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opposite the N. Redoubt. She fir'd a great deal of grape Shot and the fire was return'd from Musketry be'ing the Stumps and bushes. Four Men were slightly wounded, among them was Dr Millar Surgeons Mate in the 26th Reg^t—

The Enemy kept firing at us during this Expedition and sent a few Shells towards us but very ill directed. We seconded the fire of the Galley by Shells.

8th We endeavour'd to strengthen our Magazine with logs and Earth. Cap^t: McKay Monin and about 15 Volunteers pass'd the night in the woods.

9th The Row Galley was sent a little way down the river at daybreak, in hopes of decoying some stragglers to fire upon her, so as to give the party in the Woods an Opportunity of surprising them—But she return'd without having been fir'd at. The Volunteers fell in with a small party and brought in two Men, one dangerously wounded and the other expiring. The former died a day or two after. The Intelligence we receiv'd was that there were 200 Canadians at Hazens, 1,000 Men at Pt Daniel and 1,000 Men below us at the Enemys lower Camp—In the Evening the Enemy threw Shells. Three large ones fell into the N. Redoubt & Several fell into the South Redoubt but only two Men were wounded and those very slightly. Two Volunteers sat out for Montreal by Major Preston's consent.

10th. We began to be more sparing of our Ammunition to make it keep proportion with the provision. A woman who lost her way from one of the Rebels Camps to the other was brought into the Redouts. She talk'd of Batteaux loaded with sick Men having left the Point, and of Guns being arrived there.

We could see the Enemy dragging Cannon on the other side of the River.

Shells at night and great shouting at the Point, together with firing of small Arms. Our Men kept their health pretty well.

11. Two Embrasures were unmasked at a Battery opposite the N. Redoubt and a few shot were fir'd from them. The Royal Savage was warp'd nearer the S. Redoubt and close in Shore, many thought she might have silenc'd a Battery of two small guns.

We had Shells in the Evening. One fell into the barn in the S. Redoubt but did no more mischief than was repair'd in two hours in the night. Men and Gun Carriages were seen crossing the River at the Point. Many thought the Enemy were going to attack Chamblie.

12. Another Carriage and more Men cross'd the River. Sleet Rain and very cold Weather. Several Volunteers again talk'd of going to Montreal but did not obtain leave. They surely suffer'd a great deal, but it was no time to complain. We were busied in raising the gunwale of the row Galley and chocking her.

13. Some small Mortars were brought down to the N. Redoubt, and one of the Howitzers. A great many Men with packs at their backs were seen going down the opposite side of the River by Hazens. We heard nothing more from the new Battery opposite us but saw 4 Embrasures and 2 Guns. We open'd an Embrasure in the East Side of the N. Redout.

14. Two deserters came in, they told us the Battery opposite us was to be of 4 guns 2 12 lbs a 9 and a 6 lb. They said more Shells were sent for from Crownpoint, that the Mortar Battery was quite enclos'd with a breast work and its guard was 300 Men.

At about 1 o'Clock the Battery of 4 guns open'd upon us. The 2 Gun Battery play'd upon us and shells were thrown at the same time. The House was in a little time very much damag'd. A 13 Inch Shell fell into it which fortunately hurt no one, but broke most of the partitions, threw down a Chimney and made the inside of the House a pile of rubbish in which scarcely a habitable Corner was to be found.

The shell burst in falling and the Experiment if our Magazine was bomb proof was not tried. This day Mr. Freeman Lieut. in the Royal Fuziliers was Kill'd by a 4 lb Shot.

Part of a Barrel of Powder blew up in the S. Redoubt and hurt 4 Men, one is since dead. Two Men in the N. Redout were hurt by the rubbish a shell threw up.