

Nothing of moment occurred until the 23rd March, 1780. when the infantry of the Rangers received orders to embark for Charleston, S. C., which they did on the 4th April. Capt. Wickham was left with the Hussars in the town of Richmond and a detachment of the 82nd Regt. occupied the redoubts. The Hessian Regt. of Ditforth, Queen's Rangers, Volunteers of Ireland, and Prince of Wales Volunteers, under the command of Col. Westerhagen sailed on the 7th. The Rangers arrived in Stonoinlet on the 18th and, passing the Ashley river, arrived at camp before Charleston on the 21st, where they covered the troops employed on the siege of that place, by extending between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. The infantry consisted of 400, rank and file, and there was not a sick man among them. The soldiers were new clothed and accoutered and the regiment was greatly congratulated on its fine appearance. Charleston, which was defended by General Lincoln, surrendered to the British on the 12th May, and immediately after the capitulation the Rangers marched to Dorchester; from which they returned to Charleston and on the 31st May embarked for New York.

Capt. Wickham with the Queen's Rangers Hussars, who were left at Richmond, had in the meantime not been idle. On the 15th April the cavalry on Staten Island, consisted of Cornet Tucker and 20 of the 17th Regt. of light dragoons, Capt. Wickham with his troop of 45 Queen's Rangers and Capt. Deimar with his troop of 40 Hussars, crossed at Cole's. ferry and were joined by Major DuBuy with 300 of the Regt. DeBoise and 50 of Col. Bevelry

Robinson's corps, the Loyal American Regiment. At New Bridge, Sergeant McLaughlin with six of the Rangers in advance fell in with and either killed or captured the whole of a small American outpost. Leaving fifty infantry to guard the bridge, the detachment continued their march to Hopper Town where they designed to surprise Col. Bailey who was stationed there with 300 soldiers. Cornet Spencer, with 12 of the Ranger Hussars, and Cornet Tucker, with the same number of the 17th Dragoons, formed the advance guard; then followed Capt. Diemar with his troop; the infantry and the remainder of the cavalry closed the rear. Hopper Town was a straggling village a mile long, Col. Bailey's quarters being at the further end. The nearest building was the Court House which contained an officers' piquet of 20 men and covered the bridge over which the troops must pass. The advance was ordered to force the bridge, which they did in gallant style, and pushed forward through the town at full speed; while the rest of the cavalry dispersed to pick up the fugitives and take possession of their abandoned quarters. Cornet Spencer, on arriving at Bailey's post with six men only, the rest not being able to keep up, found twenty-five men drawn up on the road opposite to him, on the further side of the hollow with Bailey's quarters on the right and a strong fence and swamp on their left. The officer in command, who was afterwards discovered to be Bailey, retreated with his men to the house, which was of stone. Cornet Spencer, with his party now augmented to twelve, passed the ravine and, taking possession of the angles of the house,