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**The Journal of Corporal William Todd  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Regiments of Foot  
Volume 3**

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## **Introduction**

EHC/164 is the diary of Corporal William Todd (1725-1763), of the 12th and 30th Regiments of Foot. As most ordinary soldiers during this period were illiterate diaries are extremely rare. This transcript is based on an earlier transcript made by Todd's daughter, Peggie. His daughter also created an index to the journal which she placed near to the beginning.

See also volume 1.

## **Editor's Note**

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The 3<sup>d</sup> Third Volume of Corporal Todd Journal begun to be written  
Over by Peggie Todd December 16<sup>th</sup> 1775

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The Number of Forces that composed the Allied Army in High  
Germany under the Command of His Serene Highness Prince  
Ferdinand.

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English Cavalry 12 Regiments of Horse Dragoon and Major  
General Elliots Regiment of Light

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Artillery 300 Commanded by Collonel Phillips

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1<sup>st</sup>. Brigade  
Major Gen. Sandford  
Downs

2<sup>nd</sup>. Brigade  
Major General Lord

5<sup>th</sup>. Bentincks  
24<sup>th</sup>. Cornwallis's  
37<sup>th</sup>. Stewards  
12<sup>th</sup>. Napiers

8<sup>th</sup>. Kings own  
25<sup>th</sup>. Homes  
50<sup>th</sup>. Carrs  
20<sup>th</sup>. Kingsleys

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3<sup>d</sup>. Brigade  
Highlanders  
Major General L. Fizederick Cavendish

Also two Battalions of

11<sup>th</sup>. Bocklands  
33<sup>rd</sup>. Hays  
51<sup>st</sup>. Brudenals  
Gen<sup>el</sup>. [Cezar]  
23<sup>d</sup>. Welch Fuzeleers

1<sup>st</sup>. Cambels  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Frasars  
3 Battalions of Guards

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The Marquis of Granby Comander in Chief of the English, Lieut  
 [†.[Lieutenant] Gen<sup>el</sup>. [General] Conway Waldgrave Moystone  
 Howard & Honeywood, supposed to be 30000 English Cavalry &  
 Infantry.

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Mercenary troops		Men	Allied troops
The Bakerry Consisted	1500		30000 Hanoverians
The Tin Boats & Bridges	500		20000 Brunswicks
The Miners	200		2000 Prince
Waldocks			
The Guides in Blue	100		2000 Saxogothas
			2000 Black Prussia
Hussar's			

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2000 Pandores & Green Yeagars  
 Those in Employ'd [Employed] Total 2300

The total Forces was 100000 supposed in all

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April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoornments of Ease & / about  
Noon Lieutenant Stappleton came / home & he soon heard what  
trouble I had / been in & he seing [seeing] me upon the perade  
[parade] / called me to him & he begun [began]with me very /  
sharply as telling me how well I came of [off] / by Captain Wright  
Interst [Interest] which Ought to / make me take more care of  
getting too much / Liquor & as I was very near he said of geting  
[getting] / prefer'd[preferred] he desired me for my Own good to

refrain / myself from being any ways Intoxicated I / returned him  
thanks for his Advice & promis'd [promised] / him that I would for  
the future &c /

April 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoons of Ease in / the City of Geisick  
& this Morning I Mounted / the Main Guard where three Men was  
put / prisoners for being Drunk all our Regiment that was of Duty  
Exercised upon the parade [parade] / by going through the firing  
Motions &c. we / live well here but we Expect to take the / field  
shortly several of our men gets Married / here as the Younkers  
thinks it a great Honour / to Marry with An English Soldier their  
Wages / being so very small here &c. /

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April 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons of Ease in the City of Geisick in /  
the Bishop of Collogn[e] Land my /

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Landlord Hir'd [Hired] a Maid in the room of the / Other that got  
Married & she seems a very / Sharp Merry Girl suitable for a  
Geneva House / as the Still is Obliged to be kept going almost /  
constantly by having such a trade abundance / of Rye is  
Consumed in the Making of it / by Wholesale of my Oस्पass & sells  
it out by retail        very fine / weather &c.

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April 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons of Ease in / the City of Geisick  
here is a College of / Grey Friars here that sends a man with a  
Large / Basket & a hand Bell to ring at peoples / Doors where they  
carry Out Victuals to him / of such as they have ready & he goes  
with / it to the Friars they Eat what they can & / what they leave  
they give away as they won't / keep any in the House all night this  
they / repeat daily they lay upon Boards like a / Guard Bed &  
wears nothing but a large Coarse / Grey Coat & Sandals upon



their feet but no / Stockings this they are Obliged to continue for /  
two years & then they get into the White / Friar Glass & then Black  
& after that becomes / Priests those is the poorer sort that has  
nothing / to Subsist upon untill [until] they get into place &c /

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April 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease this / day my  
Landlord ask'd me to go with him & his / Maid to the Garden to  
help them to set some / Beans Pease & Kidney Beans & he would  
please / me for it so away we went through the Gates as here is  
numbers of Gardens upon the Out= /side all round the City as my  
Landlords / might contain about half an Acre we all / three fell to  
diging[digging] & wrought pretty sharp / untill [until] Noon & then  
the Maid went for/ Dinner & brought plenty & a Large Bottle/ of  
Geneva that we might drink when we / pleas'd[pleased] we  
made the ground ready for seting [setting] / all that we could untill  
[until] Roll calling &c /

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April 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease in / the City of Geisick & this  
day we went to / work in the Garden & set both Beans & Pease  
[Peas] / & my Landlord wish'd [wished] I might remain with / them  
untill they were grown fit to Eat / but I told him there was no  
Chance of that / for the French would perhaps come & Eat /  
them for him to which he replied he did not / disire [desire]] to see  
them any more as he had been / a great sufferer by them before  
Altho'[Although]] he & / most of the City is Romans still they do  
not / like the French for they have nothing to spend / & will take  
any thing [anything] from them that they can lay /

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hold of as he says the English has feild [felt] Guilt/ & is [are] good men &c/

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April 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease / in the City of Geisick my Ospass & I was very / Bussy[Busy] in seting[setting] pease [peas]& sowing seeds all his / Cattoffels [?Kartoffels] Ravens &c is set we live well & has / great plenty of Gin to drink we got all / finnish'd [finished] by two OClock in the Afternoon & / return'd [returned] home where we found amany of our / Soldiers Drunk some fighting Others making /An uproar so that the Frow [Frau] was very / glad that we came home & we got them at the / Last a Little pacified & would let them have / no more Gin, but persuaded the worst of / them away to their Quarters to get ready for/ Roll calling &c./

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April 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease/ & this day our Camp Equipage came & every / thing [everything]ready to take the field which my Ospass & / Frow [Frau] was very sorry to here [hear]] as they got Money / so fast of the Soldiers & the most of the Town / was Uneasy at us going away for we Quarter'd / [Quartered] not above one or two at a House & several of / or men had Married in the City since we / came which made them United with us as / though we had been their own Country &c/ fine Showry weather & warm &c. /

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May 1<sup>st</sup> . 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease at /Geisick & we here [hear]that all Our Army that / Lays a distance of is upon the March towards / the Rendevouze [Rendezvous] where the

Campaign will / be Open'd [Opened] but what place or what Land we / cannot tell as yet but we have Orders to be / in readiness to March at the first Notice / very fine weather &c. /

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May 2<sup>d</sup>.1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease /in the City of Geisick this day we receiv'd / [received]Orders from Major General Sandford to hold / ourselves in readiness to March at Six / Hours Notice most of our Heavy Baggage / was Loaded & all our Arms Inspected into / by an Officer of a Company & Each man to / be provided with 36 rounds of Cartridges we / are now certain that we shall soon Leave / those good Quarters as its reported the Enemy/ is Joyning there [Joining their]forces in order to take the / field very soon. Wett[Wet]] rainy weather &c /

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May 3<sup>d</sup>.1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease in / the City of Geisick Orders this day for all our / Billets to be Exchang'd [Exchanged]upon the Account of / an Other Regiment coming here belonging our / Brigade that Lays at too great a distance we / suppose it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment so that I shall /

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Lose my good Quarters but my Ospass tells me / to come at all Oppertuinitys [Opportunities] & while I remain / in Town he will make me welcome as Usual / but we shall be more Quarter'd [Quartered]at a House &c. /

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May 4<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease / in the City of Geisich & this Morning at / Roll calling we had fresh Billets deliver'd / [delivered] out & I was Quarter'd [Quartered]in an Other part of the City / with 5 Men more we went to our / Quarters & found them but very poor Ones / Only our stay here won't be long so

we take / not much Notice of it about 4 O Clock in the/  
Afternoon the 5<sup>th</sup>. Regiment Collenel Bentinck / March'd  
[Marched]in here & was Quarter'd [Quartered]Accordingly / at  
Roll calling, in the Evening a great many / of our men was  
complaining of their New / Quarters as every one [everyone] has  
Chang'd[Changed]] for the / worse very wett [wet] weather &c /

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May 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease & / at our fresh  
Quarters we had very bad / Lodging & very poor Living as our  
Ospass has / nothing to Subsist upon but a few roots & some /  
dried [dried] Kidney Beans which the frow [Frau] makes/ into  
Soup we have our own Amunition bread or / else we should be  
badly of here to get any this / day. I mounted Guard & the  
5<sup>th</sup>.Reg<sup>t</sup>. [Regiment] mounted with us a[??] / great proportion of  
men both at the main & nort[north] Guards. fine weather /

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May 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease &c / after Roll  
calling in the morning my Ospass mett [met]with me & would  
have me home with him / where both here and his Frow[Frau]  
made very much of / me both with Victuals & drink they ask'd  
[asked] me where my Quarters was & when they heard / they said  
that my Ospass was a very poor man / but they would have me to  
call in every day as / long as we remain'd [remained]in Town as  
they had Six / Men of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Regiment Quarter'd Quartered]  
upon them / Orders for a field day tomorrow Morning at/ 6. O  
Clock for both Regiments & no man to be / Absent to be in Black  
Spatterdashes & Buff / Garters Each man to be provided with 12  
Cartridges / of powder as Major General Sandford will be /  
present fine weather &c /

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May 7<sup>th</sup> 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease at/ Half an Hour after 5 O Clock in the Morning/ we peraded [paraded] & fell into the Ranks & as soon as the/ Rolls was called & 12 rounds of powder deliver'd [delivered] to/ Each man to the Regiments we March'd of [Marched off]/ to the field of Exercise where we went through / the firings & the different Evolutions even to the satisfaction of Major General Sandford & the rest /of our Officers present who greatly Applauded both / Reg<sup>ts</sup> [Regiments] in their firing so regular we March'd [Marched]back to the parade about 11 OClock & was dismiss'd to return to our / Quarters &c /

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May 8<sup>th</sup>. -- to the 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease in the/ City of Geisick & nothing worth Notice untill [until] this / day the r[Busy] in Loading the Baggage & making preparations for the March/ to Benninghauson were we are to Cantoon some/small time untill our Army draws nearer to gather/ to Open the Campaign our Advance & Rear Guards/ is warn'd [warned] & every thing [everything] ready as soon as the Drum/ Beats very fine weather &c/

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May 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease in the / City of Geisick & this Morning the General / Beat at 4 O Clock & the troop at Half an Hour / after at which time we fell into our Ranks & / the Rolls being call'd [called] we March of [off] at 5 O Clock / to Benninghauson 6 stone where our Regiment / Cantoon'd [Cantooned] we were very full in a house as this / is but a small Village or what they call a Cline / Dorf we mount An Officers Guard & 30 Men / here we can get nothing but a Little straw to / lay upon & scarce room to Lye[Lie] down as the / Inhabitants seems very poor having been / plunder'd [plundered] of their all by the enemy &c. /

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May 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Cantoonments at Benninghausen / here is the fine  
River Lippe runs by this Town / with a large stone Bridge Over it &  
Close by /

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the door of my Quarters runs a fine ditch of / water with a  
Bundance of Roach in it that / we can see them run in Numbers  
but we / can catch none of them as we having no / tackle for  
that purpose all our Army is / upon the Move this way as we here  
that the / Campaign will be Open'd not far from this / place  
Liquors & every thing [everything] Else is much / dearer here than  
in Geisick where we lay Last the weather is very fine &c /

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May 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning / hausen this  
Morning after Roll calling / Serjeant Miller sent for me to his  
Quarters / & told me that Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stapleton had Order'd  
[Ordered]/ him to furnish me with pen ink & papers in / order for  
me to write a few lines out of the Orderly Book & he was to carry  
them to the / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. for his Approbation to pitch upon what / size  
he would have me to write the Orders of / the Last Campaign  
over for him & he would / satisfy me for my trouble so I wrote some  
lines / upon a piece of paper of several sizes & the / Serjeant kept  
it for the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. as he told me / he was sure I would be well paid for  
my / trouble & he Expected the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. would send [a] book for me  
to write the orders out in /

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directly as he seem'd so disireaus [desirous]of having the / Last  
Campaign Orders for himself to peruse at / leasure. I told the  
Serjeant I did not fear / the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. paying me well enough for the /  
trouble as he always Had been a very good friend / to me upon  
Other Occasions & I was very willing / to serve him at all  
Oppertunitys[Opportunities] &c /

My 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons at Benning / hausen & at Roll calling I expected more concerning the Orders writing / for the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. but the Serjeant told me that / he gave him the paper that I wrote but / heard no more about it neither [neither] did Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stapleton say any thing [anything] to me upon that / head so I thought he had not a mind to have / the Orders Written Over by me & the Serjeant / was a little Surprised at it as he said he / was so very Hasty in Ordering him to get me / to write a few lines that he might see them /

May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons at Benning / hausen & this being a very fine warm day / Numbers of us after Roll calling went into / the River Lippe to Swim as its an Excellent / fine Clear River & deep water a many of our / Officers came down as it was a very fine smooth / water & peasant [pleasant] walking upon the Bank here /

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Is a bundance of fish in it of Various sorts / the River runs to Lipstadt 4 miles from this / a strong Garrison Town belonging the King / of Prussia in Brandenburgh land &c /

May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons & nothing / Extraordinary only we Live but very poorly / here as every thing [everything] is very dear as our Army / is com'd into all the Towns & Villages all round [around] / causes every thing [everything] to be very scarce which makes / us not care how soon we leave this place / but still its better then [than] being in Camp because / we have a House Over our Heads although / we be very throng by so many being Quarter'd / in one House Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stapleton never named /

nothing since about me writing the Orders / Over for him fine  
weather &c /

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May 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments in Benning= / = hausen &  
this Morning Mounted Guard and / about Noon when Orders was  
given out two or / three men of our Company came to the Guard  
/ & told me that Serjeant William Burnet of our / Company was  
broke by the Majors Orders for / being Drunk when he should  
Attended the / Hospital as the Doctor reported him & that James /  
Crawford Corporal was appointed Serjeant & that / I was  
appointed Corporal in the room of Corporal

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Crawford prefer'd [preferred] this News I could in nowise [?no  
ways] / believe [believe] them Altho' [Although] they Affirmed it for  
truth as / they said they were besides the Adjutant when / he  
gave the Orders out soon after this Serjeant / Miller came & wish'd  
[wished] me much Joy of my / being prefer'd [preferred] Corporal  
as he said Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappleton / had got me to write them Lines on  
purpose to / Let the Major see that I was well Qualified / for that  
station he said that it came into / his mind as soon as the Orders  
were given out / & that I was the most Indebted to the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / for I  
told him no such thing could be thought / upon by me of being  
prefer'd [preferred] then he gave me / hold of the Orderly Book to  
read it & after / that he told the Officer upon Guard that I / was  
Appointed Corporal & he would send a man / to relive [relieve]  
me as I must not Mount Guard as / private any longer, so away  
the Serjeant went / & warn'd [warned] another man for Guard in  
my place / & I returned Home to my Quarters & Corporal /  
Crawford Cut of [off] his knot & gave it me to / put it upon my  
Coat & as soon as the Drum / Beat we went to Roll calling when  
that was / Over & I had Oppertunity [Opportunity] I went up to  
Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / Stappleton & return'd [returned] him thanks for / the favor  
[favour] he had done me he said I was very welcome & he / was  
glad that it was in his power but he told / me that he would have  
me to write Orders /



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tomorrow & bring the Book to the Major / myself & return him  
thanks for my preferment / & he would be in the Mess House with  
him / so we parted & I went to my Quarters where / I found all the  
Serjeants & Corporals of our / Company Assembled to drink with  
Corporal Crawford as being made Serjeant & me as / being  
declared Corporal in his room as it is / a usual thing for any that  
prefer'd [that's preferred] to spend / most of a weeks [week's]  
pay & the rest present to be / what they please too [to] we were  
very Merry / Serjeant Crawford laid down two Dollars & I / was  
one of & all the rest spent half a Dollar / p[er] man to it we Drank  
it all in Punch and / broke up about Midnight & repair'd every one  
[repaired everyone] / to their Quarters  
very fine weather & c /

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May 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning / hausen &  
this Morning i made a Duty Roll / of the Company as I came in  
Orderly Corporal / for this week & as soon as the Drum Beat / &  
the Men was [were]fallen into their Ranks, I / call'd [called]the Roll  
& warn'd [warned] the Duty & Serjeant / Townsend read the  
Orders to the men that / Serjeant Crawford & Corporal Todd was  
[were]Appointed / by Major Chabberts Orders & that they were  
to / be Obey'd [Obeyed]as such as soon as the Regiment was /

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Dismist [Dismissed] some of the men in our Company /  
begun[began] to say they thought it very hard that / I should be  
prefer'd [preferred] that was but com'd [that had but come] into  
/ the Company so Lately as there was amany that / had been in a  
long time & yet never was prefer'd [ preferred]/ I told them for  
that it was the Majors Orders / they heard & as I was Appointed I  
should / endeavour to do my Duty in that station and / if ever I  
heard either them or any Other / speak in any Disrespect to me or  
them that / Appointed me I would Confine them for / disobeying

of Orders & with that they were / Silenced at once & I never heard  
no [any]more / about it as soon as the Drum Beat for Orders / I  
went & wrote them in the Book & carried / it up to the Mess House  
a long <sup>wth</sup>[with] the rest / of the Serjeants & Corporals where our  
Major / & a great many Officers were siting [sitting] & gave the /  
Book into the Majors hand & he read the / Orders & return'd  
[returned]me the Book & at the same / time I return'd  
[returned]him thanks for the favour[favour] / he had done me in  
Appointing me Corporal / in his Honours own Company he reply'd  
[replied] I was / welcome & he hoped I should take care & do my  
/ Duty in that station as he understood that / I had done in the  
30<sup>th</sup>. Regiment that I came /

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out of as Captain Wright had Acquainted him / therewith  
[therewith] I told him that I hoped I should / & with that I carried  
the Book to Lieutenant / Stappleton & he read the Orders & he  
gave / it to several Officers to look at that was / near him who all  
said that I wrote well & / that I was very fit for the post that I had /  
got as several Serjeants & Corporals scarce can / write that any  
one [anyone]can read which makes / the Officers very Angry with  
them for bad / spelling & so I fell into the Duty at Once / as it was  
no new thing to me as I had done it / so long before & could do it  
with as Little / trouble as any One &c /

\_\_\_\_\_ May 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761 \_\_\_\_\_

Remains in our Cantoonments & very / pleasant weather Lieut.  
Stappleton was walking / by the River & he came into my Quarters  
& we / were talking about our Own Country Affairs / when at that  
Instance Serjeant Millers wife / came running in with her Cap of  
[off] & her hair / all about her ears crying out he would / kill her &  
directly Serjeant Miller came / running after her with a Stick in his  
hand & / was going to strick [strike] her I catch hold of the stick / &  
broke it & the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. drew his sword & swore / he would Run him  
through if he presumed to /

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Beat his wife in his presence & I told the / Serjeant that I insisted  
that he went out / of my Quarters directly as no Uproar should /  
be made there so he was forced to go away / without his wife &  
the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. desired me / to Escort her to his Quarters in the Evening  
/ & soon after the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Left us & I was Obliged / to remain with  
her untill [until] the Drum Beat / the retreat & then I went with her  
unto / Lieutt. Stapletons Quarters where I left / her & she  
remain'd [remained]with him Ever after & he / bought her a Horse  
to ride upon the March / & Serjeant Miller was Obliged to content  
himself without her &c /

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May 27<sup>th</sup>. 1760

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning / hausen  
& at Roll calling Serjeant Miller was a Little in Liquor & being  
Uneasy that / his Wife had left him although he said he / knew that  
the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. & she had been too free some time togather [together]  
but he said if ever he / found her a Lone [alone] he would strip her  
of every / thing she had of Value & for my part I could / say  
nothing against it but as I told him / what I did in regard [regard]  
of going with her to /the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Quarters was by his Orders & her /  
Own Consent he said for that he did not / blame me but her who  
he never could pardon /

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I told him he must pacify himself as she / had turn'd [turned] out so  
bad he certainly was better / without her as he would not have  
her to / Maintain which would cause him to Live / a great deal  
better so I parted with him & / went to my Quarters not without  
being a / Little Uneasy at the affair as I did not think / the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. to  
be such a man as to part Man / & Wife as I heard for certain that  
they were / Lawfully Married in the city of Lincoln when our  
Regiment was in Quarters there / as M<sup>rs</sup>. Miller was then a  
Chamber Maid at / the House where the Serjeants Quarter'd  
[Quartered] and / they have Live [lived] together those 5 years as  
such &c./

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May 28<sup>th</sup>. 1763 [1761]

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning /  
hausen & this Morning I Mounted Guard as / Corporal & Serjeant  
Miller of our Company / was [were] brought into the Guard House  
/ Prisoner for being in Liquor & speaking some / Disrespectfull  
[Disrespectful] words about Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappleton / & the Serjeants  
Wife I was sorry to see him / in such trouble as he was a very good  
Serjeant / I beg'd [begged] of him to write a Pitition [Petition]] to  
the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / to get releas'd [released] before the Court Marshal sat  
/ which is to be tomorrow Morning at 10 O Clock / as here is 6  
prisoners to be tryed [tried] for Various / Crimes but the Serjeant  
would not write /

