. Ingersels of Nobeltown, & arrived at green bush about Dark. we went from one house to another till it was Late: and at last we Put up at Capt. Doves where we cowld not git any Super, and was fost to Lay on the flooer.

10th. this Day I Sent my horse back by John, and marched to the Campt over to Olbany. John Johnson Died this Day about ten of Clock with a favoor. Was sick about three Days.

11th. this Day it was hot all day.

12th. this Day it was Very Worm. We had thirty four men Drafted out for waggoners. This night I was taken with an naggo fit.

14th. This day we Put on and a Rived two miles above Half Moon where we Put up.

15th, Sunday. This Day we Put on to Stillwater where we took in Sixteen Barrels of Pork. Went on about three miles up the River, where we Camp't.

16th. This Day we went on. Very hot in the four noon About one or two of Clock there was a Very great Thunder Shower, which Lasted till night. We tarried all night at Saratogue.

17th. This day we took our Lowence for four Days, and marched on with ouer Battowes, till about two ouers by Soon, where we Put up at the End of the Doag Road, there came on a Very great Thunder Shower, which lasted all night. Very Rainey & Cold.

18th. This day we Put aBourd all ouer Pork and Put on towards fort miller where we incamp't all night.

19th. This Day we Put on to foart Edward, where we arived about twelve of Clock, onloaded all our Provision. hear we tarried all night, and it was Very Rainey till about two ouers before soon. Left Lieut. Bradbury at foart Edwards.

20th. This morning it was over cast. One of Capt. Moulton's men cut himself Very Bad in the Lag. Left him behind. Sot out for Lake George at fourt william Hannery, where we tarried all night.

21st. This Day it was very Rainey all Day. We put on the Lake towards Crown Pint. Got as far as Diamient Ileant where we tarried all night.

22d. Sunday. This Day we Put on Fairweather, where we arived at the Landing. Tarried all night.

23d. This Day Very Rayney. we Loaded ouer Battows on waggones to hall over the fawels. I was much out of order hear. We tarried all night.

24th. Fair weather this morning. We struck ouer Tents and Sot out for the milles where we Loaded ouer Battows with Poark, and Put out for Ticonderoag, where we Rec'd ouer armes, &c. and Capt. Chadbourn's Company was stacen'd hear; wilst Capt. Bradford, Capt. fallows, Capt. Harras & Capt. moulton, Capt. West went on to Crown Pint.

25th. This Day I Rec'd orders to go to Crown Pint, with a row gallow & a Battey, with Twenty-four men, where I arrived about two ouers by soon at night, and Campt with Capt. Moulton.

26th. Fair weather. This morning I arrived with Capt. Moulton.

27th. This Day Sum Rain. I was much out of order. Capt. Chadbourn Came down this Day about a nouer by soon. It was very Rayney all night.

28th. This day fair weather. I Sent a letter hom by Capt. Huchkins.

29th. Sunday. This day I was much out of order.

July 1st. [1760.] This Day Sum Rain. There was two men cared out of the Campt with Small Pocks. They be- long to Capt. fallows.

2d. This Day fair in the morning. Lieut. Bradbury came up. This Day I Rec'd a letter from my wife and father.

4th. This morning over Cast in the morning; fair weather in the afternoon. Bregerdear Timothy Rudgels Came to Campt about four of Clock in the afternoon.

Lord's Day, 6th. Very hot this day, and I was much out of order with a bad Cofe.

8th. This Day in the mornin about a Nower by Soon Light, over against the fourt, a Party of Indeanes fell on some of Mr. Rodgers [———?] as they were at work, and kiled one and wounded eight. Eight more missing.

11th. This day there was two men Died out of Hospetal that were wounded. Capt. Wentworth went to the hos- petal in the morning. We went in to see them that ware a Live. And of all the smell that ever I smelt, there never was none that ever smelt so bad.

13,h. Lord's Day. This Day I went on fortigue. Just after Sunsit there was a Regular Solder Confined in ower Quarter gard, and after he had been in there a littel wile, there came a mob and forst the gard, took out the Prisoner There was a great Stur. One Regelar wounded in the Strugel. 14th-16th. Very Hot.

17th. This Day I took the Quarter Gard. Very coald.

19th. Liev't Richman was confined to his tent.

20th. Nothing Remark'l. 21th. nothing Remarkebal.

Tuesday, July 22d. Alexander gerrish was Carried to the Hospetal.

23d. I was on a General Court marshal to try Liev't John Richman.

24th. This day I was on fortigue.

25. This day I was much out of order.

28th. On fortigue. hawling timber in the fourt and took the Picket this night.

29. on fortigue with the Picket.

31. The New Hampsher Trupes came by this Day.

August 1. [1760.] On fatigue Sinking the Battey.

3d. Lord's Day. We had a Sermon preched by Mr. Scroffard.

4th. Munday. This Day I was on a Court marshall. Capt. Nathn'l Baley, President : Liv't Sewall, Liv't Bradbury, Liv't Frost, Ensien Chubbuck members, to tri all Presenars that Should be brought befour said Court.

5th. Tuesday. I sent two Letters by Mr. Feriton.

7th. on Fortigue a rolling Timber.

8th. This Day I Recd a Letter from my Father, Dated June 16th.

9th. all hands gitting Ready to gow Down to St. Johns

11th. We Sot of with the holl armey towards St. Johns, an Landed this night a bout six miles from Crown Point.

August 12. This Day Sot of on ouer march, and got about Seven mile where we went on Shore.

13th. This day we Sot of with ouer Fleat about nine of Clock in the morning. We went on shore about two ouers by Soon at night.

