

He was also recognized by the Government after the expedition to St. John was abandoned, by its sending him blank Commissions for some purpose. In no other report or letter written at that time was it claimed that any other officer had the command. In Col. Eddy's deposition July 7, 1779, he testifies that he was "commanding officer" there. As to the criticisms upon Col. Eddy relating to any former period, I have only to say that he appears to have had the continued confidence of the Government, which gave him, if not the command of the expedition, the command of a Regiment therein! Mr. Allan comes down upon me with the crushing statement that "except what appears in his own letter I do not find that Col. Eddy was really in the Battle." I submit that what I have written goes to show that Col. Eddy was in the Battle and was "commanding officer."

But to turn the tables, was Col. Allan in the Battle? If so, where is the proof? Where is the proof that he had any military command recognized there at that time, or a soldier under his orders? In what is called Col. Allan's Diary, written by Lieut. Fred Delesdernier, under date of Machias, Oct. 11, 1777, (See Kidder, page 142) is written, "yesterday Mr. Allan took command of the military, having received a colonel's commission for that purpose." And in a note at the bottom of same page Mr. Kidder adds "previous to this it is probable he had been mainly acting as Superintendent of the Indians, although he was appointed a Colonel by the Mass. government six months previous." There is no proof that at that time he was acting in any other capacity than Superintendent of the Eastern Indians. Some of those Indians took part in the Battle. In his letter of Aug. 17, 1777, (Kidder, page 204) he says " * * * I embody'd the Indians between Forty and Fifty. After I had spoken to them upon the matter they very cheerfully *went* on Service down the River." In same letter (page 206) " * * * At 10 o'clock Captain Smith with a number of white men and *all the Indians* set off &c." Col. Eddy says in his official report: "It happened