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although I profer'd [proffered] to carry it to the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / myself he  
sent for Geneva to drink untill [until] the / Serjeant upon Guard &  
me would let him / have no more as he begun to be very much in  
/ Liquor &c /

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May 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning /  
hausen & being upon Guard I went about / 9 O Clock in the  
Morning to Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappletons / Quarters and begd [begged] of  
him to release Serjeant / Miller. M<sup>rs</sup>. Miller being present with him /  
she said for that she was afraid of her Life as / he had been so  
severe with her & if he was / releas'd [released] he certainly would  
be worse I told her / that I hop'd [hoped] not & if he was broke  
by the / Court Martial it could not be expected he / would be any  
better the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. asked me what he said & I spoke in his favour /  
Although the Serjeant knew nothing of me / going there I belive  
[believed] would a [have]/ releas'd [released] him but M<sup>rs</sup>. Miller  
would not / Consent upon no [any] terms but that he should /  
have what the Court Martial Order'd [Ordered] so I / took my  
leave & return'd [returned] to the Guard where / Serjeant Miller  
had made great Enquiring / after me to let him send for a Double

/ Box of Gin before he went to the Court / Martial I told him he  
must keep sober or / Else he would bring me into trouble for Leting  
[Letting] /

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him or any Other of the prisoners get too / much Liquor as he well  
knew that the / Corporal on Guard was Obliged to be /  
Answerable for to keep them sober but I / told <sup>him</sup> I should not  
hinder him of anything / in reason should not be denied him so /  
he got a Little & soon after Orders came to / the Guard for the  
Corporal to have all / the Prisoners up to the Court Martial / so I  
warn'd [warned] 4 Men to Guard them & away we went [asked]  
him / how he durst fly in the face of Authority / & also for abusing  
his Wife that she could / not live with him he said for that he /  
could not Use her worse then she deserv'd [deserved] the  
President told him that if his future / behaviour were [was] better &  
that he would promise / never more to Molest his Wife Lieutt.  
Stappleton would pardon him for this time so as soon / as the  
Prisoners was [were] all try'd [tried] they were Order'd [Ordered]  
back to the Guard House & Serjeant Miller was releas'd [released]  
& the Guard being retired I went / a long [along] with him to my  
Quarters & he seem'd [seemed] / to be a little more Compos'd  
[Composed] then before he / gave me [a] share of two Double  
Boxes of Gin, /

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& then we parted & he promised never to bring / himself into  
trouble more about his Wife as / he began to think she was better  
Lost then [than] found as she had turn'd [turned] out so bad  
very fine / weather & c /

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May 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons at Benning / hausen &  
this Morning after Roll calling / Serjeant Miller proposed to me to  
come to / Quarter with him & he would send away a / man from

his Quarters to mine but I told / him it avail'd [availed] nothing us  
Changing now as / we were going very shortly to take the field / &  
besides I thought that Lieut. Stappleton / might Suspect me being  
too Imitate [Intimate] with/ him in the affair of his wife as he had /  
taken to her himself & she would not return to her / Husband any  
more [anymore] &c /

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May 31<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning=<sup>s</sup> / =hausen & about  
Noon a party of the Prussia / Hussars passed through here in  
[on]their way to / Cantoon in the frontiers & they Expect that / Our  
whole Army will be ready in a few days / to take the field as they  
are fileing [filing] up for / that purpose & we hear that the Enemy is  
/ upon the Move for the same Design &c. / very fine weather &c /

(21)

June 1<sup>st</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments at / Benninghausen & all  
the men of Duty / peraded [paraded] for Exercise & went through  
the / firing Motions & the defferent [different] Marchings / & all our  
Arms & Amunition was strichly [strictly] / review'd [reviewed] by an  
Officer of a Company & after / that the Camp Collour [Colour]  
men had Orders to / make up more Cartridges to Compleat  
[Complete]/ every Man to 60 Rounds      fine weather &c/

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June 2<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at / Benninghausen &  
this day our New Cloaths [Clothes]/ came & were serv'd [served]  
out at Roll calling and / all Taylors [Tailors] & Others that can be  
Assistant / in making them up to fit the men are / to be Duty free &  
work upon the Cloathing [Clothing] / the price is set by the Major  
what they / are to have for Altering each suit for the / Coat &  
Waistcoat one Shilling & Breeches / & each man is to pay for his  
Cloaths [Clothes] 2<sup>l</sup>: 4<sup>ce</sup> to / The Taylors [Tailors] a House was  
Clear'd [Cleared] for them to / work in & a Centry [Sentry] Order at

the door not to / let any of the Taylors [Tailors] out to drink and /  
Neglect their work & John Wilson Taylor / is Appointed Undertaker  
& is to receive 4<sup>ce</sup> for each suit Cuting[Cutting] out of the Taylor  
[Tailor]that /

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Alters them & he is to see that all the / Taylors [Tailors]do their work  
According to the pattern / & if any of them won't work he is to  
report / them to the Captain of the Company they / belong too  
[to] who will Confine them for disobey / ing of Orders & they will  
be severely punish'd [punished]/as the Cloaths is so much wanted  
to be Alter'd [Altered]/ before we take the field which we expect  
will/ be very soon &c /

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June 3<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning =/ =hausen  
& we are all throng [?strong] in ripping [ripping] our / Old Coats to  
make our Waistcoats & Cleaning / our Lace & the Taylors [Tailors]  
works Almost day and / night to get them ready against we go  
into / Camp fine weather &c/

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June 4<sup>th</sup> 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning= / =hausen  
and this day all the Serjeants & Corporals / was got Altered & we  
put them on & was / review'd[reviewed] by the Major to see how  
they fitted & / some was right & Others was not & Obliged to / be  
return'd back to the Taylors mine fitted / very well so there was no  
more trouble about / them the Cloathing [Clothing]goes fast on  
as all the / Country Taylors is Employ'd [Employed]that will work /  
of all sorts they are Obliged to make us a / foraging [foraging]  
Cap of the pieces every man to have / one all to be alike  
fine weather &c

(23)

June 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoons at Benninghausen a line of Tin Boats passed / through here for the Bridges Escorted by the / two Regiments of the Saxa = Gotha's they were Marching for the frontiers to Cantoon / as all our Army is drawing too[sic] a head for / taking the field soon fine showry [sic] weather &c

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June 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons at Benninghausen & this Evening at Roll calling 5 of / the Taylors were flogged for getting Drunk & / Neglecting their work they received 100 Lashes / each & were sent to work again directly with / Orders for the Corporal on Guard not to / suffer any of them to go out from their work / nor suffer any Liquor in among them fine weather &c /

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June 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoons at Benninghausen this morning at Roll calling it was / reported that Corporal Nichells of the Pioneers / was dead in the Hospital all our Corporals / declares against that post as it is both very / dangerous & troublesome & our Quartermaster / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow is so very severe as the Late / Corporal Nichells had much ado to keep him / self from trouble all though he was a smart / man & very fit for the post but we are certain

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some Corporal must be Appointed for that / Duty before we take the field some of the / Corporals is for going to their Captains to / beg they made not be Order'd for that Duty / as they are sure they are not Capable of the / p[er]teagues [?fatigues] for the Pioneers Oftentimes is / Order'd [Ordered] out in front to cut down wood & make / facines [fascines] Bridges & roads through woods



before / the Army can March & is Continually / Skirmishing with the  
Enemy when the / Regiments has nothibg to do of that kind / as  
there is a man of every Company through / out the whole Army  
for that Duty one / Corporal & 8 Men under his Command of /  
every Regiment besides two whole Regiments / of Hanoverians  
that all carrys [carries] Pioneer tools / for that purpose a Hatchet &  
saw & a man of / a Company is Appointed Camp Colour men /  
those carry Spades to level the roads under / the Command of  
the Quartermaster Serjeant / of each Regiment & the  
Quartermaster Commands both the Pioneers & Camp Colour  
men &c /

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June 8<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benning /  
hausen every thing [everything] is Excessive dear both / hear  
[here] & in Other places as all our troops are / com'd [come] up  
from their Cantoonments & is Cantoon'd [Cantooned] / all round  
in every Village so that we Expect /

(25)

the Campaign will be Open'd [Opened] not far from / this as its  
reported the  
Enemy is Advancing / this way & is but a small distance from the /  
frontiers of our Army the weather is very / fine & a many of our  
men goes into the / River to swim instead of their Dinners / for few  
can get very Little to Subsist upon as / every thing [everything] is  
risen so that the Private men / gets Little more then [than] their  
bread to Live upon &c /

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June 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benninghausen / & this  
Morning at 7 O Clock / Major General Sanford review'd  
[reviewed] our Others / belonging our Brigade we only went  
through / the firing Motions & a Little Marching & / was soon  
dismist [dismissed] & as the General Expects / we shall soon go  
into Camp he Desires / that every thing [everything] may be in

readiness upon / the shortest Notice & that we may have / plenty  
of Amunition ready made up in the / Tummerills very fine  
Showry [Showery] weather &c /

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June 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Benninghausen / &  
this Morning after Roll calling / all the Corporals was order'd  
[ordered] to fall into a / rank & our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel Major & the /  
most of our Officers was present they walk'd [walked]/

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round us and came up to me & the Major / asked me if I was  
willing to take upon me the / Command of the Pioneers as he  
thought / I Look'd well under a Cap & also Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / Barlow told  
him I had serv'd [served] in that Capacity / private sometime the  
Last Campaign and / therefore I was the most proper Corporal /  
for that Station I told the Major & all the / rest of the Officers that if  
I was Appointed / I should Endeavour to do my Duty in that /  
station or any Other as much as I was / Able so the Major Order'd  
[Ordered]the Quartermaster / to deliver to me all the Caps Aprons  
/ Hatchets & Saws that belong'd[belonged] the Pioneers / out of  
the store as we have all new every / year & for me to take  
there[sic] Names down / & the Company they belong'd  
[belonged]too each man / that was Appointed by his Captain for  
that / Duty & that we were not to be Order'd [Ordered] upon /  
any Duty with the Regiment during the Campaign the rest of the  
Corporals was / very glad they Had Escaped this post & I cannot  
say but I was very well pleased / with it as knowing that we very  
often / were in great danger of being Surprized with /

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the Enemy but still I knew that we has / a great deal better  
Chance of Living as / being mostly in front we had  
Oppertuinity[Opportunity] / of forraging [foraging]in any  
Adjacent Village & / before the Main body of the Army came / up  
as many times we might be 10 Miles / from the Regiment we

belong'd [belonged] too making / facines [fascines] Gabions or  
Laying Bridges Over / small Rivers for our Army to pass or / Cutting  
[Cutting] roads through woods &c so I receiv'd all the Pioneers  
tools & at Roll calling at / night I call'd [called] all the Pioneers  
out of the / Ranks to receive their New Tools & when / they had  
got them I gave them Orders to / keep their Hatchets & Saws  
Sharp & in good / Order the men was very glad that I was /  
Appointed to Command them as I had been / a Pioneer myself a  
great part of the Last / Campaign & therefore understood that  
Duty / much better then [than] any Other Corporal that / never  
had been upon that Duty after the / Rolls was call'd [called] we  
returned Home to our Quarters & the Pioneers Ask'd [Asked] me if  
they / might dispose of their Old tools & I told / them they might &  
several of them sold them / to the Boars for what they could &  
they came to my / Quarters where we had a very good drink with  
the Money &c /

(28)

Remains in Cantoons at Benninghausen / Lieut<sup>t</sup>.  
Stappleton told me to day / that Major Chabbert said that I  
Look'd [Looked] / better under a Pioneers Cap then any Corporal  
/ in the Regiment as having a Broad face & / being  
proportionable made in all other respects / as it was an Ornament  
to the Regiment to / have a fat Jolly Corporal at the Head of / a  
set of bold Pioneers I thanks Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappleton / for his  
Complement & told him there was / as fat Corporals in the  
Regiment as me / but as it was the Majors pleasure in / Appointing  
me to that post I should Endeavour / to do my duty as much Lay in  
my power / soon after this the Drum Beat for Roll / calling & my  
Comerade [Comrade] Corporals of our / Company was very Sorry  
that soon I must / leave them very Often & James Hardy was /  
Appointed as Lance to do my Duty in the / Company. I Order'd  
[Ordered] all my Pioneers to the / right of the Regiment with  
Orders for / them to perade [parade] there for the future & the /  
Officers said that we were all a set of strong Built men very Sizable  
& fit for that / Station so I had nothing to do now but give / Orders  
to those 8 Pioneers under my Command / Orders for a field day  
tomorrow Morning at 6. O/Clock.

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June 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments at Benninghausen /  
this Morning our Regiment paraded according / to Orders Last  
night & March'd [Marched] with the Pioneers / at its Head to the  
field of Exercise where I / Drew them up Behind the Collours which  
is / the Pioneers post during the time of Exercise / & as soon as that  
was Over & the Grand Divisions / form'd [formed] we March'd  
[Marched] in the front of the first about / 10 Yards in Close Order  
but as I had been upon / this Duty several times before it was no  
trouble / to me to know the proper places we were to be / in  
Either at Exercise or upon the March Major / General Sandford  
greatly Applaud'd [Applauded] our Regiment / in their firings &  
Evolutions &c and Order'd [Ordered] us / to be Dismist [Dismissed]  
& March back to our Quarters / about 10 O Clock ? very fine  
warm weather &c /

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June 13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease at  
Benninghausen / this Morning at Roll calling / all our Regiment was  
Compleated [Completed] to 36 Rounds of / powder & Ball with  
two good flints & man with / Strick'd [Strict] Orders to take care of  
their Ammunition / as we Expect to take the field . Every day all is  
to / be ready upon the shortest Notice to Encamp / & as all sorts  
of Necessarys [Necessaries] both Victuals & Drink / is so very dear  
& scarce here we shall be very / glad to Leave this place &c  
fine weather &c /

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Remains at our Cantoonments of Ease in / Benninghausen &  
about Noon two Regiments / of Light Cavalry of the Green  
Yeagars or Pandores / March'd [Marched] through here in their

way up to the / frontiers & we are Inform'd [Informed] by them  
that the / Enemy is Marching & Countermarching & has / some  
Large Bodys already in Camp but as / the place where their  
Grand Army is for going / into camp is uncertain as yet, H.S.H.  
Prince / Ferdinand Orders that all our Frontiers be / well fortify'd  
with Cannon at the defferent passes / & all the Corps that  
Occupies those posts to be / very Elert [Alert] upon Duty. fine  
weather &c

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June 15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease in / Benninghausen  
& at Roll calling this Morning / Six Corporals was Order'd [Ordered]  
with Eight / Men Each to March of tomorrow Morning / by  
Defferent [Different] roads up the Country to press / or Lay hold of  
as many Horses they can find / & good Waggons & bring them up  
to the Regim<sup>t</sup>. [Regiment] so by these Orders we know that the  
March / is near at Hand & c. fine showry weather &c /

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June 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains at our Cantoonments of Ease in /  
Benninghausen this Morning at 4 O Clock all / the men that was  
Order'd [Ordered] Last night for the / pressing partys peraded &  
the Serjeant Major / gave Each Corporal Orders to return back at  
night /

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with his party whether they found any Horses / or not so I took my 8  
Men & was Order'd [Ordered] to / cross the River Lippe Over the  
great stone / Bridge @ we March'd up to several small Villages / &  
Odd Houses where we could find no Horses but / Waggons we  
found several but for the want of / Horses we could do nothing  
with them for the / Boars had taken all their Horses into the woods  
/ for fear we should get them as they had been / Inform'd  
[Informed] that we should March shortly & it commonly / is so that  
when any troops is going to March / they press all the Horses

Waggon & c that they / can Lay hold of all round their Quarters ,  
but / however we March'd about untill 11. O Clock we / came to  
a Large Boars House by the side of a / wood where all the people  
was gone out to Mass / Only a smart Young Girl that was Left at  
Home / to cook Dinner & as soon as she saw us all go / into the  
House she seem'd very much frighten'd [frightened]/ at us but I  
told her that no one should Molest / her & in the mean time  
[meantime]some of our men Look'd / into the pott she was  
cooking & found their [there] was / a good piece of Bear Bacon  
and Soup in it and / we all being very Hungry we desired the  
Young / Woman to take up the Victuals that we might / Dine she  
reply'd [replied]it was for the Boar & family [family]/ when they  
returned from Mass, I told her no Matter / for that we would Dine  
first & they might have the / remainder if we left any if not she  
might cook / more so she saw that we would have no Denial she /

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took up the Victuals brought us Bread and / we Eat Heartily &  
quite Clean'd up all that / we got a very good Dinner but as soon  
as that / was Over two or three of our Men was for taking /  
anything [anything] of Value they could find in the House / & also  
for Useing the Young Woman rudely / at which I was very Angry &  
declared that / the first man that Offer'd to Mollest [Offered to  
Molest] the Young / Woman or touch anything [anything]  
belonging to the House / to Convey it away I would March him  
prisoner / up to the Regiment & with that I restrain'd [restrained] /  
them from making any such Base Attempts / the Girl not  
Understanding our Language but / still she knew well Enough that  
it was me / that she was Indebted too for her safety & that / I  
hinder'd [hindered] the rest from plundering the House / she fain  
would a run out but I told her that she / need not fear for no One  
should Disturb her / in the Least, so I Directly Order'd the men to /  
stand to their Arms & March out of the House / Imediatly & I took  
care to se[e] them all out / before me & as soon as they were all  
got / out the Girl return'd me thanks for taking / such care of her &  
the House I told her I thought / we had made them suffer too  
much by taking / there [their] Victuals without doing them any  
more [anymore] / but as I told her we had been in great wants /

of Victuals as we came out soon in the Morning Otherwise we would not a taken / theirs from her & Disired [Desired] her to give my Service / to her Father & tell him he should be Welcome to /

(33)

Dine with me at my Quarters when he came / to Benninghausen & with that the Girl Laugh'd [Laughed] / & said she would be glad to come with him to / se[e] me. she disired me to stay a Little & she run [ran] / & fetch'd [fetched] a Large Glass of Geneva & then I took / my Leave of her & went out to the men who / were waiting for me & we set of[f] to a Village / a cross the Country as I thought we had got / far enough for geting [getting] Home at night as soon / as we came near the town I planted 4 Centrys [Sentries] / Upon the Main roads Leading into the Village / while I went with the Other 4 Men into the / town and we search'd [searched] a many Houses but found / no Horses so that I sent for the Centrys [Sentries] of [off] and / we seeing a Man or two coming out of the wood / we thought their Houses might be there so we / went & patrolled [patrolled] in the Wood a good way where / we saw several men stragling [stragging] up & down / which Obliged me to keep my men in close / Order for fear of being surprized by the Boars / at Length we came to a fine thick shady place / in the wood where we perceived 9 Horses tied / to the trees Eating Grass that the Boars carried / them we directly Unloosed them & each of us / took one to Lead as we could not ride for the / trees & Boughs when we got out of the wood / a many Boars came beging [begging] for their Horses / I told them they must go with us to the Regimt. [Regiment] / But 3 of the Boars Offer'd [Offered] us 3 Dollars Each for / there [their] Horses which we agreed [agreed] too as they seem'd [seemed] /

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but very poor Ones, & we brought the Other / Six away back into the Village where we / saw some Waggons as we came & I went to / the Burgomaster & Demanded two Men to / Drive the Waggons for us up to the Regimt. [Regiment]. /we prest [pressed]

two of the Best Waggons we could / find & got them Yoaked  
[Yoked] with 3 Horses in each / & return'd [returned]back to the  
Regiment where / we got about 9 O Clock at night with / our  
Bounty Each of us a Dollar & Six / & two good Waggons so that we  
had / Met with very good Success as the Serjeant / Major told me  
that some of the partys was /com'd [comed] in & got nothing &c.  
a very fine night /

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June 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease at /  
Benninghausen. General Sandford Orders / that all the Horses  
Waggons &c that was / Imprest [Impressed] Yesterday into the  
Service be sent / Imediatly [immediately] to the Parks of Artillery &  
that / our Regiment the 12<sup>th</sup>. with the 37<sup>th</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>. & 5<sup>th</sup>. / Regiments  
of Foot belonging our Brigade / all hold themselves in readiness  
[readiness] to March / of[off] tomorrow Morning at 5 OClock to  
Encamp / so now we are very throng in Loading the / Baggage &  
making Everything ready as / the General is Order'd [Ordered] to  
Beat at 4 OClock / in the Morning & the troop at Half an Hour after  
/ at which time the Men is to fall in & the / Rolls call'd[called] & to  
March of According to Orders

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at two OClock in the Afternoon I review'd [reviewed]all / my  
Pioneers very Narrowly of their Amunition / & to se [see] that their  
Tools were Sharp & in good / order & at the same time gave them  
Orders to / be upon the perade [parade] tomorrow Morning  
percisly [precisely] at 4 O Clock clean & Accounted as any Man /  
that is Absent will be Confin'd [Confined] & punished / Severely  
for Disobeying of Orders &c. Lieut. Barlow / Quartermaster Serjeant  
Cole and the Camp Collour / Men is March'd of to joyn [Marched  
off to join] the other Quartermasters / & Camp Collour [Colour]  
Men belonging our Brigade to / Mark out the ground for our  
Encampment / ready against tomorrow that we get their [there]  
&c Warm



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June 18th. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments of Ease at Benninghausen / Untill [Until] this Morning at 5 OClock we March'd out pursuant [Marched out pursuant] / to Orders & by 8 belongin [belonging] our Brigade / Lead by Major General Sandford about Noon we saw / Numbers of Collumns both Cavalry & Infantry / with Lines of Baggage Marching upon all sides / of us we March'd [Marched] Hard untill [until] 3 OClock in the / Afternoon we had Orders to Halt & Lay upon our / Arms untill [until] 5 OClock we March'd [Marched] the Infantry / in 4 Collumns & the Cavalry in two they making / the Rear Line & about Six OClock the Marquis / of Granby Appear'd [Appeared]at the Head of our Collumns / who we were all very glad to se [see] well . His Lordship /

