

ordered some of his men to dismount and attempt to force out of the windows. Some servants from a small outhouse commenced a fire; Corporal Burt with three men was sent to them, broke the door open, and took nine prisoners. Cornet Spencer made several offers to parley with those who defended the house, but to no purpose; they kept up a continual fire; and finding it impossible to break open the door or force the windows, he set fire to one angle of the roof which was of wood. He again offered the inmates quarter if they would surrender, but they refused. By this time some of the speediest of the cavalry had come to his assistance and firing ceased. Captains Deimar and Wickham, who had collected a great number of prisoners, now joined the advance. Col. Bailey, as he opened the door to surrender, was most unfortunately shot by one of Deimar's Hussars, so that he died three days afterward. Of the Rangers, advance guard two men were killed and two wounded, and one man of the 17th Regt. was also killed. In this house Col. Bailey, two captains, three sub-alterns and twenty-one soldiers were taken, and in all twelve officers and one hundred and eighty-two men were made prisoners. Major Du Buy gave the Rangers the highest praise for their gallant services on this occasion.

On the 21st of June the infantry of the Rangers landed on Staten Island and marched to Richmond Redoubts. At midnight Simcoe received orders to proceed instantly to Elizabethtown Point, where General Kniphausen's army was encamped. There the Hussars of the Rangers joined the regiment. Lieut. McNab, who commanded them, had found an

opportunity of distinguishing himself by the intrepidity with which he advanced into Elizabethtown, amidst the fire of the enemy, in order to entice them into an ambuscade which had been laid for them but which they were too cautious to fall into. That evening the Queen's Rangers and the Yagers attacked the enemy's advance post, for the purpose of taking some prisoners who might give intelligence, in which they succeeded with the loss of two men killed.

On the 23rd June General Mathews with a division of the troops marched before day to Springfield; the Rangers making the advance guard. The enemy's smaller parties fell back upon a larger one, which was well posted on an eminence, covered on the right by a thicket and on the left by an orchard; the road being in a deep hollow between them. While the battalions of General Skinner's brigade, who flanked the march, were exchanging shots with these troops, Lieut. Col. Simcoe closed the companies of the Rangers and directed them to rush down the hollow road in column without firing, and then by wheeling to the right, to ascend to the orchard and divide the enemy's parties. This was done and Capt. Stephenson, who led both the riflemen and light infantry company, obtained the ground on their flank without loss, making several prisoners. The enemy fled and the Rangers pursued closely on the right. On the left, the enemy finding themselves liable to be outflanked by the Rangers, also retired, and crossed the bridge at Springfield, where they had some cannon. They fired a few shots by which two of the Rangers were killed as they slept.