14. About ten of Clock in fore noon there was a Very great Storm of rain, high Wind. We Lost ten or more men that were over Sot an Drownded. One man to day was Shot by the means of a gon going of accidently. A very Unlucky day in Dead.

15th. Very hard wind. Got within site of the Bridge, where we Tarried all night.

16th. We sot of for St. John's: at three of Clock in the

morning we got thear: when our Slupes * * Here we are now all drawn up in order to land, and expect to Land every moment. * *

we all Landed well. Not one man hirt. we Landed about one of Clock in the afternoon. All hands ware imployed about a brest work here. We tarried all night. I was Picket this night.

17th. The Lord's Day. One of our battoes went near the fourt and fired: met with Som Damedge: six men haveing Eight Lags Shot of. I am for Picket this night.

19th. I was on fortigue a bout the batery. Just before night the French Fiered three Shot at us ware we ware at work. The first was very high. Cut of the trees. The next ware Very Low.

20th. there was french Desarters came. The French Fired this afternoon very hot: but hirt nobody.

21st. The French Fired Very Hot on ouer men that ware at work on the batery. Wounded Six or Seven.

22d. nothing Extrodaney.

23d. there was two men killed and one taken by Eudeans out of Collo: witturms Redgement. This Day about 3 of clock we open'd ouer Batery and hild on Firing all night.

24th. This is the Lord's Day, and a most Tarebal Day it is. in Stead of gowing to Church nothing but the Roarin of Cannons and morters—the alarms of war and a Crie for human Blude.

This evening about eight of Clock, we met with a misfortain: had one ensien shot through; one Seirgent Shot of one hand and broke the other arm. Wm Furbush was his name.

25th. This Day we took a bridge, [brig?] a Slupe, a Skuner, all from the French, with Several Prisoners abourd, with seven Barel of Poder. a Very Lucky Day. Lost two or three men.

26th. We fiered Very wormely on the French.

27th. we had a Very hot batel with our Cannon from both Sides till Sonset. And about two of Clock in the

afternoon met with a bad axdent: we had ouer magezien of one batery blowen up by means of the French firing hot shot. We lost six men. This night we fired Very hard on the French, and Just before Day they Left the Illand and went. I was on the Picket this night.

28th. This Day we took possession of the Island: took one 100 men Prisoners. and now, blessed be god, the English Flag is flying on the Isle noix.

30th. This Day ouer arney Sat of for St. John's & I was ordered to gow to the Island o' nox, with a Party of fifty men, where I arived about Eight of Clock, where Capt. Wentworth and I took a house to Live in. Liv't Moody was with us, and was very Sick.

31st. Serg't Furbush Died here with his wounds.

September the first, 1760.
at the Isle of Noix.

5th. One of our men came up here for Provision. Ensign Frost came with them very sick.

6th. Just before night Came up here the French [Legnear?] with a great many Prisoners.

7th. Sargent Hutskins Died this Day. there was four buried.

9th. about two of Clock this night we had the næs that [mount Beriah?] was taken.

12th. Mr. Moody sick.

14th. This is the Lord's Day. About Six of Clock in the after Noon ouer arney Came back.

15th. This Day ouer arney sot of for Crown Point. I was ordered to Stay here with Capt. wentworth.

20th. Was on fortigue. Getting oars in the woods.

23d. I was on a Court marshall.

24th. the Rangers ordered back from Crown Point with the batery.

1760. at the Isle noix october first.

This Day Collo: Hamelton Came here with His Redgement and went on to Crown Pint.

2d. I Sat of the Isle noix and incampt about Twenty

miles this side the Island.

3d. put on til about twell of Clock, when a Slupe Came up with me and took me in.

4th. I arrived at Crown Point about Eight of Clock, and Blessed be God that I am Releved from the Isle noix, where I Hop I Shant never bee a Gain.

8th. Ensien Pepperell Frost Died after a Long fit of Sickness.

9th. Ouer Sick was Viewed by Doct'r Mounrow.

10th. Some of ouer Sick went of.

15th. General Amhust Came here. I Rec'd four or five Letters from home.

21st. ouer Sick was viewed by Dock'r Munrow.

22d. Snow fell two inches.

23d. ouer Sick went of by number four. John McIntire went with them.

24th. The rest of the Sick went of by the way of Albany.

26th. The Rangers went of.

27th. I was on the Quarter Guard.

29th. I was much out of order.

31st. At Crown Point.

November 10. A Surlute fired from ouer cannon, being the King's birth Day.

12th. Sot of with Capt. Chadbourn.

13th. Put on our march.

SOME OF THE SOLDIERS.

The "acc'ts," (on the blank leaves of the Diary,) at "Crown Point and Isle noix of what I supplied the men with," give the names of some of the soldiers :

" At the Isle noix, Sept. 8, 1760, William More, one Pound of Chease, 1 Pound Shuger."

John Ross	Samuel Bridges	Nathan Tyer
Parker Gowell	David Sherin	James McCarell
Jonathan Woodman		Benja Fauster
Alexander Gerrish		Thomas Peabody
Benjamin Abbott		Ebenezer Smith

Before the " Isle" was reached, other names were given:

Benja : Welch,	David Wittum,
John McIntyre,	Thomas Spofford.

In payments made to Soldiers, not only were amounts in shillings and pounds, but also the terms quarter dollar and dollar are used.

The "debit acc'ts" include :

A Bole of Brandy
 a gel of Cordel
 a bole of Sangere
 a geal of Srub
 a bole of Punch
 a Pint of Wine
 half a pint anne seed
 a Pint of Rum
 Loaf Shuger, muton, Chease
 half lb Cocalet

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