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Complemented us all both Officers & Men Regiment / by Regiment as we passed by him & Immediately [Immediately] / we have him 3 Hussa's [Hussars] wishing His Lordship's Health / & Success, which caused such a great Noise tat / the Collumn upon our Left composed of Hanoverans / Halted & put themselves into a posture of Defence / as thinking that it was the Enemy making a / Charge upon our front & One of their Aidicamps [Aide de Camps] / came up to know the reason of such Noise in the / English troops Lord Granby Smiled & told him it / was Only his Brother Soldiers that was welcoming / him to Camp &c. so all was right again & they / March'd [Marched]on untill 8 OClock at Night we came / to a large Common neat Hamn were we Encamped / about 50 Thousand of us. Advance guards and / Picquits was Order'd [Ordered]at all the passes & Quarter / & these Guards as Usual &c. very Wett showry [Wet Showery] weather /

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June 19th. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near Hamn a Large Garrison Town / belonging the King of Prussia in Brandenburgh / Land it is tollerable [tolerable] well fortified with Cannon / but part of the works is out of repair & has some / troops doing Duty in it the

streets are badly pav'd [paved]/ here is One goodly Church &  
two Others & several / Water Mills it is walled round with stone and  
/ Ramparts partly down with 3 Draw Bridges / Leading into the City  
the Country seems fruitfull / all round & Necessarys is reasonable  
Especially Geneva / at Noon I got Orders to take the Pioneers to  
the / Wood to Cut down trees & a man of a tent was / Order'd to  
fetch it home we soon Cut enough / down & then we return'd  
[returned]having nothing else to do &c fine /

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June 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped]near Hamn several Brigades  
both / Cavalry & Infantry came into Camp so that / we here  
[hear] the most of our Army is Joyn'd [Joined] & that / we shall  
March soon as the Enemy has got / their Grand Army encamp'd  
[encamped]about 18 Miles / from this & we Expect seing [seeing]  
in a Little / time Duty is very Easy here but Wood & Water / is a  
Long way to fetch &c Wett Hasy [Wet Hazy] weather &c/

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June 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hamn Numbers of Sutlers & /  
Markettenters [Marketenters ]going about the Camp selling /  
Defferent [Different] sorts of Necessary both of Victuals & / Liquor  
&c this day the Heridittary[Hereditry] Prince of / Brunswick March'd  
[Marched]with his Corps to Occupy / some Heights about 5 Miles  
in front & His / Serene Highness Orders that our out posts / be very  
Elert [Alert] during the night & Day Break / & the Centrys [Sentries]  
to be Vissited [Visited] &c fine weather/

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June 22<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd[ Encamped]ear Hamn several Lines  
of / Waggons Loaded with Baggage came into Camp / this day  
& we Expect removing very soon as / our Spies gives it out that the  
Enemy seems to / Advance with their flying Army & is in Camp /

not above 5 Miles from the Herrdittary [Heredity]] Prince / of  
Brunswick so that we Expect soon to come / to Blows with them as  
our Army in General / are in High Spirits & disires[desires] nothing  
Less then [than]/

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disputing the ground Inch by Inch &c/ fine weather &c

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June 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near Hamn this Morning  
at Roll / calling our Major Chabbert Order'd [Ordered ] the  
Quartermaster / Serjeant with the Camp Collour [Colour] Men &  
me with the / Pioneers to go into the Rear up the Country and /  
Search for some Yellow Clay & bring some if we / found any for  
the Men to Collour [Colour] & clean their / Buff we went about 3  
Miles from Camp but / could find none that would do so we went  
up to / some Boars Houses & Obliged them to give us a /  
refreshment of such Victuals as they had & also / some Geneva  
we got from them & then we return'd [returned ] to Camp well  
satisfied with our Journey &c very warm /

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June 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped ]near Hamn this Morning  
our whole / Line turn'd [turned]out & fell into their Ranks with /  
=out Arms as H.R.H. Prince Ferdinand the / Marquis of Granby &  
several Other Generals / rid [rode] a Long in the front our Officers  
Saluted at / the Collours [Colours] as they past[passed] by & soon  
after the / Men were Dismist [Dismissed] to their tents again we  
have / a pleasant Camp but Wood & Water is a Long way / to  
fetch &c very fine warm &c /

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June 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hamn this day I  
set all my / Pioneers to make Marque & tent pinns [pins] as amany

/ is Broke & Lost that several Officers spoke to me / for some Dozins  
[Dozens] & we have  $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollar p[er] Hundred &c fine warm /

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June 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hamn, H.R.H.  
Prince Ferdinand / Orders that Major Chabbert is Appointed  
Deputy / forrage [forage] Master General & Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Lawlass Major /  
of Brigade to Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Conway & Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / Lutterill of the  
Granidier [Grenadier] Company to be Aidicamp [Aide de Camp]  
/ to Major General Sandford & are to be Obey'd [Obeyed]] as /  
such Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Walcott is Order'd [Ordered] to do Adjatant [Adjutant]  
duty / in our Regiment in the room of Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Lawlass / prefer'd  
[preferred] &c. very Wett rainy weather at this time &c /

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June 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hamn about Noon  
it was / it was reported by some of our Spies that the Enemy / had  
call'd [called] in all their Advance Guards & seem'd [seemed] / to  
be for removing, at two Clock [O Clock] in the Afternoon / H.S.H  
.Prince Ferdinands Orders was given out / that our whole Army  
Hold themselves in readiness / to March at the shortest Notice &  
no man to be / Absent from his post or Camp under pain of the /  
Severest punishment, which caused us to Lay / Upon our Arms in  
our tents &c Wett weather &c /

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June 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hamn upon our  
Arms untill [until] / One OClock this Morning the whole [Army]  
[Ordered] to March / to Werle 5 Stone or 15 Miles & upon our  
Advancing / the Enemys out Scouts retired in the greatest /  
precipitation towards their Grand Army &c. at Six / O.Clock at  
night all the Pioneers was Order'd [Ordered] to pade [parade] /at  
the Head of the Cavalry where the Corporal & his / Eight Pioneers

of Each Regiment was Detach'd of [Detached off] to / March in front of the Defferent[Different] Squadrons of Cavalry to /

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Cutt[Cut] roads through the Woods where the Horse / were to March in persuit [pursuit] of the Enemy. I went / to the Head of the Scotch Greys with my Eight / Pioneers & remain'd their [there] until about 10 O.Clock at / Night when Orders came for us to March through / Woods Bushes &c very troublesome as we had a great / deal of Boughs Bushes &c to Cut down in several / places before the Horse could pass, but the Officer that / Lead [led] the Collumn behav'd [Column behaved ]Exceedingly well too [to] us by / Ordering Each of us a Double Box of Geneva which made / my Pioneers work like Madmen to make the roads for / the Collumn[Column] to pass, it was Midnight before we got / through those close Defiles to the skirt of the wood / where the Cavalry had Orders to Halt & Link their / Horses & every tenth man holds them the rest Lay / Down upon the ground & we with them to Sleep as we / had both March'd [Marched] and wrought, very hard, rest was / much wanted, with us & we have wett showry [wet showery ] weather &c /

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June 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Upon our Arms with my Eight Pioneers at the / Head of the Scotch Greys Regiment by the side / of a Wood. untill two O Clock we March'd [Marched] & upon / our March our Advance Guards Attacked those / of the Enemys & Obliged them to retreat even / to their Main Bodys upon the Heights Leave/=ing several Kill'd [Killed] & Wounded behind them / upon the spott [spot] & as they retir'd [retired] they were / Annoy'd [Annoyed ]by our Battalion Guns & the Cavalry / that persued them but to Cover their retreat / to their Grand Army they Burnt several / Villages &c. we had Heavy Showers of rain / which greatly Incomoded [Incommoded] us as their[there] was constantly /

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Skirmishing with the Light troops & several / Cannonadeing  
[Cannonading ] all this forenoon, & about 3 O Clock / in the  
afternoon An Aidecamp [Aide de Camp] came with Orders /  
from the Marquis of Granby for the Cavaltry in / Our Collumn  
[Column] to throw away all their tent=poles / Kettles & all sorts of  
Baggage to Lighten them/=selves as much as possible & to make  
a Charge / upon a Large Body of the Enemys Cavaltry who /  
seem'd to stand firm about a Mile in our front. / those Orders put  
me in a great Consternation as / not knowing what to do Either  
with myself or / the Eight Pioneers under my Command as the /  
Commanding Officer of the Scotch Greys told me / that I must  
Endeavour to Joyn my Own Regiment / as soon as I could as their  
[there] certainly would be / a General Engagement so they  
Clap'd [Clapped] Spurs to / their Horses & fell to Galloping from us  
& we / being all very much perteagued [sic] with Marching / & for  
want of rest & we kept on very fast where / the ground was very  
Sandy & I espied something / before me Look very Yellow & I  
snatch'd [snatched] it up / with a Handful of Sand & found it to be  
a / Ducket & soon after Other three Duckets was / picked up by  
my Pioneers which made us in / High Spirits altho' [although] the  
Cannon was playing / Exceeding fearce [fierce] & several Balls  
flew Over us / without doing us any Damage & the defferent  
[different] / Squadrons of Cavaltry Galloping & sounding a /  
Charge in front & we could Collumns [see Columns ] of Infantry /  
Marching upon all sides of us but still I was / at a Loss to knows  
which way to take to find out/

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our Regiment about 5 O Clock in the Afternoon / we heard some  
smart firing in front both of / Great Guns & small Arms & our  
Cavaltry / Advancing so fast that we were very Often in / great  
danger of them riding Over us & as I / Expected the Engagement  
was begun for we / could not se [see] above Half a mile in front  
for / smoak [smoke] I resolv'd to Joyn the first Collumn [I resolved  
to Join the first Column] of / Infantry belonging our Army whether  
English / or Germans that we could, so we perceiv'd [perceived]

a / Collumn [Column ] on our right that we thought / as the  
highest & we struck of[off] for it as / fast as we could but still we  
were greatly / Hindere'd [Hindered]]by the Cavaltry, but about 7  
O Clock/ we came up to the Head of the Collumn [Column] & to  
/ our Unreasonable Satisfaction we found / to be English where we  
soon found our own / Regiment & I told out Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel  
{Colonel] Lord Brome / Major Chabbert & the most of our Officers  
how / hard we had been put too [to] it since our Collumn  
[Column] / of Cavaltry had Orders to Charge that we were / in  
front of & how we had very Narrowly Escap'd [Escaped] / being  
rid[rode] Over which made me resolve to / Joyn [Join] the first  
Infantry we could meet with / & remain with them untill [until] all  
was Over / the Collonel [Colonel] Major & the rest of our Officers /  
greatly Applauded me for it & told me that / no One could a  
thought of nothing Better as / we might a done Execution in  
another Regiment / as well as our own so we March'd  
[Marched]on untill [until] 10 /O Clock at night & then Lay upon our  
Arms &c /

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& about 4 O Clock Orders was given for us to / Encamp at  
Loderine ,the French Army was / Comanded by Prince Soubise  
& the Duke / De Broglio with the remander [remainder] who was  
upon / his March by the way of Paderborn & Lipstadt / in Order to  
come to his relief & untill [until] then / the Prince would not Hazard  
a Battle but / retreated upon the Heights,? in the place / of our  
Encampment the Enemy had Erected very / strong Batteries &  
Breast works & is repeating / the same this night upon the Heights  
they / Occupied , we have strong Advance Guards & / Picquits  
sent out to all the passes &c but the / Enemy remains tollerable  
[tolerable] quiet & we have / Orders not to Unconirter [?  
Encounter] but to Lay upon our/ Arms in our tents &c ready to turn  
out at the / first Notice &c Wett showry weather &c /

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June 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd[Encamped near Loderine this Morning at  
two / O Clock Orders came from H.S.H. Prince / Ferdinand for our

whole Army to March but / soon after it was Countermanded,  
Constantly / Skirmishing between the Light troops and / Advance  
partys of Each side with Various / Successes we can se[see]  
several Large Bodys of the / Enemys at work in Erecting Batteries  
Breast / works &c but for our parts we rather Chuse [choose] to /  
fight then work for our Security &c Noon Orders / was given me to  
send two of my Pioneers to Cutt [Cut] / wood for the Picquits. wett  
showry [wet showery] weather &c /

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July 1<sup>st</sup>.1761

Encamp'd [Encamped]near Loderine untill [until] two  
O Clock this / Morning we March'd [Marched] in 7 Collumns  
[Columns] by the right very / sharp Skirmishing with the Advance  
Picquits the / Most part of it Cannonading upon the Left at / 4 O  
Clock in the Afternoon a terriable [terrible] storm of rain / Thunder  
& Lightening we had & as we Advanced the / Enemy retreated  
through Inaccessible roads & woods / where they Left several of  
their Men that could not / keep up which we took prisoners & we  
did not Halt / untill [until] 11. O Clock & then Lay upon our Arms all  
very / much fatigued & the want of the Common Necessarys / of  
Life causes amany of our Men to grow very weak & / faint as our  
Bread Waggon cannot come too [to] us untill [until] we get some  
way settled & but few Sutlers will Venture / with any thing  
[anything]to sell & those that comes will have / their Own price &  
few of our men has any Money / so that the Duckets that I & my  
Pioneers found / is of great Service too [sic] us now for we keep all  
in a / Mess & Buys what we can meet with Either of Victuals /or  
Liquors & shares all a Like. we get 6 Dollars of / Mecklinburgh  
[Mecklenburg] gilt for a Ducket which is 9<sup>s</sup> 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>D</sup> Ster[ling]. warm  
&c /

July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1761

Upon our Arms after Halting 4 Hours we March'd  
[Marched] / again & Continued so most part of the day & then /  
Lay upon our Arms as upon the preceeding [preceding] night /  
smart Skirmishing with the Picquits in which / were Numbers Kill'd



[Killed] Wounded & taken prisoners &c Lord Granby According to his Usual generosity gave / 50 Duckets to the Picquits Composed of the English / for their gallant behaviour [behaviour] upon that Occation [Occasion] / Serjeant Miller found a Large pair of Frenchmans shoes /

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& he would not sell them untill [until] he brought them / to me to se[e] whether they would fit or no as the / as the most of us was in great want of Shoes at this / time I was very glad of them they were a Little / two Large for me but I Liked them no worse for / that as they were a very good Calf Leather / Shoes & well made had a deal of work in them by / being seam'd [seamed]twice round the tops &c. I gave him / Half a Dollar for them & I thought they were a / very Cheap Bargain as they were very Easy &c /

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July 3<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Upon our Arms March'd [Marched] Early this Morning & / Encamp'd [Encamped] near the City of Detmold & to se [see] with / what spirit & Bravery our troops had March'd [Marched] / these 3 days & two nights past being never at / rest Either Marching or Laying upon our Arms / the whole time & a great Scarcity of provisions / prevailing [prevailing] & a powerful Enemy in our front / not much fatigued taking all possable [possible] Advantage / of our wearied troops wherein they gain'd [gained] / Only disgrace & Ourselves reap'd [reaped]a great Honour / &c. Detmold is the Capital City belonging Count / La. Lippe who Commands all our Artillery here / in a Large Palace or Castle belonging him in / the West part of the City Surrounded with a / fine Large Cannel full of Water with Batteries / Ramparts &c round the Batteries are Built of / Coarse stone & is Bomproof 'd [Bombproofed]with Holes for / Pigeons as here is Numbers of them, here is / some Cannon Mounted & a few troops doing duty/ as Guards the only road into the Castile is by a /

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Draw Bridge Over the Cannel a great many of / us walk'd  
[walked] all round the Castle as we had full / Liberty when we  
went into the town to Buy / such things as we wanted & we saw  
that the / Cannel [?Channel] was fed with Water that Descended  
/ in Abundance from some springs from of [off] / the Mountains &  
run out of the Cannel into / the gutters in the City with fine Clear  
Water / & at the East end Emptied itself into a river / that turns  
several Mills here is 3 Churches / & a Bad Wall round the City &  
about a Mile/ from the City is the place of Execution where /  
there is a many Gibbets with Men Hanging / some by the Head  
Others by the Arms or Legs / but in short the City is but small but it is  
/ well Situated for Water in all parts of the / town the Like I never  
saw before ~~& the Country~~ / & the Country Looks very fruitful all  
round / Considering that the Enemy has ruinated it / so Often,  
here is some Lutherans but the / most of its Inhabitants are  
Romans and /Jews who sells Every [Everything] us very dear / as  
they well know we dare not molest them / the Picquits & Light  
troops are Constantly / Skirmishing with little Advantage &c. fine  
warm /

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July 4<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near the City of Detmold March'd  
[Marched] / Early this Morning in 9 Collumns & Encamp'd  
[Columns & Encamped ]/ near Hemeron which the Enemy  
Occupied & had / several Batteries Erected but upon our  
Advancing / they went of [off]in the greatest Confution  
[Confusion ] Leaving Upwards / of 100 Bread Waggon & Other  
Baggage behind them &c.

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July 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hemeron at 2 OClock  
in / the Morning our whole Army March'd in 8 Collumns [Marched  
in 8 Columns ]/ & Advanced very near the Enemy & as soon as /

they perceiv'd [perceived] the Heads of our Columns out of / the  
Defiles & from the rising grounds they begun / to Cannonade us  
very smartly with Little Damage / whereby our front Halted to let  
the Rear get up / & every thing Order'd [Ordered] in a proper  
posture / we [immediatly] form'd [Immediately formed] the Line of  
Battle where / the Marquis of Granby Observing a small River / or  
Ditch in our front gave Orders for all the / English Pioneers to Cut  
down wood & make several / Bridges over it that the Cavalry  
Cannon &c. might pass all the while the Enemy Cannonaded us /  
very Brisk & a party of their Cavalry seem'd [seemed] to /  
Advance to drive us away from the work as we / were some  
distance in front from our Army at / 9 O'Clock in the Morning a  
severe Cannonading / Ensued & altho' [although] we were  
betwixt the two fires / of both Armys we Lost but very few men  
Oweing [Owing] / as it was supposed ; us being below the reach  
of / the Balls as we could hear them whistle Over / us constantly  
untill we finish'd [until we finished] the Bridges & / then we Joyn'd  
[Joined] our Regiments again H.S.H. Prince / Ferdinand being  
resolved to Attack the Enemy / but finding them so  
Advantageously situated [situated] & / haveing [having] a great  
Number of Batteries Erected he & / the rest of our Generals  
thought it more Advisable / to desist in the Attemp[Attempt] &  
return to our former Camp / near Hemeron but not without a  
great deal of /

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Cannonading & skirmishing wherein several were / Kill'd [Killed] &  
wounded upon both sides. &c after we had / got into our Camp  
about 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon / the Marquis of Granby Order'd  
[Ordered] each Pioneer Half / a pint of Brandy for their Bold  
behaviour in / Laying the Bridges in the face of the Enemy as/ we  
were Exposed to their fire the whole time & / Almost as near them  
as our own Army & c. we Drank His Majestys Health & Lord  
Granbys & / was very Merry upon the Occation [Occasion] &c  
fine weather /

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July 6<sup>th</sup> 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hemeron this Morning at 4 O/  
Clock our Advance Guards & Picquits had some / smart  
Skirmishing at their posts with Various / Successes, a great many  
Deserters comes from the / Enemy & reports that Marshal Duke De  
Braglio / is near at Hand with his Corps in order to / Joyn their Main  
Body under the Command of / the Prince De Soubise who gives it  
out that / that he will Attack us the first Oppertunity [Opportunity]  
/ all our Advance posts is reinforced & everything / ready to  
receive them when they please &c. fine warm /

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July 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd] [Encamped] near Hemeron the Enemy  
having / Quitted their Camp in the night & March'd [Marched] /  
Early this Morning in 6 Collumns[Columns] & Encamp'd  
[Encamped] near / Hilbeck / the Heriditary Prince of Brunswick  
Corps / upon the Main Body of our Army Consisting / of Lieut.  
General Conways Brigades Lieut. General / Howards the Prince  
of Anhalts Corps and Lieut. General / Watgenaues in the Center  
[Centre] and Lord Granbys Corps upon /

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the Left & the Enemy made several Arraignments /in their Army  
not far distant as we could se [see] several / Large Bodys of them  
upon the Move &c. Warm weather /

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July 8<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck H.S.H. Prince  
Ferdinand / the Marquis of Granby & several Other General  
Officers / rid [rode] along our Line this forenoon & gave Orders for  
/ all our out posts to be Doubled &c. fine weather &c /

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July 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & this morning early the / Enemys Picquits Attack'd [Attacked] some of our Advance posts / whereof a sharp Cannonading & firing of small / Arms Ensued for some time Our Line was form'd [formed] / in Order of Battle untill at Length the Enemy / gave way & retreated to their Main Body & soon / after our spies brought News that Marshal Duke / De Broglio had Joyn'd [Joined] the Prince De Souboises Army / with his Corps Orders is given us to be very Alert / Upon Duty at all our out posts as a many Men / is Kill'd [Killed] and Wounded their [there] this Morning upon both / sides & the Rolls to be call'd [called] frequently &c. fine weather

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July 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & Our Generals was / Reconoiting [Reconnoitring] the Enemy & they us with strong / Detachments upon Each side whereof a Bloody / Encounter Ensued & the enemy was Defeated and / had several Kill'd [Killed] upon the spot & Numbers taken / prisoners & the rest fled into the woods, &c. Deserters constantly coming up to our Out posts & c. fine warm

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July 11<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & constantly Skirmishing / at the Advance posts with Little Advantage / this Afternoon Head Quarters was changed unto [into] / Haus. Hanover Number of Deserters comes from / the Enemy & they have a Ducket given them / p[er] man with a pasport [passport] & then they go where / they please for none is Inlisted by us but / the Enemy Inlists all they can of our men and / gives them more pay then there [their] own &c. wet & showry [showery]

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July 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Under Arms at Midnight & our whole Army / March'd  
[Marched]by the Left at 2 O Clock in the / Morning & Encamp'd  
[Encamped] near Hans. Hanover H.S.H. / Prince Ferdinand gave  
Orders for the whole to / be in readiness to March at the first  
Notice but / Countermanded at 9 O Clock this Evening several /  
Skirmishes between the Picquits &c all the Pioneers / Order'd  
[Ordered]to make several Bridges Over the River / near a Village  
in our front & Accordingly we / March'd [Marched]out & fell to  
work & the Officer who / Commanded our party Order'd  
[Ordered]the Inhabitants / to bring out such Victuals as they had  
to / the men & we had it served out Pompie / Nickel  
[Pumpnickel ] Bread & roots with a Little Bear / Bacon &c . a fine  
night &c

