

We opened ye great lake of Champlain, ye wind coming contrary; we went on shore about 6 o'clock on ye west side of ye lake and camped. Wm. Vance counted all the boats belonging to our fleet, of all sizes, and they were about 380 in all.

Thursday 14th.—We made sail about sunrise with ye wind fair. In about one hour it began to rain, wind blew hard. We had a difficult day of it. We had 10 men drowned that day and then encamp't that night on ye west side of ye lake.

Friday ye 15th.—We came to sail very early with a smart gale of wind in 2 or 3 hours. Some of our boats drove to seaward and could not stand it. About 3 of ye clock, we landed on east side of ye lake; we then being in sight of our 3 warlike vessels, to-wit: One brig and 2 sloops. Our boats not coming that went to seaside, we concluded yt they were lost. We encamp't there that night and received orders for ye next day.

Saturday, 16th.—This morn embarked before sunrise and went down ye lake in order to land near ye Island, expecting hot work, but we landed about 3 of ye clock without ye least disturbance, ye fort being about a good league distance, ye Siggaman Ruddo being in ye front she fired at ye fort and vessels that lay there and continued firing once in a while for our safety. We went to work to make a breast work for our safety. We could see our neighbors but they came not to see us. Capt. Watts * * * and ye R., boats that we was concerned about, came ashore to us after we were at work.

Sunday, 17th.—This day one of our row gallies went so near to ye fort that they received an 18 pound shot from ye fort which took off 8 legs from 6 men; 3 of men died in about 3 or 4 hours.

Monday, 18th.—This day is employed in doing sort of work that is thought for the best, ye French firing sometimes ball and sometimes grape shot at our men, but no damage done this day.

Tuesday, 19th.—This day all hands work for the benefit of a[rmy]. Last night one of our boats went to sound ye channel near ye fort; ye French fired grape shot at them and killed one, sunk a Ra [Sinklear] [Ranger?] and wounded 2 provincials.

Wednesday, 20th. This day a deserter came in from ye French fort and informs us that when our army came first in sight they had but about 300 men in ye fort and not one cannon mounted, but now they have a pretty many cannon mounted and are about 1500 strong.

Thursday, 21st.—This day Patee went to see my friends among the rangers and returning to my camp there came a 12 pound shot and struck a tree and ye splinter that flew from ye tree took away a part a regulars buttocks and hurt him very much, but not mortal. Another shot came and cut off several legs from men. It is not expected that they will all live.

Friday, 22d.—This morning a little before day, a great number of small arms were fired in Ruggelse's Reg't, at a stump, thinking it was an Indian, which put us into some consternation. This day died one of ye men that was wounded yesterday.

Saturday, 23d.—This morning a going to prayers, 4 Rhode Island men came ashore to cut wood, within 100 rods of our battery. A party of Indians came on them and killed and scalped an Indian belonging to them; ye rest made their escapes. Ye sun about 2 hours high, we opened our batteries of mortar and cannon on the fort and played away very hot on them all night. They sent neither shot nor shell all ye while, excepting a pretty many small arms, but did no hurt.