

of a journey of several hundred miles," and he requests Captains Heward, Robinson and others to assure the officers and men under their respective command "that their services have been duly appreciated and will never be forgotten." He had also previous to this expressed sympathy with those who were not able to attend to the harvesting of their crops.

To show that Brock was always ready for any emergency, the story of the deserter and the mutiny planned may be told, with other incidents, which show his alertness. In 1797, the year of the Mutiny of the Nore, the disaffection was spreading to the army, and Brock kept strict watch, did not retire to bed till daylight, and always slept with his pistols beside him. His rule was stern yet mild, and soon brought the unruly regiment to order. Sheaffe was his junior, and at that time was much disliked for his severity. The regiment cheered on one occasion when Brock returned, and for this offence, in a military point of view, they were rebuked by Brock and confined to barracks for a week. There were two occasions in which he showed his quick wittedness in a serious difficulty, first when at York six deserters crossed the lake and landed on the American shore. At midnight Brock heard of it and at once ordered a boat and started off. They rowed across the lake, a hard pull of over 30 miles, and then searched the shore till they found the men, brought them back and sent them to prison cells at Fort George.

The next difficulty was a more serious one, a mutiny having been planned with the intention of murdering the commander, Sheaffe. The plot was accidentally discovered, word sent to Brock at York, who lost no time, again crossed the lake, landed on the beach and walked to the fort. Not a moment did he hesitate. The sergeant who happened to be on guard was one of the suspected ones and was sternly ordered to lay down his arms, handcuffed and marched off; the others in turn were put in irons, twelve in all, sent to York with the seven deserters, tried at Quebec, and four of the mutineers and three of the deserters were shot. They said had they been under the command of Brock they would not so have acted. When the account was read to their companions at Fort George, Brock spoke with much feeling: "Since I have had the honor to wear the British uniform I have never felt grief like this. It pains me to the heart to think that any members of my regiment should have engaged in a conspiracy