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July 13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Haus. Hanover we had strong /  
Picquits who patrolled [patrolled] in every Corner as a / report  
being spread throughout our whole / Army that a Suspension of  
Arms or a peace /

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was near at Hand which was done by the / Insinuation of the  
Enemy in Order to make / Less Delligent[ Diligent] & Attentive in  
our Duty it / was recommended to us by Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Conway /  
not to give any Credit to it untill H.S.H. / Prince Ferdinand himself  
had Declared it / in Orders but to keep ourselves Alert upon / all  
Occatons [Occasions ], at Noon all our Baggage was / Loaded &  
Order'd [Ordered] Over upon the Otherside of the / River Lippe.  
Numbers of Deserters are daily / coming from the Enemy, at two  
Clock in the / Afternoon Orders came down the Line by Beat / of  
Drum for all the Pioneers to perade [parade] at the / Head of the  
24<sup>th</sup>. Regiment & wait there for further / Orders, so I March'd  
[Marched ]my 8 Pioneers there & soon / after Major General  
Sandford Order'd [Ordered]us to March / to the Left into the  
wood where several of our / Picquits was posted & the whole of us

to be / under the Command of the Officer Commanding / the  
Picquits their [there], as soon as we got up to the / Wood the  
Officers of the Picquits Order'd [Ordered] Every / Corporal & his 8  
Pioneers to the proper passes / & Openings directing us at the  
same time to / fell the trees that was ready to Stand & make /  
them fall Cross wise in Order to Blockade / the passes & roads up  
to Hinder the Enemy from / drawing their Cannon that way so all  
our Pioneers / fell to work which soon made the Wood ring / again  
& soon Numbers of Oak & Beech trees was /

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thrown down, their [there] was some Light Skirmishing / this night  
with the Pattroles [Patroles] this road where / we were at work,  
but not worth Notice &c. Warm

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July 14th. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Haus. Hanover & at two  
OClock / in the Morning the whole March'd [Marched] by the  
right / & Encamp'd [Encamped] upon our former ground near  
Hilbeck / this was Occation'd [Occasioned] by the Enemy  
coming down to / Attack the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick upon /  
the right & after a sharp Cannonading & firing / upon both sides  
they were Obliged to retire with / the Loss of several men Left  
upon the spot, and / after things became a Little settled, all the /  
Pioneers were Order'd [Ordered] to their Work again in the /  
Woods upon the Left to fell trees to Blockade / the roads up &c  
we Cut down a Line of trees for / the space of Half a Mile which  
made a sort / of a Breast work by throwing the trees down one /  
Over Another & Continued at work all night / some of the Black  
Prussia Hussars was posted / in our front to Observe the Enemys  
Motions / we heard some smart Cannonading in the night /  
towards the Main Body of our Army but as we / are 10 or 12 Miles  
distant upon the Left with / Lord Granby we could not Learn what  
Advantage / was gained by Either side His Lordship came down /  
into the Wood & review'd [reviewed] our work & at the same /  
time gave such Orders as was Necessary, we are / in great wants

of provisions & not able to get / any as every Corporal is Obligated to make his men work &c.

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July 15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & all the Pioneers / at work in the wood about 3 O'Clock this Morn:<sup>g</sup> [Morning] / we were Alarm'd by our out Scouts that the Enemy / March'd [Marched] to their right & Disappear'd [Disappeared] & about 3. 0. / Clock in the Afternoon our Advance Guards who / was composed of the Prussia Hussars & Light Cavalry / retreated from their posts & came Galloping up to / us that was at work & Inform'd [Informed] our Officers that / the Enemy was Marching through the wood and / was near at Hand to attack the Marquis of Granbys / Corps who was 10 or 12 Miles Distant from our / Grand Army with about 20000 Cavalry & Infantry / & the Enemy very Numerous, upon this Information / a Messenger was Dispatch'd [Dispatched] to Lord Granby & in / the mean while our Drums was Order'd [Ordered] to Beat / to Arms & Every Pioneer quit his work & fall into / his ranks, as we were not above 500 Men both / Advance Guards & Pioneers in all we formed the / Line as far as we could stretch [stretch] in Length & the / Collonel that Commanded the whole gave Orders for / Each Corporal of the Pioneers to post himself upon / the right of his Own men & to stand firmly too [to] / it for their Honour as we should soon be reinforced / with more troops from Lord Granby & in this posture / we remain'd untill [remained until] 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon we / perceiv'd [perceived] the Heads of two of the Enemys Collumns / Advancing out of the thick wood into a plain that / had a deal of great trees but Open & thinner then [than] the /

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rest & they form'd [formed] as fast as they came out in our / front about 500 Yards Distance from us & they had / two small pieces of Cannon that begun to play at us / with Grape shott [shot] furiously & we fired very Briskly / upon them for some time several of us



Observ'd [Observed] a / White spotted Dog running backwards & forwards / from the Enemy a good while untill[until] he was Kill'd[Killed] / & about 5. O.Clock Joseph Jacobs one of my Pioneers / receiv'd [received] a Shell in his Belly close by me & was going / to fall but catching hold of him, I Order'd [Ordered] John Brown / to Assist him to the Doctor, & by this time the Enemy / had gotten a Large Body of troops form'd [formed] in our / front & was Advancing towards our flanks Altho' [Although] / we kept a Heavy fire upon them two very Nimble / Serjeants belonging to the Highlanders skipped from / tree to tree very near the Enemy & fired several / Shotts [Shots] , the firing was very sharp untill [until] 6 OClock / at night, the Enemy became very formidable and / pressing us hard both in front & flanks & amany / of our Men being Kill'd [Killed] & wounded Orders was / given us to retreat sharply which the Enemy / soon perceived by their Shooting as though our / whole Army had been Distroy'd [Destroyed], but as soon as we / got out to the skirt of the wood we found all our / Regiments drawn up in Battle Array with the / Cannon properly planted at the Avenues. my Lieutt, Collonel & Major & amany of our Officers / asked me what was become of my Other too [two] Pioneers / I told them that Jos<sup>h</sup>. [Joseph] Jacobs was wounded besides / me & I had sent John Brown to Assist him to the / Doctor they said they Expected nothing Less then [than] / all our party being Either Kill'd[Killed] or taken prisoners / as our Cannon could not play before we had Joyn'd[Joined] /

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them for fear of Distroying [Destroying] us that was Engaged / but as soon as we had gotten fallen in with our / Regiments our Cannon Begun to play smartly / & was Answer'd [Answered] by the Enemy as smart where of / a Bloody Skirmish Ensued the 5<sup>th</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>. 37<sup>th</sup>. & 12<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>ts</sup>. [Regiments] / of Infantry with the two Battalions of Highlanders / & our Granadiers perform'd [performed] wonders & Maintain'd [Maintained] / their ground against four times their Number / not without the Loss of Numbers Kill'd [Killed] and / wounded upon both sides the firing was very / severe untill [until] night put an End to the slaughter / then we lay upon our Arms & had strong patrols / all night in the wood as the

Enemy had the / same & was almost constantly firing at one /  
another about Midnight H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand with the Marquis  
of Granby & several Other / Generals came along the Line to view  
the / Situation we were in & gave Instructions how / our Generals  
& Officers are to Behave in case / the Enemy stand another  
Attack in the Morning & / Order'd Cannon to several places  
where they / were thought most proper after this Lord Granby /  
Wrapt'd [Wrapped] himself in his great Coat & Lay down / upon  
the ground amongst us which greatly / Encouraged our men  
although we were in the / greatest wants of alsorts [allsorts] of  
Necessaries at / this time & Expecting to Engage every Moment /  
Every Man was Order'd[Ordered] to Examine his fire=lock / well to  
se[see] that we had a good flint fixed fast / & was properly  
Loaded & not to fire untill [until] he / had Orders from his Officer  
&c a fine night & warm &c /

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July 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Upon our Arms, by the skirts of Fellinghausen /  
Wood, & about 2.O Clock, this Morning the Enemy / fired 3 pieces  
of Cannon, as a signal we supposed, to some Other Body of their  
troops. when lmeadiatly they were Answered by upwards of 50  
pieces: of / Cannon, from our Defferent [sic] parks of Artillery, /  
when a terrible Cannonading Ensued; between / Lord Granbys  
Corps, & Double the Number of the / Enemys, Commanded by  
Marshal Duke De Broglio / who came with a strong Detachment ,  
of Vollunteers [Volunteers] drawn out of their Grand Army, in full  
Expectation / of taking Lord Granby & his small Core prisoners, /  
before any relief could come from our Grand / Army, but about 5.  
O.Clock in the Morning we had / Orders to Advance into the  
wood & soon after we / fell sharply to work; with small Arms, &  
about, / 7. O.Clock ; one of the Enemys Regiments with / White  
Cloaths , & Green faceings [facings] , being terribly / Galled by  
the 37<sup>th</sup>. Regiments fire: that they / run through some Bushes; &  
thick, wood where / our Regiment, was posted, within 20 Yards of  
us / some of them had their Arms & Others had thrown / them  
away, they being in such a Consternation, / as soon as our

Officers Espied them they call'd [called] / out to us not to fire upon them but still / several did & Kill'd [Killed] & wounded, amany of those / poor Men; as they stood in our front untill[until] our / Major, run in amongst them, & their Commanding / Officer Deliver'd [Delivered] him his sword & the rest of the / Men Laid down their Arms, & a party was Order'd [Ordered] / out to Escort them into the Rear to our Cavaltry

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that is posted their [there], & by this time the wood / became very Hott [Hot], with Showers of Balls flying / upon all sides & we kept still Advancing through / Bushes & thick wood very perteaguing [? fatiguing] & Often the / Enemy upon the Oneside , & we upon the Other / which caused us to make; use of our Bayonets / very Oftens [Often] , & the Battle was Doubtful, untill [untill] / about 8 O.Clock in the Morning, we perceiv'd [perceived] / that the Enemy gave way by their slain Lying / as we March'd [Marched] & we pressing hard, upon them that / by 9 OClock, Victory was declared , in our favour / & our Noble Commander the Marquis of Granby, / who was in all places Encouraging us during / the Action which caused his brave Veterans / to drive the Enemy of[off] & Maintain'd [Maintained]the field by / persuing[pursuing] them through the wood untill 10. O. / Clock Killing wounding & taking prisoners / Upwards of 8000 amongst the Latter were two / Generals 8 field Officers & other Officers to the / Number of 60 & several Intire [Entire] Battalions besides / 5 Standers two Kettle Drums 14 pair of Coullours [Colours]/ & a great many pieces of Cannon & Amunition / which was all sent off to Hamn a Large Garrison / Town belonging the King of Prussia, as soon /as the Enemy got out of the wood to an High / Eminence where they had a strong Batteries Erected / not practible [sic] for us to persue [pursue] Lord Granby Order'd / the Retreat to be Beat, & as we were retreating, / back through a deal of Bushes, & thick wood. a / Stout, Clean Granidier [Grenadier] Lay surrounded with Bushes/

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with one of his thighs shattered to pieces by one / of our Cannon  
Balls & made great Lamentation / at which our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel  
Lord Brome Order'd [Ordered] / our Regiment to Halt & call'd  
[called]for Corporal, / of Pioneers & as soon as I came to him, he /  
Order'd [Ordered]me to set my Pioneers at work with / their Axes  
to Cut up the Bushes, & take the / Granidier [Grenadier] up & Lay  
him upon one of Our / Regimental Cannon & Escort him through  
the / wood in Order to have him to the Hospital we / soon Clear'd  
away the Bushes & took him up / very carefully & the poor fellow  
cry'd [cried] out / Shockingly when we begun [began] to stir him  
up we / Laid him upon the Cannon & two men ~~held~~ / held him on  
& we March'd [Marched] on where Heaps / of the Enemy's men  
Lay Kill'd [killed]& wounded some / had Crawl'd [Crawled] in to  
Low places Others into thick / Bushes after they had been Mortally  
wounded, / the Loss upon our side did not exceed above 3000 /  
soon after this affair with us upon the Left / begun, the Enemy,  
made An Attempt of Attacking / our Main Body & right Wing to  
hinder any / Succours from coming to our Assistance & the / River  
of Saitzbeck being between them the / Several Batteries upon  
Each side Cannonaded / very Briskly for several Hours & finding  
they / could not gain any Advantage in any Quarter / they  
retreated in great precipitation to an High / Eminence strongly  
fortifyed [fortified] much to their shame / & Confution [Confusion]  
Leaving Numbers Dead & Several / pieces of Cannon behind  
them & had they but /

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Advanced something further they must undoubtedly / have  
shared the same fate as those did with us / upon the Left our  
Artillery being so well plant/=ed that they must abeen [have  
been] the most of them Cut / to pieces, after we got out of the  
wood Lay / upon our Arms untill [until] 5. OClock in the Afternoon  
/ & then March'd [Marched] near Hilbeck & Encamp'd  
[Encamped ]upon / our former ground & soon after John Brown  
the / Pioneer that I sent to Assist Joseph Jacobs the / Pioneer that  
was wounded Yesterday to the Doctor / came, & he informed me

that he Died soon afterwards / by the Wound he receiv'd  
[received] in his Bowels I ask'd [asked] / Brown the reason he did  
not Joyn [Join] me sooner / he had Little to say for himself & was  
very / much afraid that I should Confine him as / he knew that he  
must be severly punnish'd [severely punished] / as Indeed he  
richly deserv'd [deserved] it, but I told him / I would have him no  
Longer so I took him / to his Company & ask'd the Serjeant for  
another / Man & he gave me John Cooper to be Pioneer / in his  
room & soon all the Pioneers was / [Ordered] to return back to  
the wood to Blockade / the passes up where the Enemy had  
comed [came] through / & a Large Detachment was Order'd  
[Ordered] to the wood / with Waggon's to bring up all the  
wounded / they could find to the Hospitals to Hilbeck we / March  
to the wood & after Joyning [Joining] the rest of / the Pioneers in  
our Brigade the Corporals Inform'd [Informed] / me that they Each  
of them had a Pioneer Kill'd [Killed] / the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant the same as I  
had we set our Men to work but soon some of them discover'd  
[discovered] /

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pieces of Beef Laying amongst the Bushes / which we so much  
wanted & we fell to Looking / about & we pick'd [picked] up a  
great deal that we / sent some for water Others made fires & we /  
soon got several Kettles full Boilled [Boiled] & Eat [Ate] / it Heartily  
without any Bread or Salt as / we were afterwards Inform'd  
[Informed] the Enemy had / Beef & Bread serv'd [served] out to  
them the Morning / they came of [off] to Attack us after this we  
found / Several pieces of Loaves of Bread in some of / the Dead  
mens Haversacks & Beef so that / the most of us got a stone of  
Beef or more / & part Bread & then after we had refresh'd  
[refreshed] / ourselves we begun to work again untill about / 10  
OClock at night, we had Orders to return / to Camp being all  
Loaden'd [Laden] with provisions / which was very Exceptable as  
soon as we / got into Camp we found the Men Laying / upon their  
Arms and as soon as I got to my / tent my Comerades [Comrades]  
after telling them what / I had got both plenty of Beef & Bread  
they / directly rose up , & Corporal Hardy took the / Kettle & run for  
water, while Corporal Purton / made afire & they & they fell a

Cooking whilst / I Laid down & Sleep'd [Slept] as I had got very well / Satisfied down before, thus Ended this Memorable Battle / of Fellinghausen<sup>[1]</sup>[Vellinghausen ] or Battle of the wood much to the / Honour of our Brave Commander & the Defferent [Different] Corps Engaged therein as Each Soldier minding no/ fatigues but Mirth & Jollity Appear'd [Appeared] in Every mans / Countenance we had strong Picquits & Advance / Guards out this night in Every Corner but all quiet.

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July 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd near Hilbeck this Morning at / 4. O.Clock all our Pioneers Camp Colour men / & a large Detachment was Order'd to March / into the wood & patrole [patrol] every place well where / the Engagement was the 15<sup>th</sup>. and 16<sup>th</sup>. Instant / & to Burry [Bury] all the Dead which we found Numbers / of them Stripp'd [Stripped] Naked by the Boars & followers / of the Army. Waggons came to carry the Arms / & Amunition but there was little found ~~found~~ / of Value Only some Bread & Beef &c Larg [Large] Holes / was made & 20 or 30 thrown into the Holes or pits / together both of the Enemy's] & our own men all / was Burry'd [Buried] & Clear'd [Cleared] away by Noon & then we return'd to / Camp & about 2. O Clock in the Afternoon H.S.H. / Prince Ferdinand was pleas'd [pleased] to testify to our / Army his perfect Esteem for them upon Account / of the Glorious Victory gain'd [gained] Yesterday and the / Countenance they had shewn [shown] so Long a time / Notwithstanding the redoubled fire of both the Enemy's Artillery & Musquetry & afterwards by / the Vigorous Attacks made upon them by Over/=~~=~~powering & driving them from their posts, H.S.H. / Prince Ferdinand was pleased to declare that / he had the Utmost reason to be Satisfied with / the Conduct & Bravery of our Generals field officers / & all our troops & the Manner they distinguished / with their good will & Intrepidity, & he was / Likewise pleased to Acquaint our troops with what / pas'd [passed] upon the right while we upon the Left was/

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[<sup>1</sup> The Battle of Vellinghausen or Battle of the Woods was fought on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1761]

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Engaged that most of the Prince De Soubiese's / whole Army  
Endeavoured to force that of the / Hereditary Princes in several  
places but by that / Brave Princes prudence & Undaunted  
Courage / & the Intrepidity of his whole Corps Obliged the /  
Enemy to retire with great Loss, the two Princes / of Brunswick,  
Frederick and Henry gain'd [gained]] / Applause by signaling  
themselves in this / Battle it being the first Campaign & Action they  
/ Ever were in who both acted with so much / presence of Mind  
good Countenance & uncommon / Intrepidity the Eldest of them  
at the Head of his / Own Regiment & both of them generally in  
the / greatest danger, the Count La Lippe received the /  
Acknowledgement of H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand's / thanks for  
Executing the Artillery with such / Expedition in his power which  
Contributed greatly / to the glorious Success of the day, at six O  
Clock in / [the] Afternoon our whole Army & Detach'd  
[Detached] Corps drew / up in Order of Battle & fired a few de  
joy [feu de joie] upon / the Account of this signal Victory in sight  
of / the Enemy it began with the Artillery we took / from them,  
followe'd [followed] by the Artillery Attach'd [Attached] to / Each  
Corps, & then with Small Arms, repeated / three times with 3  
Hussa's [Hussars] the Name of the Battle / is call'd [called]  
Phellinghausen [Vellinghausen ]or Battle in the Wood / after this  
war was over we return'd [returned] into our Camp & / Strong  
Picquits & Advance Guards was Order'd / Ordered]out to  
Observe the Enemys Motions with Orders / to be very Alert during  
the night & to suffer / no One to pass or repass without giving the  
Parole &c / fine weather

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July 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped]near Hilbeck & at one O Clock  
in the / Morning Struck our tents & Lay upon our Arms untill [until] /  
Six O Clock & soon after March'd [Marched]to our former position

/ as upon the 16<sup>th</sup>. Instant where we lay upon our Arms / untill  
[until] 5 O Clock in the Afternoon Expecting the Enemy / would  
make Another Attemp [Attempt] upon us but in case / they had  
they would have met with a Warmer reception / then before the  
Necessary Dispositions being made / for so doing March'd  
[Marched] to our Camp at Six O Clock at / night, all our defferent  
[different] Advance posts & Picquits / Augmented & Each pass  
strongly fortified . Lord Granby / out of His own generosity Order'd  
[Ordered] a Bullock to Each / Regiment of the English that was  
Enggaged [Engaged]] the / 15<sup>th</sup>. Instant & a Loaf of Bread with  
Half a pint of / [word missing] to Each man this was very  
seasonable as our Bread / is not com'd [come] up yet as the  
Waggons is Park'd [Parked] at a great / Distance a Long with the  
Heavy Baggage & c fine & warm

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July 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & the Enemy remains /  
tollerable [tolerable] quiet, H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand's Orders / that  
Each man be provided with 60 Cartridges & / too[two] good flints  
as the Enemy is so very near upon / our Advance posts in several  
places our Centinals [Sentinels] / & theirs talks together & Buys or  
sells to another / Bread Geneva Tobacco &c as both our Orders  
and / theirs is not to fire upon a Centry [Sentry] unless they /  
presume to Advance Over the Line or any party / be Advancing  
down then the Centrys[sic] has Orders to/ fire & retreat to his  
Guard &c very fine weather &c

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July 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck. H.S.H. Prince  
Ferdinand /Orders that the Usual gratifications shall be paid/ to  
the persons that took any trophies upon the/ 15<sup>th</sup>. or 16<sup>th</sup>. Instant,  
Viz. for every Cannon 100 Dollars/ & for every Colour 30 Dollars.  
Every thing [Everything] remains/ much as Usual & tollerable  
[tolerable] quiet, & this Instant/ a Song is Compos'd[sic] of the  
Action whereof I got/ a Copy of it from our Serjeant Major Roe



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A New Song in praise of Lord Granby & his Brave/ Veterans who  
Boldly Engaged the Enemy and/ gain'd [gained] a Compleat  
[Compleat] Victory. July 15<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Sound praises of fame in the name of Granby/  
Great Wonders is done in High Germany/  
Upon the 15<sup>th</sup>. of July the French gave Attack/  
Our Left wing repuls'd [repulsed] them & soon drove them back/  
    Chorus ye Sons of Britania [Britannia] and sing/  
    Success to Great Granby & Long Live the King/

Next Morning by two we British begun/  
Over Blood being restless wou'd not Let them a Lone [sic] /  
A Brigade with Colours we took Prisoner/  
With pieces of Cannon whilst they were in fear/  
    Chorus you Sons &c.

They are always Boasting of Courage I say/  
But upon our Approach they hasten away/  
For when Granby Appears they are always in fear/  
Crying out Mon Dieu Quarter Anglateer /]  
    Chorus ye Sons &c

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So swiftly he rode while their Bullets they did send/  
Oh Brittain [Britain] thank Heaven for such a kind friend/  
Both Country & Soldiers write & agree/  
In Sounding the praise of Great Granby/  
    Chorus ye Sons &c \_\_\_\_\_

He ne'er[never] so the Army One day for to want/  
If Gold could it purchase tho' ever so scant/  
Gave us Beer gave us Brandy & all we disired[desired]/  
We thank you Lord Granby was all he required/  
Chorus ye Sons &c\_\_\_\_\_

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July 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck this afternoon  
hap/=pen'd [happened] a sharp Skirmish between the Black/  
Prussia Hussars the Hanoverian Hunters & a Consi/derable Body of  
the Enemy in which Little or no/ Advantage was gain'd  
[gained]upon Eitherside in this/ Accounter[Encounter] Prince  
Henry of Brunswick was Mortally/ wounded & Died soon  
afterwards H.S.H. Prince/ Ferdinand Orders that all the Pioneers  
March/ to the Picquits of their Respective Regiments &/ Cut down  
wood for them to make fires & Other/ Necessarys as the  
Commanding Officer shall Appoint &c fine weather

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July 22<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near Hilbeck General Orders/  
that the Pioneers of our whole Army Assemble/ in the wood & fell  
such wood as are proper for/ facines & Gabbions[Gabions]  
according to the Length which/ will be given to Each Pioneer  
Corporal by the Engineer

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who has the Command of the defferent [different] Batteries/ is to  
be Erected the Length of the facines is to be/ 8: 10 & 12 foot Long  
Each & the Gabbions[Gabions] 4 ½ foot/ Long all men of Duty to  
repair into the wood/ & Each two to make one & bring it up to  
the/ Batteries all the Camp Collour[Colour] men to be/ Employ'd  
Employed] throwing up Earth there & no man/ to be Absent &c  
fine weather &c

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July 23<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & this Morning/  
there was some smart Skirmishing at our Advance/ posts & several  
Kill'd [Killed] upon both sides we are all/ now very Bussy [Busy] in  
Erecting four Large Batteries/ every man is Employ'd [Employed]  
as they come of Duty as/ fletches & Breast works is Order'd  
[Ordered] to be thrown up/ at all our Advance posts &c showry  
[showery] weather &c

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July 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck H.S.H. Prince  
Ferdinand/ the Marquis of Granby & several Other Generals/ rode  
up to the Batteries & came into the wood/ where we were at  
work in felling trees to make/ the defferent {different} facines  
Gabbions [Gabions] piles &c and gave/ such Orders as they  
thought Necessary as a Large/ Body of the Enemy is Encamp'd [Encamped]  
in our sigth [sight] not/ far distant &c wett showry  
[wet showery] weather &c

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July 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd near Hilbeck & by this time we have/  
got almost made several Batteries & Other strong/ fortifications as  
several pieces of Cannon was drawn/ into the English Battery  
[Battery] at Noon a Large Detachment

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with Six pieces of Cannon went upon the/ forraging party the  
Enemy being so very near/ that we have very strick'd [strict] Orders  
to be very/ Alert upon all Dutys [Duties] & the Rolls to be call'd  
[called] / very Oftens & any man that is found Absent &/ from his  
defferent [different] post to be Severely punish'd [punished] ] / all  
sorts of provisions & Liquors grows Excessive/ dear & scarce &c  
fine weather &c

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July 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck & very much  
perfeagued [? fatigued]/ both for Duty & work as no man is Ever  
at rest Either/ day or Night but constantly upon the one or the/  
Other all our Advance Guards is Order'd[Ordered] to be/  
Doubled at & near several passes H.S.H. Prince/ Ferdinand the  
Marquis of Granby & amany Generals/ rode upon the Heights to  
reconitire[reconnoitre ] the Enemy but/ we cannot Learn what  
resolution they have come/ too [to] fine weather & c

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July 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hilbeck  
March'd[Marched] this/ Morning Early in 8 Collumns [Columns] &  
Encamp'd [Encamped]at/ Borglio a smart Skirmish this afternoon  
between/ part of the Heriditary Prince of Brunswick/ Army & a  
Considerable Body of the Enemy in which/ the Latter was routed  
& several Kill'd[Killed] & amany prisoners taken strong  
Detachments Order'd [Ordered] out/ to the Advance posts but  
Every thing remain'd [Everything remained] / tollerable [tolerable]  
quiet during the night  
Fine weather &c/

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July 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borglio March'd  
[Marched] at 2 O/

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Clock in the Morning & Encamp'd [Encamped] near Urwitt / here  
we received the great & good News of the/ Surrender of  
Pondicherry & the Isle of Dominico / to his Majesty's Arms Lord  
Granby Order'd [Ordered] all / our Advance Guards to be  
doubled & the passes/ to be well Lined with Cannon as the  
Enemy is/ Upon the Move but still they keep upon the/ Heights not  
practicable for us to persue [pursue] . fine/ weather &c

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July 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Urwitt & the whole / and the whole [sic] March Early this Morning & Encamp'd [Encamped] near/ Stormade some smart Cannonading this Evening/ between the Marquis of Granby's Army & a / Large Body of the French with Little / Advantage as the Enemy would not remain/ within the reach of our small Arms & a river/ being betwixt us not practicable for us to/ persue [pursue ] we remain'd [remained] upon our Arms all night in/ readiness but no more disturbance happen'd[happened] worth/ Notice fine weather &c

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July 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near Stormade March'd [Marched]this/ Morning at 3 O Clock in 5 Collumns & Encamp'd/ near Bureing at which place is a fine Large/ Cloister for Jesuits & in several places therein/ they sold us Wine plentifully to our men at a/ Moderate rate for fear of us taking it by force/ at a Markstick or 6<sup>D</sup> English p[er] Can or Quart/ so that we Drank Wine & Eat[Ate] some of our/ Amunition Bread

(69)

which refresh'd [refreshed] us well all those that had Money/ strong Picquits & Advance Guards Order'd [Ordered] out at/ Gun Firing where several Deserters came over the/ River from the Enemy & by them we Learn that/ 10 000 Draughts from the French Malitia [Militia] is upon/ their March to Joyn [Join] their Army to make up the/ Loss they Sustained the 15<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>. Instant wet/showry [showery ] weather &c

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July 31<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing at 7 O Clock in the/ Morning our whole Army & Detach'd[Detached]] Corps/ drew out in Order of Battle & fired a few de /Joy for the taking [of] Pondicherry & the Isle of/ Dominico & this day we receiv'd [received] His Majestys / thanks for our Conduct & behaviour upon

the/ Glorious days of the 15<sup>th</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup>. Instant Lord Granby/ Order'd  
[Ordered] all the British troops Engaged there in/ Half a pint of  
Brandy [per] man & we drank His/ Majestys Health & Lord  
Granby's fine weather &c/

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August 1<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing some smart/ firing in  
our front about 8 O Clock in the/ Morning with the Husa's  
[Hussars] Green Yeagers Pan/dores &c but no Advantage worth  
Notice General/ Orders for two Pioneers of Each Regiment to/ Cut  
wood for the Picquits of Each Regiment to/ Burn during the night  
several of our men/ has Deserted to the Enemy those two or three  
days/ past our Major Chabert Servant James Dick a/ Scotchman  
went of [off] with the Majors Horse & Cloaths [Clothes] &c

(70)

August 2<sup>d</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing this Morning  
at/ Six O Clock a Line of Tin Boats Escorted by/ the two Regiments  
of Saxagotho's March by/ the right Lay the Bridges Over the  
River/ Wezer where its expected our Army will/ soon Cross as  
H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand has/ given Orders for to hold ourselves in  
readiness / to March upon the shortest Notice as the/ Enemy is  
making several Movements as tho' [though / they were for  
Decamping in a short time & our Advance Guards is strongly  
reinforced/ both with Cavalry & Infantry &c fine warm/ weather  
&c

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August 3<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing some smart/  
firing at our Advance posts between our Cavalry/ & the Enemy a  
Cross the River where they/ water'd [watered] their Horses &  
several upon bothsides [sic] was Obliged to return to their posts a  
foot having/ their Horses Either Kill'd [Killed] or wounded Lord  
Granby/ & several Other Generals seem'd [seemed] to ride very

much/ about towards the Advance posts reconitring  
[reconnoitring ] the/ Enemy who we can se[see] hard at work in  
making/ Batteries Intrenchments [Entrenchments] round their Line  
fine/ weather &c

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August 4<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing a Large Body of  
troops/ Consisting of 9 Battalions & 7 Squadrons March'd  
[Marched] / at Noon under the Command of Lieut<sup>t</sup>. [Watenau] /

(71)

to reinforce Lord Granby's Corp's who are Expected/ to Engage  
every Moment they Left their tents/ standing & took nothing with  
them H.S.H. Prince/ Ferdinand Order'd [Ordered]their Advance  
Guards to be/ taken by the Hessians & the whole to lay/  
Accountred the Cavalry to be Sadled [Saddled] & the/ Infantry  
upon their Arms &c fine warm weather/

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Aug<sup>st</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing orders at two O  
Clock/ in the Morning to be in readiness to March/ but  
countermanded & about 7 O Clock a sharp/ Cannonading &  
firing of small Arms between Lord/ Granby's Corps & the Enemy  
which Contuned [Continued] / for some time wherein the Enemy  
was Obliged/ to retire after an Obstinate ressistance [resistance]  
Leaving/ behind them Numbers Dead upon the spot/ with several  
pieces of Cannon & a great many/ tents & Other Baggage our  
Loss was Inconsiderate/ after this Affair was Over we Lay upon  
our/ Arms the remaining part of the night tollerable[tolerable]  
/quiet fine weather

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August 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing H.S.H. Prince  
Ferdinand Orders that 30 Cartridges be taken/ from Each man

they having carried with/ them 60 as before Order'd [Ordered] all the Pioneers/ to Cut up the wood & Hedges in the / Intervills [Intervals] of Each Brigade that a full/ Communication may be made & the Men of/

(72)

Duty to Carry the wood away & the Camp/ Colour Men to Level the Banks &c strong/ Picquits & Advance Guards sent upon/ the Out posts but nothing Material happened/ but all sorts of provisions grows very dear &/ scarce here &c warm weather &c:

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August 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing this Morning/ Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Watenau March'd [Marched] with a Large/ Body of troops to take possion [position] of some Important/ passes upon the River Lippe this day/ a trumpiter [trumpeter] came from the Prince De Soubies / with some Conditions of treating about the/ Exchanging of Prisoners &c the returns back/ about 4 O Clock in the Afternoon & was/ Escorted by a party of Light Cavalry past/ our Advance posts he seem'd [seemed] a Clean Light/ fellow & well Mounted & could speak English/ tollerable [tolerable] well every thing [everything] remains with us/ pretty Quiet now at this time &c fine warm/ weather &c

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August 8<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing & this Morning/ Early we hard [heard] some Brisk firing upon the/ right of us supposed to be about the Bruns=/wicks Advance post the perticulars [particulars] I could/ never Learn altho' [although] they fired both with great/ Guns & small Arms for some time but as our Line/ was not form'd [formed] we Expected the Skirmish not worth/ notice as we are all very Alert & ready for Action &c/



(73)

August 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing & Our Advance/ posts order'd [ordered] to be Doubled & the rest of the men/ of Duty to keep in their tents ready Accountred/ & none to be Allowe'd [Allowed] to pass the Quarter or/ Rears Guards several Squadrons of our Cavalry/ March'd [Marched] towards the Left this night & every one[ everyone ]/ is kept Alert so that its expected the Enemy/ is upon the Move but every thing [everything] kept quiet &c fine weather &c

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Aug: 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Bureing March'd [Marched] at/ two O Clock this Morning by the Left in/ 3 Collumns & Encamp'd [Encamped] near Dolbrook 5/ stone some Light Skirmishing with the Hussa's [Hussars] /Pandours [Pandores] &c H.R.H. Prince Ferdinand review'd [reviewed]/ our Out posts & gave Orders for Cannon to be/ planted at the Avenues with strick'd [strict] Orders for/ the Advance Guards to be very Alert & the/ Rolls to be call'd [called] by the Corporals in the/ presence of an Officer very Often & at such / times as the Officer shall Appoint we find/ part roots here as Pottatoes [Potatoes]] Carrots &c which/ we are very Bussy [Busy] in Cooking so that we/ think Ourselves much better of then in the/ Last Camp where we could get nothing fine weather &c

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August 11<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped ] near Dolbrock struck our tents at/ 4 O Clock & March'd of [Marched off] at 5 OClock in the/ Morning in 6 Collumns [Columns] Crossed the River Lippe/

(74)

Over pantoon [pontoon] Bridge for that purpose & Encamp'd [Encamped] near Stochenbrook General Orders that/ no Soldiers

presume to pass the Line of Centrys [Sentries] at the Advance posts to Maraud or forrage [forage]/ under pain of severe punishment Each Centry [Sentry] having Orders to stop all for that purpose as/ a man of a tent with proper Officers & a Guard/ with Arms be Order'd to forrage[forage] at defferent [different] times all very quiet now with the Enemy &c wet/ showry weather

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August 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Stockenbrook [? Stochenbrook ] struck Our / tents & March'd [Marched] of at 4 OClock in the Morning in/ 7 Collumns & Encamp'd Encamped] near Detmold where an/ Account is given of its Situation in Page 45 [Page no. 238 in this Transcription] all/ our Advance Guards Order'd [Ordered] to be very Alert H.S.H./Prince Ferdinand the Marquis of Granby & several/ Other Generals rode about our Encampment/ this Evening to View the Sittuation [Situation] we Lay in/ but nothing worth Notice this night fine weather &c /

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August 13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Detmould the whole [sic] March'd [Marched]/ at 3 OClock this Morning 4 stone in 5 Collumns [Columns] / & Encamp'd [Encamped] near Blomberg & the Enemy within/ 4 Miles of us several Skirmishes happen'd [happened] Between/ the Light troops Advance Guards with Little/ Advantage upon Eitherside. Only the Loss of amany as we/ are very much fatigued by the Constant Marches so Long a time/ & seldom can get rest during the whole Either upon duty or of [off] /fine warm weather &c/

(75)

August 14<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Blomberg a great deal of/ Cannonading most part of the day between Lord/ Granby's Corp's & the Enemy's Left wing of which/ the Latter was Obligated to retire with the Loss/ of Several men Killed[Killed] upon

bothsides this day our/ Bread waggons came up & the Bread was  
Serv'd[Served] out/ directly which as a Seasonable relief to us as  
we/ have had no Bread for those several days past/ all our  
Advance posts Doubled & every thing [everything]/ put in a  
proper posture of defence with the/ Cannon planted at all the  
proper passes with/ Orders to be very Alert during the night & day/  
Break &c fine weather &c

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August 15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Blomberg this day  
happen'd [happened] / a sharp Encounter between a  
Detachment of / 300 Men under the Command of Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel/  
Demer who made a gallant defence against/ the reported  
Attacks of a Large Body of the/ Enemy's troops & Obliged them to  
retire with/ a Considerable Loss the Brave Commander/ & his  
troops receiv'd [received] the thanks of H.S.H./ Prince Ferdinand  
upon this Glorious Occation [Occasion] / Lord Granby caused  
several Movments [Movements] to be/ made in our Encampment  
this afternoon by/ drawing cannon upon the Heights & Ordering/  
the Picquits to defferent[different] posts Major General/  
Sandford Order'd [Ordered]the Pioneers to Cut wood at the/  
defferent[different] Advance posts very fine warm weather &c/

(76)

August 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Blomberg H.S.F.  
Prince/ Ferdinand was pleased to Acquaint our Army/ of the  
Gallant Action perform'd [performed] the 14<sup>th</sup>. Instant/ by General  
Luchner at Dissell where he did with/ his own Regiment of Hussars  
Attack a Corps of/ 600 of the Enemy's Cavalry out of which Only  
one/ Officer & 10 Men Escaped the rest being Either Cut/ to  
pieces or taken prisoners so Hansome [Handsome] an Action/  
deserves to be made know every where [everywhere] &  
peticular[particular] / to the Light troops &c several

Movments[Movements] in our/ Camp & the Enemys this Evening  
H.S.H. Prince/ Ferdinand Accompanied with Major Baur and/  
several Generals Officers were taking a View / of the Enemy who  
were making there[their] Defiles/at night from right to left all our  
Advance posts/ was Doubled both of Cavalry & Infantry struck /  
our tents at 10 OClock at night Loaded the/ Baggage & form'd  
[formed] the Line of Battle for two/ Hours then pitch'd  
[pitched]our tents in the same place/ this was Occation'd  
[Occasioned] for to blind the Enemys/ Spies & to take any of them  
that could be/ found in our Camp fine weather &c/

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August 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Blomberg this  
Morning a/ Detachment of Lord Granby's Corps Attack'd  
[Attacked ] / a Considerable Body of the Enemys who had/  
Screen'd [Screened] themselves in a wood & all was taken/  
prisoners His Lordship Order'd[Ordered]Each man in the/

(77)

Detachment Half a pint of Brandy about/ Noon Lieutt. General  
Sporkin March'd [Marched] by the/ right with a Corps of 8  
Battalion & 5 Squadrons/ & a train of 12 pieces of Cannon to  
possess them/selves of an Important Pass near the River/ Dymel  
by this Movement Duty becomes/ harder as we are Obligated to  
make up their/ Advance Guards & Occupy their Passes in / their  
room &c fine weather &c

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August 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped ]near Blomberg the whol  
[whole] March/ about Noon with Drums Beating & Collours  
[Colours] / flying & Encamp'd [Encamped] at Holtzhausen H.S.H./  
Prince Ferdinand Drew his sword at the/ Head of Lord Granby's  
Corps a party of the/ Grandiers [Grenadiers] & Highlanders  
having form'd [formed] an/ Advance Picquit were Attack'd this

Afternoon/ by most of Fishers Corps & Surrender'd [Surrendered] who/ refused to give them quarters & Inhumaly [inhumanely] Kill'd [Killed] / a great many of them but in the Interim/ General Elliot Light Dragoons having Notice/ of it flew to their Assistance & after a Bloody/ Encounter made the Enemy retreat with a/ Considerable Loss as this Corps of General Fisher/ in the Enemy Service is chiefly Composed of/ Deserters from our Army & they knowing that/ if they are taken they will be Hang'd[Hanged] makes/ them fight like Madmen & do us a great deal of/

(78)

Damage very Often & a fine night &c /

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August 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Blomberg this Morning our/ whole Army March'd at 4 OClock in 5 Collumns [Columns] &/ Encamp'd [Encamped] near Fustenau & Lord Granbys Corps drew/ up in Order of Battle & persued[pursued] the Enemy & Obliged/ them to Cross the River Weser near Hoxter with/ a considerable Loss having been Cannonaded very/ Briskly during the whole time they were retreating/ a Large body of them Encamp'd [Encamped] in sight of us upon/ the Otherside of the River upon an High Eminence/ with a wood upon each of their flanks so that Instead/ of Surprising the Enemy Lord Granby might well have/ been Surprized himself for the first thing we saw soon/ after was a Body of them drawn up in good Order and/ might Consist of about 9000 Men but Lord Granby / told us there was no retreating now Either with/ Honour or safety his Lordship was resolved to stand/ stoutly to it & therefore having first told us all/ Regiment by Regiment the Advantages of being/ Brave & the Inevitable Ruin of our whole party/ if we prov'd [proved] Otherwise & thereupon finding our men/ very Compliant to his Lordships desire he sent/ a party of Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Conways Dragoons toward/ the Enemy who were presently Charged by a great/ body of their Horse & beat back past the front/ of some of our Men fired upon them & Kill'd [Killed] 7 or 8 / of the Number but some of the Enemys Horse/

(79)

persued [pursued] them so far that amany of them/ were Kill'd [Killed] by our fire as they Endeavour'd [Endeavoured] to/ get of[off] by this time the Body of our party was/ Advanced near the Enemy who were posted upon/ the top of a rising ground not far from the City Hoxter & as we March'd [Marched] up the Hill fired a whole/ Volley upon us & then set up a shout but scarce/ Kill'd [Killed] us a man their shott [shot] flying over us however/ we Advance on till we came within Pistol Shott [Shot] / & then fired which so gall'd [galled] the Enemy that they/ Imediatley [Immediately] retired towards the Town & Ender'd [Entered] into/ a fort they had there from whence they Sallied/ out and made a very fierce Attack but we soon/ Beat them in again with a considerable Loss night/ coming on Lord Granby Order'd [Ordered] us to be very Alert/ during the night Our Advance Guards not/ being above 100 yards from our Main Body & the/ Enemy kept firing from their fort & Batteries the/ most part during the night without doing us very/ Little damage &c fine weather &c/

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August 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Fustenau our Grand Army/ & Lord Granby Corps upon their Arms near Hoxter/and the Enemy taking the Advantage of the night/ Evacuated the City of Hoxter towards their Main/ Body & it was soon afterwards possessed [possessed by our Granidiers [Grenadiers] / & Highlanders & the rest of our Corps March'd [Marched] back/ to their Camp Only we Left Strong Advance Guards /

(80)

at all the Defferent [Different] passes Lord Granby was/ pleased to Order Each man Half a pint of Brandy / for their gallant Behaviour

during the time we/ have been under Arms &  
showry [wet showery] weather &c./

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August 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Fustenau this  
Morning we/ heard som[some] Brisk Cannonading a great way  
of[off] to/ the right of us all our Advance Guards was/ reliev'd  
[relieved] this forenoon near Hoxter upon the River/ Weser the City  
of Hoxter is a well Built Town and/ has four Churches & stands very  
Comodious [Commodious] for trade up/ & down the River & the  
ground seems fruitfull all/ round it stands Low & is well supplied with  
wood &/ water here is some bad Walls & other works to be/ seen  
round it but is very much in ruins at this/ time having suffer'd  
[suffered ] greatly by being Plunder'd [Plundered] / so often by  
both Army's that the Inhabitants who/ are mostly Romans & Jews  
seems but very poor every/ thing remains tollerable [tolerable]  
quiet &c fine weather & c

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August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Fustenau this Morning the/ Enemy  
stole of [off]  
before it was Light but Lord Granby/ having Information of it by  
One of our Spies His/ Lordship gave Orders directly to form the Line  
of Battle/ & Advance in this situation we persued[ pursued] them  
& Cannon/=aded them very briskly & Kill'd [Killed] a great Number  
untill [until]/ noon we return'd [returned] to Camp again  
[?Leaving] strong Advance Guards with/ Cannon at the  
defferent[different] passes this afternoon we had the good news  
of a/ Victory gain'd [gained] by the King of Prussia over the  
Austrians in Cellicia / H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand Orders that head  
Quarters is changed to Brinkhausen/ & is to be Observed as such  
&c fine weather &c/

(81)

August 23<sup>d</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen & this Morning H./S.H. Prince Ferdinand the Marquis of Granby & several/ Other Generals rode a Long our Line & up to the rising [rising] / ground upon our Left where some of our Picquits/ was posted they seem'd [seemed] to be reconiting the Enemy upon/ several Hills where they could get any prospect by/ having their Telcopes [Telescopes] out for that purpose but as / they are in a Camp by the Edge of great woods Only/ some defferent[different] Bodys can be seen &c wett showry [wet showery] weather / &c

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August 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen General Orders/ for all our Outposts to be Doubled & no man to be/ Absent from him [his]Camp or Detachment but to keep/ always ready & Alert in pain of Severe punishment/ at 2 OClock in the Afternoon a Large Body of Caval=/=try [Cavalry] & Infantry of the Hanoverrians March'd [Hanoverians Marched] by the/ right under the Command of Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General/ Watenau to possess themselves of a pass near Hoxter/ where the Enemy has thrown up some strong/ Batteries & Intrenchments upon the Hights [Heights] two/ Men taken up in the Brunswicks Camp supposed/ to be spies & Confin'd [Confined] in the Provost Guard fine weather/&c

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August 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen this forenoon/ H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand gave Orders for several/ Movements in our Army & we made our Defiles/ Accordingly & Lord Granbys Corps Advanced towards/ the Enemy upon some Heights as they being the/ flying Army where we can see several Large Bodys/



of the Enemy [Encamp'd] in the Intervals betwixt/ the wood His Lordship Order'd [Ordered] Strong Detachments/ out upon the Advance posts & the rest of Duty/ to Lay ready Accounter'd [Accountred] in their tents, some/ smart firing with the Grand rounds & patrols [patrols] / in the night with Little Advantage Only/ it gave us the trouble of turning out & standing/ too[to] our Arms several times. Wett showry [wet showery] weather /

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August 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen & this morning by 4 O/Clock a sharp Cannonding[Cannonading] & firing of small Arms begun/ in the front between Lord Granby Corps & the Enemy/ in with the Latter was Defeated having a great/ many men Kill'd [Killed] wounded & taken prisoners besides several/ pieces of Cannon & Other Baggage that they could not/ get of[off] they being so sharply persued [pursued] by our Cavalry [Cavalry] and/ Infantry who drove there[their] Advance Corps up to their Main/ Body that was ready drawn up in Battle Array Lord Granby/ Order'd [Ordered] the retreat to be Beat & we March'd [Marched] back with/ our Bounty to our former ground where His Lordship was/ pleased to return thanks to his whole Corps for their/ Valliant Behaviour upon the Occation [Occasion]] a fine night &c /

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August 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd near Brinkhausen & every thing [everything]/ with us tollerable [tolerable] quiet the two men that was taken/ up as Spies in the Brunswicks Camp the 24<sup>th</sup>. Instant/ being tryed[tried] by a General Court Martial & found guilty/ was Sentenced to be Hanged by the Captain of their/ Provost Guard & they were Executed accordingly as one of/

our Spies affirm'd [affirmed] it that he had seen them frequently/  
in the  
Enemys Camp as such this seems sharps work to/ us that one spie  
[spy] Detects another & they not knowing/ how soon it may be  
their own case &c fine weather &c/

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August 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen Early this  
Morning a/ party of our Light Cavalry Attach'd [Attached] an  
Advance/ post of the Enemy in our sight where a sharp/  
Encounter Ensued with Little Advantage Only several/ men Lost  
their Lives upon bothsides & the rest retreated/ back to their posts  
some wounded others Lost their/ Horses & Obliged to travel a foot  
&c fine warm weather &c/

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August 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen Early this  
Morning/ Lord  
Granby had an Account by some Deserters that/ a Large Body of  
the Enemy was Advancing towards us/ & that a party of 2000 foot  
& 1500 Horse were gone/ beyond the woods to Attack a strong  
pass their[there] & fall/ upon our Rear but altho' [although] a  
party of the Enemys/ Horse Appear'd [Appeared] in sight of our  
Camp & that they/ had several Battalion of foot drawn up in  
Order/ of Battle yet they retired upon the Advancing/ of a party  
of our Horse against them several of our/ Generals were for  
fighting & Advised Lord Granby to/ send for our foraging partys  
home but his Answer/ was he saw no sign of their designing to  
fight Only/ Once when His Lordship saw them draw their/ Army  
into two Lines he then sent Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General/ Waldgrove to Order all  
our Infantry to stand to their/

(84)

Arms & soon after the Enemy drew off [off] & so this Affair/ Ended much to the dissatisfaction of all our English/ Soldiers all our out posts was strongly fortified [fortified] with/ Cannon with Orders for the men to Lay ready Accounted/ fine weather &c /

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August 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen this Morning a Line/ of Tin Boats Escorted by the two Regiments of Saxagothas / March'd [Marched] through our Encampment towards the/ right in Order as its Supposed to Lay Bridges Over/ some River that we are to Cross shortly all our/ Advance Guards & Picquets is tollerable [tolerable] Quiet as the/ Enemy seems very Content to keep their own ground/ by making Batteries & Intrenchments at all their/ Avenues pass & fine weather &c/

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August 31<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen & every thing [everything] as/ Usual & the Enemy seems very agreeable [agreeable] as several of/ us Last night upon the Advance posts bought / Geneva of [off] some of their Centrys [Sentries] at a moderate price/ as their [there] is Only a small Ditch is [in] some places/ betwixt our Line of Centrys [Sentries] & theirs so that any/ may be Handed Over Easily & they have Orders not/to fire upon any Centry [Sentry] upon his post the same/ as our Centrys [Sentry] has & they are very ready to Either/ Buy sell or Exchange any thing they have with us/ Bread Liquor &c /

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September 1<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen Early this Morning/ several Squadrons of the Enemys Light Cavalry/ Attack'd [Attacked] an Advance post near Hoxter Occupied by/

the Hessians when some smart firing Ensued & the/ Latter  
Maintain'd [Maintained] their post & forced the enemy to/ retire  
with a Considerable Loss H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand/ Orders that  
Batteries & Brestworks [Breastworks] be thrown up at/ all our  
Advance posts & that the Pioneers of Each/ Regiment cut wood  
for facines [fascines] Gabions Piles &c for that / purpose & all the  
men of duty to be Employ'd [Employed] therein &c/ fine weather  
&c /

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September 2<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen & very Bussy  
[Busy] in / felling wood & making facines [fascines]&C for the  
defferent [different ]  
/ Batteries while Others are Employ'd [Employed] in throwing / up  
the Earth for that purpose as the Enemy seems / to be very Uneasy  
in their Sittuation [Situation] for the want / of forrage [forage] &  
Other Necessarys & we are Inform'd [Informed] they / want to  
remove to some Other place more Convenient / but we keep  
such a sharp Look out after them that / they dare not venter all  
sorts of provisions grows very / dear & scarce with us & Liquor has  
risen above half / of what they were Lately wett[wet] weather  
&c /

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September 3<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen & at 4  
OClock in/ the Morning we March'd [Marched] in 6 Collumns  
[Columns]& Encamp'd [Encamped] / near Borkholtz where strong  
Advance Guards & Picquits/ were Order'd [Ordered] out to the  
defferent[different] passes with Orders/ to be very Alert Lord  
Downs being General of the day/ & Observing a Guard of the  
Enemys upon the rising/ ground not far from our Advance posts his

Lordship gave/ Order for all the English Picquits that was near at/  
hand to Assemble & form into a body in Number about 300/

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with himself at their Head & being desirous [desirous] of his / Name  
Extoll'd [Extolled]] he told the party that he was resolved to/  
Attack the Enemys post & drive them from it His / Lordship Order'd  
the Picquits to Advance & he him=/self was the first that plung'd  
[plunged] into the River that/ was betwixt them & the men forded  
up to their middles/ & kept Advancing unto the foot of the rising  
ground/ when Imediatly [immediately] the Enemy fired a Vollie  
[Volley] of small/ Arms and retreated some small distance where  
they/ had some Squadrons & a Large body of Infantry drawn/ up  
out of our Mens sight but as soon as Lord Downs/ with his party  
had got Advanced near the Enemys/ post they fired thick & three  
fold & kept a Heavy/ fire upon all sides so that Lord Downs being  
Kill'd[Killed] &/ Numbers of his party the rest was Obliged to  
Escape/ by Open flight & the Enemy persuing[pursuing] them  
close up/ to the Rivers Brink Killing wounding & taking/ prisoners  
upwards of two thirds of the party & those/ that did Escape Lost all  
their Arms &c this rash/ Action caused a great deal of trouble to  
all the/ rest of the Out posts & Obliged the Line to be formed/ &  
Lay upon our Arms Expecting the Enemy was/ for making some  
Attack upon our Main body but/ they Contented themselves with  
the small Victory/ they had got as no wise man would a made  
such/ an Attempt where there was no possibility of gaining/ any  
Advantage so that it was thought that he must/ be Either a  
Madman or a fool to think of Attacking/

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any Guard or party so near their main Body as/ nothing Less could  
be Expected then [than] an Ambusheade [Ambush] /being in its  
Rear however Lord Downs Lost his Life &/ it is strongly reported by  
some of his own party as the/ Soldiers had a great Avertion  
[Aversion]] to him & Especially/ those that was under his  
Command as he was always/ said to be very severe &

troublesome upon them/ for my part I knew Little of him as not  
belonging/ his Brigade nor never was upon Duty under his/  
Command we had it Currantly [Currently] reported about Camp/  
that Lord Granby was very much displeas'd [displeased] at his/  
Conduct as he had no Orders to Advance Over the/ River which  
was the cause of his own Death & many/ a Brave man with him  
that was Obliged to Obey/ his Commands & fall a Victom [Victim]  
by the Enemy in/ such a Confution [sic] Lord Downs seem'd to be  
about30/ years of Age & of a High spirit it was a pity he had/ not  
more Conduct & Less desireous [desirous] after Honour in/ a wrong  
cause a soft wett[wet] night &c /

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September 4<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borkholtz & the Enemy/  
remains quiet after their Victory Last night/ Over Lord Downs & his  
party some of the men/ that Escaped Informs me that the Enemy  
had a / Large Detachment of both Horse & foot ready drawn/ up  
upon the Otherside of the rising ground who both/ fronted &  
flank'd [flanked]them which put them into/ disorder directly after  
they had advanced near the/

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Enemys Guard upon the rising ground that gave/ them a fire &  
then retreated to their Main Body/ who fired sharply & Kill'd [Killed]  
amany that their Ranks/ was soon put into disorder as the Enemy  
Observ'd [Observed]by/ Advancing fast upon them that the rest  
was Obliged/ to throw away their Arms & save themselves by  
flight/ having near two Miles to run before they could reach/ any  
place of safety as amany was slain in the way &c /  
wett[wet] weather &c /

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September 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borkholtz our whole Army  
March'd [Marched] / at 4 O Clock in the Morning in 7 Collumns &

Encamp'd [Encamped] / near Borgentrich [? Borgentreich] a  
Large Detachment of the Brunswicks/ March'd [Marched] to the  
City of Warburgh to Maintain that/ Important pass upon the River  
Dymel strong Advance/ Guards & Picquits was Order'd [Ordered]  
out this night both in/ front & upon the flanks H.S.H. Prince  
Ferdinand/ Orders that no Officer Commanding any Advance/  
Guards or Picquits presume [presume] to cause his party to/  
Advance towards the Enemy beyond the Limits [Limits]/ percrib'd  
[prescribed] under pain of being Cashier'd [Cashiered] for  
Disobeying/ of Orders as Long as the Enemy keeps within their/  
Own Line these Orders was Occation'd [Occasioned] by Lord  
Downs/ rashness the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Instant where his Lordship fell a sacrifice/  
to the Enemy & the most of his party &c wet weather/ &c

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Septembr. 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[?Borgentreich] & about Day=Break/ the Enemy Advanced Over  
their Lines towards some/ of our Out posts after some of their  
Deserters when/ a sharp Firing Ensued & Obliged the Enemys party  
to/

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retire with the Loss of several Kill'd [Killed] upon the spot/ the  
Deserters reports that the French Army is in/ great wants of forrage  
[forage] & all other Necessarys of Life/ & that their troops are very  
Sickly which weakens/ them greatly &c wett showry [wet  
showery] weather &c /

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September 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[?Borgentreich] this Morning a/ Detachment March'd &  
Cantoon'd [Marched & Cantooned] at Warburgh in/ Order to  
relive [relieve] the above Detachment ther Lay/ Encamp'd near  
the Town the Prussia Black Husa's [Hussars] / Six of whom patrolling  
[patrolling] at a Village took nine French/ prisoners & wounded  
several Others for which Exploit/ H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand

Order'd [Ordered] Each man a Duckett/ with a promise of his future favour all sorts of/ Necessarys is very dear & scarce in our Camp & our/ Orders very strick'd that none dare presume to stir to/ any Village to Buy any thing ]anything] upon no Account wett [wet] / weather &c/

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September 8<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich [?Borgentreich] General Orders that/ the Pioneers of Each Regiment make Chevedefrige [?Cheval- de-frise] / & pitch them upon Each flank up to the front/ Camp=Colour & about the Colours & Quarter Guards/ of Each Regiment as soon as those Orders was out I / Imediatly Order'd [Immediately Ordered] our Orderly Drum at the Colours/ to Beat the Pioneers March & they all Assembled/ when I Order'd [Ordered] all the Eight to go to the wood & bring/ Each a Load that was proper to make the Chevedefrige [?Cheval-de -frise] & as soon as they return'd [returned] they fell to work in making/ ~~them~~ them the Length they are to be is 18 Inches we/

(90)

soon got ours all fixt [fixed] & several of the Suttles [Sutlers] had/ spoke to us for wood they all went again & fetch each/ man a Load & sold it for 10 Stivers Each Load so that/ after all we got plenty of Allowance in Geneva wett [wet] / cold weather &c:/

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September 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich [?Borgentreich] the weather more/ Moderate several Bodys of the Enemys troops is making/ their Defiles towards our Left the Marquis of Granby/ & several Other General Officers is gone that way to/ reconite [reconite] them & our foraging party that was going/ out is Countermanded with Orders for no man to quit/ his Camp about Noon we heard some small firing/ of small Arms in our front as we suppose it is the/ Enemys partys coming too near our



Advance posts/ but they seem'd [seemed] Only a few scattering  
shotts [shots] so no/ notice was taken of them strong Picquits was  
Order'd [Ordered]/ out at Gun firing but no disturbance  
happen'd worth/ notice during the night &c fine weather &c/

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September 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[?Borgentreich] this Morning at/ 8 O'Clock a Large foraging  
[foraging] party went out with/ 4 pieces of Cannon Escorted by a  
Detachment of/ Cavalry & Infantry as several Deserters comes/  
from the Enemy & they are in great wants/ of forrage [forage] Ever  
since we took that Important/ pass from them near Hoxter where  
a Large Corps/ of the Hessians is now Encamp'd [Encamped]  
for]its Security as/ the weather is coming on Cold Lord Granby  
recommend[ed] /

(91)

it to the Commanding Officer of Regiments to/ take on a Geneva  
Cart to keep Constantly with the/ Regiment to Supply the men at  
a Moderate price/ & for their Encouragment[Encouragement]  
they shall for the future/ receive forrage[forage] of the  
Quartermaster for their Horse/ gratis &c blows cold &c/

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September 11<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[?Borgentreich] our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel/ Lord Brome gave it out in  
Orders that he had Agreed/ with Joanes Oliver to supply Our  
Regiment with/ Spiritual Liquors during the Campaign & for the/  
future he is to draw Bread & Meat at the same rate/ as the Soldiers  
& to have forrage serv'd [forage served] out the same/ as the Bat  
horses this will be a seasonable relief to/ us as most of the Geneva  
Carts & Suttlers [Sutlers] will soon/ be gone & some is gone already  
we shall be sure of/ him always with us where the roads will permit  
& / Corporal Turner & a Country Butcher is Joyn'd [Joined] to  
Supply us with Meat whether Beef or Mutton/ that they can

purchase but we know our shars [shares] /is but small of Either  
altho' [although] we are Stop'd [Stopped] 3<sup>D</sup> 1/4 p[er] day/ for 9  
Ounces of very Ordinary Meat as the most of/ it is Bone & 1<sup>D</sup> 1/4  
p[er] day is Stop'd [Stopped] of Each mans for/ Bread so that the  
Private men out of their half/ Crown p[er] week two Shillings &  
threepence is kept/ from them & the Other Eleven=pence runs on  
in/ Arrears & Stoppages to provide them with Shirts/ Shoes  
Stockings & Other Necessarys that any One/ would be surprized to  
think how they Live at all/

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as the Bread & Meat is not half Sufficient for any/ Moderate man  
the Advance  
Guards & Picquits the/ same Complement of men & Blows Cold  
& wett [wet] weather &c/

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September 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[Borgentreich ] John Tomlinson/ Soldier in our Company with 3  
Others belonging the/ Regiment Deserted Last night to the Enemy  
they/ having been out Marrauding [Marauding] untill the Rolls  
was/ call'd & it is Supposed they durst not return for fear/ of  
punishment as Tomlinson was a good Old Soldier &/ had always  
behav'd [behaved] well before we are all very sorry/ for him as  
they were seen some time before they went/ of[off] partly Drunk  
&c  
Wett showry [wet showery] weather &c /

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September 13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[?Borgentreich]several  
Squadrons of/ our Cavaltry wheel'd [wheeled] of to our Advance  
posts in/ Order to persue [pursue] the Enemy when they Advance  
in/ small partys to Alarm our Advance Guards & Picquits/ &  
Scarce as General of the Day Major General Lord Frederick/  
Cavendish all sorts of Necessarys begins to be Excessive/ dear and

Scarce as amany of the Sutlers & follows [?followers] of our/ Army  
is gone & the rest a going Blows cold &c /

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September 14<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich [?  
Borgentreich] some Brisk Cannon/=ading upon our right at some  
distance about 8 O/Clock in the Morning Lord Granby Order'd  
[Ordered]all our/ Advance posts to be very Alert & no man to quit  
his/ post or Camp to Marraud[Maraud] upon no Account but/ the  
Rolls to be frequently call'd [called] in the presence of an/

(93)

Officer & the wood & water to be fetch'd [fetched]by a man/ of  
a tent peraded[paraded] for that purpose & Serjeants and/  
Corporals to be Appointed to March with the men/ to Escort them  
back to Camp as soon as they have/ Loaded themselves &c  
Blowing weather &c/

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September 15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich [?  
Borgentreich] this Morning Lieut<sup>t</sup>./ General Waldgrove & several  
Other General Officers/ rode towards the right to Observe the  
Enemy who/ were making their Defiles several ways through the/  
woods in their Rear & its Expected they are for/ Moving very soon  
if they can but find an Oppertuinity[Opportunity]/ but such a  
sharp Look out is kept upon them that/ they scarce can without  
Hazarding a Battle which/ they seem not forward of at this time  
strick[strict] Orders/ as we have had for several days past &c  
Cold wet weather &c/

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September 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Borgentrich  
[?Borgentreich] March'd [Marched]at 6 O/Clock in the Morning

in 5 Collumns & Encamp'd [Encamped] / near Corbech the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick/ with his Corps Encamp'd [Encamped] near the City of Warburgh / to Maintain that Important pass upon the River/ Dymell strong Advance guards & Picquits is Order'd [Ordered] out to all the defferent [different] passes the Enemy March'd/ of [Marched / off] into the night & has taken their Rout [Route] towards/ the City of Hess Cassel &c Cold Wett [Wet] weather &c /

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September 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped near Corbech March'd [Marched] at 11 O Clock in the night & halted soon afterwards & Lay upon our/

(94)

Arms at Noon H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand gave Orders/ for a Detachment of 50 Men & Battalion to be Appointed/ with Officers in proportion for Chassuers [Chasseurs] under the/ Command of General Luchner Corporal Purton of/ our Company turn'd [turned] out for this Duty & the men/ all turn'd [turned] out Vollunteers [Volunteers]] very readily as this party/ is to be mostly along with the Light troops no man/ is Allow'd [Allowed] to go but those that can March well Blows /Cold &c

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September 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Corbech untill [until] two O Clock this / Morning our whole Army March'd [Marched] & Crossed the / River Dymel in defferent [different] Collumns & Halted untill [until] / Day=Break & then March'd [Marched] by Geismar where we / found that the Enemy had Quitted their Camp / about 5 Miles further some time before & retired / to an high Eminence where both of their Cavaltry / & Infantry were drawn up in Order of Battle where / upon Count La Lippe began to Cannonade a Large / Body of them in a Village who also retreated to those / upon the Heights in the utmost Confution [Confusion] / Leaving several Dead behind them & shortly / after

we Advance in defferent[different] Collumns with all / Imaginable Speed in Order to Attack them upon the / Heights which we soon found they had Abandon'd [Abandoned] / & were retreating in the greatest Consternation / towards the City of Hess Cassel whereupon our / Cavalry was Order'd [Cavalry was Ordered] to Charge & the Battallion [Battalion] Gu... [Guard] / rushed up to the front Cannonaded them very Briskly & /

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greatly Harrassed [Harassed] their Rear by Kill'd[Killed] Numbers & / taking a great many prisoners however they at Last / got under Cover of the Cannon of Hess Cassels & / Encamp'd [Encamped] our Light troops & theirs Continued all / the time Skirmishing & in the mean time [meantime] General / Elliots Light Dragoons Engaged a Considerable Body / of their Cavalry who were routed & several Kill'd [Killed] / & many taken prisoners the Heridittery [Hereditary] Prince of / Brunswick with his Corps Advanced upon the right / & near Williamstall was a sharp Cannonading / between hm & a Body of the Enemy Concealed in a wood / who were also most of them Kill'd [Killed] or taken prisoners / with several pieces of cannon & a great Number of / tents & Other Baggage &c the Spirit & Bravery of / our whole troops in general shew'd [showed] Considering / the Length of time they have been under Arms & / the fatigues of so Long a March is Justly to be / praised Hardly one man drop't [dropped] the Action untill [until] about 7 OClock at night we had Orders / to Encamp near Obersfilmer about 3 Miles from / the City of Hess Cassel where we had strong Picquits / Order'd out about half a mile in front & the Cannon / planted at all the defferent [different] passes with Orders to be / very Alert our Pandores & Yeagers made some faint / Attacks & caused some Little firing in the night but / not worth notice & for the Enemy they Lay very quiet /

(96)

& was glad to keep so as they would Certainly the / most of them abeen [have been] Either Kill'd [Killed]or took prisoners if / they had not reach'd [reached] Hess Cassels & it being so strongly

/fortified [ fortified ] with Batteries & cannon planted all round /  
besides the Enemy has made several Batteries [Batteries] and /  
Intrenchments [Entrenchments ]upon the Heights since it fell into /  
their Hands all sorts of provisions is Excessive dear & / scarce with  
us now as hear [here] is nothing to be had for / money for the  
most of the Sutlers & followers of the / Army is gone from us since  
we have been so Long under / Arms persuing [pursuing] the  
Enemy that none of them thought / themselves Safe a Long with  
us &c very Cold wett[wet] weather /

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Septembr. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ober=filmer & our  
whole Army / Lay upon their Arms from 4 OClock to Nine this /  
Morning & in readiness to March at One in the / Afternoon but  
was Countermanded by H.S.H. Prince / Ferdinand Orders as the  
Enemy seem'd [seemed]to be upon / the Move but would not  
quit their strong hold / in & about the City of Hess Cassel Lord  
Granby / Corps made the Advance Guards this night where / His  
Lordship Laid down upon the ground amongst / us during the  
night the Enemy kept very quiet / Only some few scattering shotts  
[shots]fired at our pat=/=roles without doing much damage  
several / Deserters came to us from the Enemy & reports they / are  
in great want of Necessarys in their Army &c /Cold weather &c /

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September 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped near Ober=filmer at 7 OClock  
this / Morning the Chassuers March'd & Encamp'd [Chasseurs  
Marched & Encamped]near/

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Hachershausen the whole at 3 OClock in the afternoon / &  
Encamp'd [Encamped] near Williamstall some in woods & others /  
upon a fine Advantageous rising ground the Heriditary / Prince of  
Brunswick Corps March'd[Marched] in the Morning / & Encamp'd

[Encamped] upon our right as soon as the Enemy / perceiv'd  
[perceived] our Army upon the Move they sent out / some Large  
Bodys of Cavalry to Harriss [Harrass] ] our Rear but / several  
pieces of Cannon & a Brigade of the Hanoverians / Infantry  
posted their receiv'd [there received] the Gentleman so /  
warmly that they Exchange a few shotts [shots] & retired in / the  
greatst [greatest] precipitation towards their Main Body / near  
Cassels & had they but Advanced a Little further / they had fallen  
in with the English who was ready / drawn up in Battle Array  
waiting for them fine weather &c /

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September 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Williamstall in the  
woods where / we can see nothing but Large Oak & Beech Trees  
but / still we are much warmer then [than] in the Open fields / as  
we make fires as Large & amany as we please the / Pioneers is  
Employ'd in Cuting [Employed in Cutting] the Trees down for / that  
purpose but water is very scarce to be found / the Pandores and  
Yeagers are Constantly Skirmishing / with the Enemy with Various  
Successes & the Light / troops are upon the Out Scouts it may be  
proper / to inform my readers what the Pandores & Yeagers / are  
&c they are the Country Gentlemen that raises / some 100 men  
Others 50 & some perhaps Less who are / Incorporated into troops  
or Companys and the Gentlemen / that so raises any men Either  
Horse or foot have a Patient /

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from their Prince to grant Commissions to their Officers / so raised  
as they always Joyn [Join] that side their Prince is / for & they  
Cloath [Clothe] them in defferent [different] Uniforms some in /  
Blue Others in Green or Yellow & are call'd [called] unregular /  
troops as they seldom or never Joyn [Join] with the Army but /  
keeps upon the Out skirts Either in front or upon / the flanks & is  
under no Command but their own / Officers their pay it but small  
as they never Lay / Encamp'd but remains in the Towns or Villages  
/ where they plunder without Controul & Obligedes [Control &  
Obliges] the / Inhabitants to find them Victuals & there [their]

Horses forage when the Enemy is upon their March they /  
Endeavour to fall upon any small partys they can / Overcome &  
all is their own that they take & they / have a Duckett for Each  
man they take prisoner & / their Horses they sell & is Allow'd  
[Allowed] for Cannon Colour / Arms & Accountrements  
[Accoutrements] ] so taken but if the Pandores / or Yeagers be  
Overcom'd [Overcome] by the Enemy or any party / of them  
they seldom will give them any quarters / upon Eitherside [Either  
side] for both Armys has a great Avertion [Aversion]] / to them as  
they are Counted no more on them a / Company of Banditti or  
Robbers Altho' their [Although there] is plenty / of them both in our  
Army & theirs it is those sort of people / that mostly plunders the  
wounded or slain after a Battle / as they are always at Liberty to  
act as they please & / where they find an Oppertuinity  
[Opportunity] they will plunder one / side as well as the Other so  
that they are dispised [despised] by all / Soldiers & their Officers is  
the same as the men strong/ Picquits Order'd [Ordered] out this  
night &c fine weather &c /

(99)

Septembr 22<sup>d</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped} near Williamstall &  
this day a feu de / joy [feu de / joie ] was fired throughout our  
whole Army upon the / Account of the Coronation of their  
Majesties King / George the Third & Queen Charlotte a Body of  
the / Highlanders Consisting of 100 posted at Winter Cassel /  
situated upon an High Hill was Attack'd by above / four times their  
Number of the Enemy Cavalry and / Infantry who made a gallant  
defence for a considerable / time and when their Amunition was  
spent they Defended / themselves by pelting their Antagonists  
with stones at / Last they were Obliged to Lay down their Arms  
oweing [owing] to / Superiority & those tha Escap'd [Escaped]  
Death were carried / prisoners into the City of Hess Cassel but not  
without Killing Numbers of the Enemy this Attack was Occation'd  
[Occasioned] by the Desertion of a Serjeant of their own Corps  
who / inform'd [informed] the Enemy their strength & Conducted  
them / to the place where they were posted H.S.H. Prince /



Ferdinand the Marquis of Granby & several General / Officers rode a Long our Line through the woods / where they could pass to View our Camp & sittuation [situation] / cold weather &c/

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September 23<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Williamstall struck our tents / at 4 O Clock in the Morning & March'd [Marched] to Levergan / & Encamp'd untill [Encamped until] 8 O Clock at night then March'd [Marched] / & Crossed the River Dymel at Lamstead about / Midnight & it very dark a woman upon Horse/ Back fell over the Bridge into the River and / Narrowly Escaped be Drowned close by me & my/

(100)

Pioneers who was in the front of our Regiment we made / her all the Assistance we could & got her out upon the / Otherside & her Horse swam out of it self She was an / English Women [Woman] & a Soldiers Wife who was petty Sutler / but to what Regiment we never knew as having no / time to stay any Longer then helping her out every / one being perteagued [? fatigued] almost to Death for the want/ of rest & Other Necessarys we kept Marching / untill [until] we came near Horbruck 7 stone to Act with / General Sporken near Bevern upon the River Wesar / This was a Heavy days March & now night coming / very Cold we have nothing but the Wett [sic] ground to / Lay upon & distitute [destitute] of any provisions wett [wet] weather/

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September 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Upon our Arms untill [until] 3 O Clock this Morning / March'd [Marched] near Horbruck Hott Cannonading near Hoxter / untill [until] 6 O Clock in the Morning & at 10 O Clock at / night all our Picquits turn'd out as did the whole /Line & March'd to Bevern the Picquits with 6 Squadron / of Cavaltry March'd over the River Weser about a / Mile and Lay upon their Arms all night Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / General Waldgrove Lay with our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel / Lord [? Borome] in his Markey & the whole of us Lay /

Accountred with strick'd [strict] Orders to be ready to turn / out at  
the first Notice but every thing [everything] remain'd [everything  
remained] / tollerable [tolerable] quiet Only some Little firing with  
the / Light troops Pandores &c we are in the Utmost want / of all  
kinds of provisions & Necessarys & a many of our / men begins to  
fall sick very cold wett [wet]weather &c /

(101)

September 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Horbruck some strong  
firing / among the Picquits & Advance partys this Morning / about  
7 O Clock without little Advantage Only / several men Kill'd [Killed]  
& wounded Upon both sides amany / Deserters came Over to our  
Advance posts & Inform'd [Informed] / Lord Granby that a  
considerable Body of the Enemy troops / was upon their March in  
Order to Attack the same / post that the Highlanders Occupied  
upon the 22<sup>d</sup>. / Instant whereupon a Detachment of Granidiers  
[Grenadiers] was / Order'd [Ordered] to March lmeadiatly to  
receive them which / the Enemy soon perceiving retir'd [retired] in  
the greatest pre=~~=~~cipitation to the place from whence they  
came no [sic] / without several shotts [sic] Exchanged upon both  
sides / partys & Picquits is Order'd [Ordered] out almost every /  
Hour to some post or Other so that the most of / us is now upon  
Duty & upon our Arms which is / very perteaging [perteaguig] &  
every Necessary so very derar [dear] ----/ Cold wett weather &c  
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Septembr. 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Horbruck & about 2 O Clock /  
this Morning a party of our Green Yeagers Advanced / to the  
Enemys Grand Guard whereof a smart Skirmish / Ensued that  
several was Kill'd [Killed] upon the spott [spot] & / the Yeagers  
took 14 Horses & brought them of [off] into / our Camps & sold  
them to the Sutlers or any Other / that would Buy them this was  
counted a very bold / Attemp [Attempt] they had made & it is

talked that the / Officer that Commanded them will be prefer'd  
[preferred] by /

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Count La Lippe as they belong [sic] his territories at 4 O/ Clock in  
the Afternoon two Pioneers was Order'd [Ordered] to go & Cut  
wood for the Picquits in each Regiment & the Rolls / to be Call'd  
[Called] at two O Clock in the Morning at which time / the men is  
to be Accounter [Accountred] & at 5 O Clock the Rolls to / be  
call'd [called] & also at Defferent [Different] times in the day very  
/ Oftens to see that the men do not Absent themselves / from  
Camp or their post under no pretence these / Orders is very  
severe & perishes us by being Obliged / to rise so soon & remain  
Accountred mostly untill [until] 10 O/ Clock in the forenoon  
whether anything be Likly [Likely] to / happen or not but the  
Enemy begins to beat their / Drums at the same time all over their  
Line to keep / them Alert as we can hear them very plain all our /  
Out posts is made as strong as possiable [possible] both with /  
Cannon & Large Detachments that is posted their [there] / Cold  
wett [wet] weather &c

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Septembr. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd[Encamped]near Horbruck & frequently  
firing & / Skirmishing at the Advance posts with Various / Success  
Numbers of Deserters coming from the Enemy / & amany of ours  
Deserts to them as being Harris'd [Harrassed ] Almost out of their  
Lives with Duty & the want of / the common Necessarys of Life  
that cannot be procured / with no regularity as our Bread  
Waggon comes very Uncertain & the weather comes on very  
cold amany of our men falls sick / & Numbers die daily in the  
Hospitals we Dress & Accounter / every Morning at two O Clock &  
the Rolls is call'd [called]& at 5 O Clock & / at several Other times  
in the day &c very wett [wet] Cold weather &c /

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September 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Horbruck & the  
Enemy remains / tollerable [tolerable] quiet Only the Pandores &  
Yeagers is Constantly / Skirmishing & the Advance partys are  
Obliged to / Interpose sumtimes [sometimes] when the Enemy  
persues [pursues] them / without their bounds the Marquis of  
Granby sent / his Aidecamp [sic] to the Advance Picquits with  
Orders / to the General of the day to keep all their posts Alert / by  
Vissiting [Visiting] them & causing the Rolls to be call'd [called] /  
often both day & night & if any Centry Deserts of / his post to  
Change the parole or Countersign / Imediatly in Orders  
more moderate weather then for / several days past &c /

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Septembr. 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Horbruck untill [until] 5  
O Clock this / Orders was given out to strike our tents & March /  
near Drenke 6 Stone & Encamp where we Lay upon / our Arms all  
night strong Advance Guards went / out with Cannon planted at  
the Main passes but / the Enemy remain'd remained] very Quiet  
they not making any / Attemp [sic] Only the Pandores made  
some scattering firies [firings] in / the night as is Usual with them  
when any Movement / happens &c fine dry weather &c /

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Septembr. 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd near Drenke by the City of Bevern / upon  
the River Wezer a Large Camp of the Enemys / troops we can  
se[see] that streaches [stretches] a great Lenght [stretches a great  
Length] in our / front upon the Otherside of the River Lord Granby  
/ Orders that our whole Corps Lay Accountred all night / three  
Squadrons of Cavaltry Joyn'd [Joined] the Picquits at our  
Advance /

posts in Order to be ready to Act with them as Occation  
[Occasion] might /  
require but Little or no Disturbance happen'd [happened] during  
the / night as  
it was fine & Moderate weather &c /

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October 1<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] at Drenke near the City of  
Bevern upon the / upon the River Wezar which is a well Built City  
the half of the / Town is upon the one side of the River & the Other  
Half / upon the Otherside with a flying Bridge to Cross it that / 1500  
Men may go over at once their [there] is a good Spire Church /  
with a Clock in Each side & several Others of Less Constru/ction  
the Inhabitants are Romans & Jews & in the time / of peace Carrys  
[Carries]] on a ggreat [great] trade up & down the River / in  
Billinders & Barges but now it is much ruinated & / has been  
plunder'd [plundered] by both Army's several times that / the  
people seems very poor at noon all our Baggage was / Order'd  
off to Halle Escorted by a Brigade of Cavaltry [Cavalry]the /  
Enemy Beats their Drums from two O Clock untill [until]  
day= /=break & we dress & Accounter & keeps Alert very Cold  
&c/

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October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Drenke near the City  
of Beven / untill [until] 7 O Clock this Morning our whole Army  
March / by the right in 7 Collumns [Columns] to Brune 4 stone &  
Encamp'd [Encamped] a strong Detachment of German troops  
March'd [Marched] to / relive [relieve ] the Garrison of Warburgh  
& Large partys both / Cavaltry & Infantry was Order'd [Ordered]  
upon the Advance posts / with Cannon at the Defferent  
[Different] passes planted Lord Granby was pleased to Order  
Each man half a pint of Brandy of / the English troops which was  
very Excepcable [Exceptable] as the / weather is set in very Cold &  
frosty &c \_\_\_\_\_ /

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October 3<sup>d</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brune some sharp firing at the / Advance posts with the Light troops all this Morning / with Little Advantage Lord Granby & the Other Generals / is riding from post to post reconiting the Enemy where / any View can be made giving Orders at the same time / for the whole to keep in readiness upon the first / Notice very wett [wet] & cold &c /

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October 4<sup>th</sup> 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near Brune General Orders that the / Corporals of the Pioneers cause their men to Cut down / wood Sufficient for the Regiment he belongs & the / Commanding Officer is to Order the men of Duty to / fetch it up to Camp that they make good fires to keep / them warm in this wett [wet] cold weather nothing worth / Notice happen'd [happened] but Dutys & the want of provisions / prevails amongst us greatly &c

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October 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped]near Brune Early this Morning / a party of the Hanoverian Hunters with some Pandores / Attack'd [Attacked]a Guard of the Enemys in a small Village to / the Left & after a Little Dispute they took an Officer / & 17 Men prisoners & Left several Dead & wounded upon / the spott [spot] everything remains as Usual with us as / for several days past & the weather keeps very Cold &c /

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October 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brune & this Morning William / Charles Soldier in our Regiment &c in Captain Rufanes / Company Deserted to the Enemy of his post upon the /

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Advance Guard & took with him his Arms & Accountments / two or three Centrys that saw him go of fir'd [fired] at him / several shotts untill [shots until] he got up to a party of their Light / troops who Conducted soon out of their sight Excessive cold &c /

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October 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brune at 5 O Clock in the Morning / Orders came down the Line for the whole to strike their/ tents & form into 5 Collumns [Columns] & March by the right to / Volkmissen 4 stone this is a gross Dorf or Large Village / where amany a Marketenters & Sutlers has taken refuge / & they bring into Camp Bread Liquors & to sell & altho' [although] / everything be at An Exhorbitant [Exorbitant] ] price still we are much / better then [than we were upon the Last ground where nothing / was to be got for Money the Enemy seems very strong / in our front by keeping a sharp Look out as we do the / same without ventureing [venturing] upon any strong Enterprize [Enterprise] / Duty is very hard with us being seldom of [off] or Allow'd [Allowed] / to Uncounter [Encounter] & the weather keeps very severe & cold &c /

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October 8<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Volkmissen here we have Duty very sharp / as the Enemy is so near that our Advanced Guards is / contantly [constantly] firing in one place or Other & the Cannon / playing but we are now so Accustom'd [Accustomed] with this / Skirmishing work that no One Ever minds it Only we / are Obliged to keep in Camp or upon our post / that none dare pass the Quarter or Rear Guards as the / Rolls is call'd

[called]often & at unregular times &c the weather / is very cold &c /

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October 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Volkmissen & our Usual Musick [Music] / is playing very smart towards the Left both with / Great Guns & small Arms & about 9 O Clock in the / Morning Lord Granby Order'd [Ordered] the Line to be form'd [formed] / in Order of Battle & we March about 500 paces in / front then Lay upon our Arms untill [until] Noon when / we were Order'd [Ordered] into our tents again this was Occation'd [Occasioned] by the Pandores & Yeagers flying after plunder & / taking refuge too near some of our out posts that / caused the firing &c Cold & wett [wet] &c /

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October 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Volkmissen untill [until] 6 O Clock / this Morning Struck our tents & March'd to relive [Marched to relieve] / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Wangenhams Corps near Brink=<sup>h</sup>ausen who March'd [Marched] upon the River Wezar toward / the City of Hamelin where the 50 Regiment is in / Quarters & the Enemy Appears very near upon / the Otherside of the River a Soldier of the 20 / Regiment was Hanged & John Christopher Drummer / in the same Company with me in the 30<sup>th</sup>. Regiment / received 500 Lashes for Desertion this John Christopher / came Over to England with the 18,000 Hanoverians / in 1756 who was Encamp'd [Encamped] upon Cocks Heath near / Maidstone in Kent the same time that our Reg=<sup>h</sup>iment with the 5<sup>th</sup>. 25<sup>th</sup>. 33<sup>d</sup>. % 36 Regiments Lay Encamp'd [Encamped] / near Chatham in the same County & in September he / was Dismist [Dismissed] or Discharged from the Hanoverians / Service & came to our Camp where he had the / good fortune to meet with our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel Sir William Boothby and /



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several Other of our Officers & he Beg'd [Begged] of them to in / his own Language to Inlist [Enlist] him as he was quite destitute / of getting [getting] his Bread in a strange Land as he then seem'd [seemed] / but a Slender Boy about 15 or 16 Years of Age & two [too] weak to carry Arms out Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel ask'd [asked] him if / he would be a Drummer to which he seem'd [seemed] very / glad & Inlisted [Enlisted] to be as such untill [until] he was Able to / carry Arms & their[there] being a Vagancy [Vacancy] in our Company / of a Drummer at the same time the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel / Order'd[Ordered] him into his Honours own Company in which / he remained in the Capacity of a Drummer Although / he always was a very bad one as he never could Learn / that Duty to no perfection but our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel / gave him the Bread partly out of Charity untill [until] 1760 / that an Order came for another Draught [? Drafft] for Germany / of 38 p [er] Regiment in England & by this time he was / grown up a tall slender fellow & weather [whether] he turn'd [turned]out / a Vollunteer [Volunteer] or was Draughted [Drafted] I never knew as not / making any Enquiry about him Only this Draught [? Drafft] / of men from my Old 30<sup>th</sup>. Regiment that I came from / was drawn here into the 20<sup>th</sup>. Regiment & as Jonathan / Oxspring & several Other of my Comerades was in this / Draught [?Drafft] they very often came to see me when / Oppertunity [Opportunity] would Allow but soon after they had / Joyn'd [joined] the Regiment this John Christopher & two / or three more of the said Regiment Deserted as the[y] / could speak the Dutch Language well & the English / but Broken he & this Other Unfortunate man / that was Hang'd [Hanged]was taken up by some of the Andores /

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& try'd [tried] by a General Court Martial & he seeming so / Young was Order'd [Ordered] Corporal punishment I saw him & / the Other man Handcuf'd together [Handcuffed together] in the Provest / Guard as we are upon the March as I & my Pioneers / were next the Guard untill [until] a Halt was Order'd [ Ordered] & / the man was Hang'd [Hanged] upon a post put down for that /

purpose & he receiv'd [received] his punishment as  
Order'd [Ordered] by the / Court Martial this John Christopher was  
a Hanoverian / Born but whether he survived his punishment or /  
Died I never knew any more about him we are very / much  
Harrised [Harassed] with Marching & Counter / Marching both day  
& night & the Enemy is the same / we here [hear] by our Spies &  
their Deserters that comes / in Numbers the weather is a Little  
more moderate / then its been for some time past &c /

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October 11<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen & mostly  
upon / Duty or upon our Arms as it is very sharp work now / at our  
Advance Guards & Picquets as they are almost / Constantly  
Skirmishing in one place or other / Lord Granby is Indefagitable  
[indefatigable] in his Duty & is riding / about to Every post  
Encouraging the men & rewarding / those that is deserving  
Cold Blowing weather &c /

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October 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen &  
generally / in Motion under Arms by being Alarm'd Constantly /  
upon the Advance posts the Cannon is mostly / playing with  
showers of small Arms in one place or / Other & we are in great  
wants of all sorts of provisions / & Necessarys as few of /

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the Sutlers will Venture near us & those few that comes / with any  
small sells what they bring at their / own price the weather keeps  
very cold &c

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October 13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen the  
Enemy Appears / very Numorous [Numerous] that our Grand Army  
March'd [Marched] Last night / within two stone of us they is sharp  
Cannonading at and / about Hoxter H.S.H. Prince Ferdinand with

the Marquis / of Granby & several Generals Officers rode up to our  
out / posts to reconite [recognise] the Enemy who is making  
Batteries & Brest / works around their Advance Guards & we have  
strick [sic] Orders / to keep Alert & ready to receive them      very  
cold weather &c

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October 14<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen &  
skirmishing as Usual / whereof amany men is cut of[off] & the  
weather coming on both / very wett [wet] & Cold Lord Granby  
gave Orders for the Men to / Hutts [Huts] to Cook & sit in the day  
time & to Hurdle / their tents & thatch them over with any thing  
[anything] they / can find so now every one [everyone] is  
Employ'd [Employed] some going for wood / whilst Others are  
diging [digging] the ground for the Hutt [Hut] as the / men in  
ever[every] tent / makes one for themselves & sods them / over  
&c      rains hard &c /

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October 15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Brinkhausen  
& every thing [everything] remains / much the same as in several  
days past as the Pandores / & Advance troops are Constantly  
Skirmishing withe [with] Various Success not worth Notice we have  
our Hut / finish'd [finished] belonging our tent & several Others has  
the same & we find / a great Benifit [Benefit] in it by sitting warm  
rather then [than] being Exposed in / the Open fields & we go on  
fast with our Hurdles which will / be of great service to us in the  
night this wett stormy weather &c /

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October 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd near Brinkhausen untill [until] this  
Morning / Orders came down the Line to strike our tents & March  
at 5 O Clock in the six Collumns 5 stone & then lay upon our / Arms  
all night the Enemys Hussa's [sic] Pandores greatly / Harrass'd

[Harassed] our Rear & took our Regiment Baggage Waggon / & several Others our Regiment made the Rear Guard of / the whole Army this March which was very p[er]teageing [? fatiguing ] / John Rose wife & two Children of our Company was / taken & she having 9 Duckets it being all the stock / they had about her as they sold a few small things / in the Army & the Enemy Hussar's when they took / them Let the Women & Children go without searching / them very Narrowly she came up with her Children & her / Money safe to her Husband whereof John Rose was so / glad that he would give every man in our Company / a Double Box of Geneva as he had pretty plenty the / Enemy could not a taken the Waggon Only the roads / being so Excessive bad that they could not keep up & / as soon as the Drives so the Hussar's coming toward / them they slip'd [slipped] of the Horses & brought them away / so that few Horses fell into their hands their [there] was / a few sick & Wounded men they took but all the / Women they Let go by this Affair several of our / Officers has Lost their Linnen [sic] & Other Effects but / the Soldiers Lost nothing neither can they unless they / themselves are taken as we always are Obliged to carry / every thing [everything] we have upon our Backs it is very wett & cold/ now laying upon our Arms after such a Heavy March & very /

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dirty that every one is wett [everyone is wet] through all their Cloaths [Clothes] &c /

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October 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Upon our Arms untill [until] 6 O Clock this Morning the / whole March'd [Marched] 4 stone to Ohr near Hamelin & Encamp'd [Encamped] / here we Joyn'd [Joined] our Old Brigade again the 5<sup>th</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>. & 27<sup>th</sup>. Reg<sup>ts</sup>. / we fetch our water out of the River Wezar after we had / pitch'd [pitched] our tents we were soon Alarm'd [Alarmed] by standing too [to] / our Arms & Marching & Countermarching [Countermarching] a great part / of the night & then Order'd [Ordered] to our tents & to Lay in / them ready Accountred the Enemy being so near that / any

Movement [Movement] they made gave us a deal of trouble /  
without any Satisfaction very Stormy weather &c /

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October 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] by Ohr near the City  
of Hamelin the / Enemys Cavalry are filing of [off] for  
Cantonment & this / day being Sunday several Brigade of our  
Cavalry / March'd of [Marched off] for Cantonments into the  
Villages in the / Rear & Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow our Quartermaster Order'd  
[Ordered] me / to the Quarter Guard Prisoner for not making my  
Pioneers / [Bow the Officers Necessary sufficient although I told /  
him four of them was gone to the wood for more Bows / but he  
would here [hear] nothing neither from the Quarter=master  
Serjeant nor myself but Insisted of me being / Confined this was  
about 10 O Clock in the forenoon / when he Confin'd [Confined]  
me & the Pioneers return'd from / the wood soon afterwards &  
found that I was prisoner / they Imediately [Immediately] all  
Assembled & went each Pioneer / for two Load more of Bows  
which was more by half /

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then could be required as they made it thicker by a / great deal  
then [than] was common & they all Eight came / to me to the  
Quarter Guard & asked me if I thought / proper they would all go  
again to the wood for another / Load or two or if I was willing they  
would go to the / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel & Major to Beg for my  
releasement / I told them they had done more then [than]  
sufficent [sufficient] in / fetching Bows & for going to ask the  
Collonel or Major / any such thing it was needless as they both  
knew / that I could write if I thought proper but I told / them I was  
resolved neither to write nor ask any pardon / as I had Committed  
no Offence Let the Event happen / as it would be so I desired  
them to go to there [their] tents & be/ ready at any call this was  
about 3 O Clock in the / afternoon & soon after H,S/H. Prince  
Ferdinand gave/ Orders for every man to receive half a pound of  
Rice / my Comerades Corporals came & Informed me they had /  
got it / & now was Cooking & they would bring me my

Allow=ance as soon as ever it was ready here was a great /  
many prisoners in the Quarter Guard along with me / for Various  
Offences that a Court Martial was Order'd [Ordered] / to try all  
that was brought before them at 11 O Clock / in the forenoon  
tomorrow so we were all told of it & / my Comerades brought me  
a Mess of the Rice & fain / would a had me to a Written a Petition  
to our Major / as I belonged to his Company but to this I Obstantly  
[sic] refused as well knowing that nothing was Amiss Only /

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Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow the Quartermaster being such a very / Critical sort of  
a man & had Confin'd me for such a / small thing &  
Quartermaster Serjeant Cole told me / ~~me~~ that he was partly sure  
that if I would Only / write a Line or two in Submission to Lieut<sup>t</sup>.  
Barlow he / would release me directly but I told him T was resolved  
/ not but to take my Chance as I hoped it would get / me freed  
from the Duty of Pioneer Corporal & with / that he left me as I  
thought Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow had / had sent him to me here what I said  
as soon as my / Comerades Corporals & several of the Pioneers  
that / came to me went away I laid me down to rest and /  
sleep'd [slept] very well all night although it was very cold. &c /

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October 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr & this Morning at 9  
O Clock / Orders came to the Officer upon Duty to send me from  
/ the Quarter Guard to Major Chabberts & Accordingly / the  
Serjeant upon Guard went a long [along] with me where / we  
found Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow Quartermaster & several / Other Officers  
walking with the Major Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow / told me that the Duty which  
I was Appointed too [to] / must not be neglected in regard of me  
Ordering the / Pioneers to fetch Bows or Other things that was  
wanted / and to see that they made every thing Compleat  
[everything Complete] I told / him for that four of the Pioneers was  
gone to the / wood for more Bows at the time he Order'd me  
prisoner / & as we always had the Grand Mess Markey to pitch / &  
pins & Other things to make for it no more Pioneers /

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could be spared to the wood at that time untill [until] we had / got the Mess Markey Cooking place & fixed & then I / should aseen [sic] what Other things was wanted the Major / & the rest of the Officers hearing us Attentivly [Attentively] but said / nothing untill I told the Major should be very glad that / his Honour would be pleased to Dismiss me from the duty / of Corporal of the Pioneers & Let me Either do Duty as / Corporal in the Company or Private as his Honour thought / good as the Quartermaster had Confin'd me for that which / I had not time to perform untill the Markey of the Grand / Mess was made Compleat [complete] I could never expect myself to / be safe from trouble while I was upon that Duty the / Major spoke Imediatly then & told me to go & do my duty / as Usual & not be afraid of any future trouble that should / Attend me if I Only did my Duty as Usual I return'd [returned]the / Major thanks but at the same time told him I should / abeen [sic] very glad to adone [sic] my Duty in any Other station / all the rest of the Officers said to the Major that the / Pioneers had Bow'd[Bowed] the Officers Necessary 5 times more / then they had Occation [Occasion] & that their [there] was no / Corporal in the Regiment more proper for that duty then / myself & they desired me to go to my Pioneers & direct / them as Occation[Occasion] required & with that I went into the / Camp where all the Pioneers was Assembled waiting / with Impatience to know how I came of[sic] as they greatly / fear'd [feared]that they would Lose me as they knew I was / determined to ask to do Duty in the Company but when / I told them that I could not prevail with the Major / but that I must remain over them as Usual they were /

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Exceeding glad & would have me to go with them to the Gin/ Cart where we each got a Double box & then return'd [returned] all to / our Tents where we remain'd [remained]ready for any future call & / very wett [wet]cold weather &c /

October 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr & everything remains as Usual / the Enemy has got Intrenchments & Batteries made round / their Encampment & a great deal of their Cavalry gone to / Cantonments so that the forcing them is thought Impracticable [impractical]] / at this time so that we are Obliged to keep our own ground / & that we do without much disturbance Only the Pandores / are Skirmishing oftens [often] & c it may not be Improper to make / some remarks upon our own National Debt as I am Informed / stands at present \_\_\_\_\_

Question the first supposing this / Debt to be Only 130 Millions of Pounds Sterling Although / it is much more & that it was all to be Counted in Shillings / that a man could count at the rate of 100 Shillings [per] / minute for twelve hours each day untill he had Counted / the whole how much time would he take in doing it \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Answer 98 years 316 Days 14 hours & 40 minutes \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Question the Second if the whole of this Sum being / 2600 Millions of Shillings & the Coinage Sandard [sic] being / 62 Shillings in the troy pounds what is the whole / weight \_\_\_\_\_ Answer 41 Millions 935 Thousand 484 / troy pounds \_\_\_\_\_ Question the third How many / Carts would carry this weight supposing a Ton in / each \_\_\_\_\_ Answer 20,968 Carts \_\_\_\_\_ Question the / fourth Supposing a Man could carry one Hundred / pounds weight from London to York how many men / would it require to Carry the whole \_\_\_\_\_ Answer / 419 Thousand 355 Men \_\_\_\_\_ Question the fifth if all / these men were to walk in a Line at two yards distance /

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from Each Other what Length of Road would they all / require \_\_\_\_\_ Answer 476 Miles Half a Mile & 70 / Yards \_\_\_\_\_ Question the Sixth the Breadth of a Silling [Shilling]] being / one inch if all these Shillings were Laid in a strait [straight]Line / Close to one another's Edges how Long would the Line be / that would contain them \_\_\_\_\_ Answer 41.035 Miles which is 16.035 Miles more then [than] the whole Circumference / of the Earth \_\_\_\_\_ Question the Seventh Supposing the / Interest of



this Debt to be only 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> £ p[er] lent p[er] Annum / what does the whole Annual Interest Amount to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Answer four Million 550 Thousand pounds Sterling / \_\_\_\_\_ Question the Eight how doth the Government / raise this Interest yearly \_\_\_\_\_ Answer by taxing / those who Lent the principal & Others \_\_\_\_\_ Question / the Ninth when will the Government be able to pay / the principal \_\_\_\_\_ Answer when there is more / Money in Englands treasury [treasury]] then there is at present / in all Europe \_\_\_\_\_ Question the Tenth & when will / that be \_\_\_\_\_ Answer Never \_\_\_\_\_ Orders is just / com'd to me to take my Pioneers into the woods & to / Cut down plenty for the Regiment to Hutt and / Hurdle & every man of duty is Order'd [Ordered] to fetch it / up to Camp as the weather is very wett & Cold at this / time &c

\_\_\_\_\_ October 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761 \_\_\_\_\_

Emcamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr & every one of Duty Employ'd [Employed] / in making Hutts [Huts] & Hurdles for their tents as they grow / very thin & cold that the rain Beats through them Like / nothing that we seldom ever Lays dry all night & as here is plenty /

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of wood very proper for the Use of my Pioneers soon fell'd [felled] / a Large quantity a great deal faster then [than]the Soldiers can / carry it away so that we have gotten greatly beforehand / with them & can work now at Leisure very cold weather &c/

\_\_\_\_\_ October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1761 \_\_\_\_\_

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr & this Morning about 8 O / Clock there was some smart firing of both Cannon & / small upon our right at the Advance posts but was / soon over as we were afterwards Inform'd [informed]that the Enemys / foraging partys was in a Village near the Hessians /Out Picquits which was the cause of them firing and / Cannonaded the Enemy out of the

Village with part Loss / we were Order'd [Ordered] awhile to remain in Camp but soon / after all of duty was Order'd [Ordered] again to their work & the / Hutts [Huts] & Hurdles will be finish'd [finished] very shortly & some / tents is already Hurdled & several Hutts made &c Cold / weather &c /

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October 23<sup>d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr H.R.H. Prince Ferdinand / the Marquis of Granby & several Other Officers came / round the Line & saw the most of our Men Employ'd [Employed] / in making Hutts [Huts] & Hurdles to screen us from the / weather & as it is very bad looking out of Doors each / Company has Orders to make a cooking place of Long small / trees set up over End with their tops fasten'd [fastened] together & the / thick Ends well out at root so that the place may / Contain the whole Company when of [off] Duty & the Camp/ Colour men to dig a trench two foot wide within round / & throw up the Earth to the foot of the Poles to keep / the mens backs warm when Cooking the Poles we fell'd [felled] for it /

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was as much as two of three men could carry & we soon / got avery [a very] Comfortable Cooking space made with a Large / fire in the midst of it which keeps the men very warm / & greatly shelters them from the weather &c /

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October 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr several Deserters came from / the Enemy & informs us that they ae in great wants / of alsorts [all sorts] of Necessarys & that Numbers of their Men falls / sick daily that all their Hospitals are full our Regiment/ has gotten all their tents Hurdled & most of their Hutts [Huts] / finish'd [finished] which proves to be of great Service to us & Screen'd [Screened] / us from the Inclemency of the weather as we have wood / & water plenty every thing [everything] remains quiet as in several / days past & the Dutys [Duties] the

same as Usual our Camp ground / is very wett [wet] & dirty &  
Blows very cold &c

October 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Encamp'd [Encamped ] near Ohr this Morning at 6  
OClock / Orders came to me from Major Chabbert to take all /  
my Pioneers to the wood to Cutt [cut ] down Boughs & / every  
man of [off] Duty to go to the woods for two Loads / Each & in the  
Mean time [Meantime] the Quartermaster Serjeant / was to  
Assemble all the Camp Colour men & Mark / out a Circle 20 yards  
in the front of the Quarter / Guard & dig a trench round 2 foot  
wide & 1½ foot / Deep to set the Boughs in to Screen the Minister  
& / Congregation while at Divine Service it being so Excessive /  
Cold standing without those Unexpective [Unexpected] Orders  
coming / so sudden when every one [everyone] thought they had  
done / fetching wood as their Hutts [Huts] & Hurdles & Cooking  
places /

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had got finish'd [finished] & now every one [everyone ] was  
Employ'd [Employed ] afresh this / cold Morning which made the  
Soldiers call out One / to another that the Enemy had grown very  
peaceable / now as to Let them all turn Church Builders but as it /  
was the Majors Orders they must be Obey'd [Obeyed] & my  
Pioneers / wrought very hard in Cuting [Cutting ] down the  
Boughs & the / rest in Carrying them up to Camp as Each man  
was / Obliged to go twice that by 9 O Clock in the Morning /  
Orders came too [to] us in the wood that they had Boughs /  
Sufficient & that we must return to Camp where we / found the  
Circle Bough'd [Boughed] very thick all round in / shape like a  
Pinfold with a rush of Boughs in the / Center [Centre] where two  
Drums was fix'd [were fixed] the one upon the / Other for the  
Minister to Lay his Books upon every man / had Orders to Clean  
themselves ready for Church & soon / after 10 O Clock the Drum  
Beat & the whole peraded [paraded] & / the Rolls being call'd  
[called] we March'd [Marched] into this New / Church that we  
had made where our Chaplin read / prayers & preach'd

[preached] an Excellent Sermon & took his / text from the 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm Verse the 2<sup>d</sup>. & 3<sup>d</sup>. [2<sup>nd</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>.] amany of our / Officers being present who all Acknowledged that our / work had been to good Effect & the Boughs Broke of the / wind greatly & made it very Commodious as the trench / that was Dug within the Boughs round for the Men to / sit in Able to Hold 1000 Men & Upwards & the Earth / that came out of it was thrown up to the roots of the / Boughs & kept a deal of wind from us as soon as the / Regiment was Dismis'd [Dismissed] it was greatly Discours'd [Discoursed] about /

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both with Officers & men that they did not belive [believe] that / such a thing was done before as a Church to be Built / in about 4 Hours time Large Enough to Hold Upward / of 1000 Men & to have Service in it the same forenoon / & amany Officers & Men belonging [to] Other Regiments / came to View our work & all Commended our Majors / Contrivance Only they said our stay here could not be / Long & then we should have no Occation [Occasion] for such a / place when we Once came to Quarters or Cantoonment / but however its [it's] of great service while we remain here / & how Long that may be no one can tell & call our out / Dutys [Duties] Mounts as Usual & nothing remarkable worth / Notice &c very cold Blowing weather with Showers of / rain &c/

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October 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr several More Regiments / of Cavaltry March'd [Marched] for Cantoonments into the / Villages in the Rear where they form a Chain in / Order to be ready at their Alarm posts if Occation [Occasion] / require as their Horses cannot stand the Picquit / this severe season the Enemy has sent a deal of / their Cavaltry of [off] to Cantoonments for the same reason / & provisions of all kinds is very dear & scarce with us / now all over our Camp as most of the Sutlers and / followers of the Army is gone &c very cold weather &c/

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October 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr & every thing  
[everything] as Usual Lieut'. / Stapleton got a fire place made in  
his Markey as did / the most of our Officers & a gread [agreed]  
with me to furnish them /

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with wood ready Cutt [Cut] at a Dollar p[er] week as to the Grand  
/ Mess Markey we are Obliged to furnish wood for it for / nothing  
so now I have work Enough for my 8 Pioneers / & we get Money  
plentifully mostly a Dollar p[er] day or / more each of us from the  
Officers Petty sutlers & Others / that Buys the wood from us to burn  
as no one Else but / the Pioneers is allow'd [allowed] to go to the  
wood by themselves / & besides they have not tools to Cutt [Cut]  
it with &c/

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October 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr & the Enemy  
remains very / quiet but all the Pioneers is [are] Employ'd  
[Employed] well with / Cutting wood for the Officers who has a  
trench dug in / their Markey about 4 foot Long & in the Center  
[Centre] of it / is a Hole made that runs under the skirt of the /  
Cloth & is soded [? sewed] round for a Chimney & they Answer /  
very well as they can have a fire [a fire] at pleasure when / they  
are in it which keeps the whole very warm / several of our Officers  
has [have] two Chimneys one of [on] / each side to use Each as  
the wind is however my / Pioneers & myself Lives [Live] very well  
Although every / thing is so dear for we get Money daily & can /  
purchase any thing [purchase anything] we Like Although it be  
at / an Extravagant rate as we all keep in one Mess / & what ever  
[whatever] Money is receiv'd [received] by anyone the rest has  
their full share as too [to] my part I keep mostly / in Camp to  
Observe what Officers Markey is Likely to / want wood first &  
directly Acquaints his Bowman/ to take his Horse down to the  
wood & bring up a Load as their [there] is

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always half of the Pioneers their [there] ready to serve / any that comes for it as we don't fell many trees / before they come for them because Others that don't / belong us would be safe to draw them away as they are / soon fell'd [felled] when we want them & the Other half of the / Pioneers is Employ'd [Employed] at the Markeys Cuting [Cutting] & Cleaving / the wood into Lengths of about half a yard the weather / keeps very cold that we have a Larger call for wood & / Larger that the Pioneers brings each of them a Load when / they come from the wood into Camp & can sell it readily / for 10 Stivers &c /

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October 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr at 10 O Clock this Morning / the Quartermasters of the different Regiments / with all the Bow=men [Bowmen] went out a foraging [foraging] & we / keep selling wood as Usual which makes the Pioneers / say that it is their Harvest now & would be glad / to remain so all winter but it is not so with the / rest of the Soldiers for they are in the greatest want / of all sorts of Provisions as they not having Money / to purchase any thing with that is to be sold as every / thing is sold so very dear very wett [wet] cold weather & c /

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October 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd near Ohr & every thing [everything] remains as / Usual & Nothing Happen'd [Happened] worth Notice about / two O Clock in the afternoon our foraging [foraging] party / return'd [returned] that went out Yesterday with Hay & part Oats / but for any sorts of provisions in the Villages / they say there is none to be got for the Cavaltry that /

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is in Cantonments has secured all to themselves as those / partys  
used to bring Bread or anything [anything] they could meet / with  
& sell it to Soldiers at a Moderate price very cold / weather & c/

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October 31<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr the Enemy remains  
quiet / but the weather is very wett [wet] & dirty the Pioneers is /  
constantly Employ'd [Employed] in felling & Cuting [Cutting] up  
wood for the / fires Lieutt. Barlow[']s Quartermaster seems very  
agreeable / since the 18<sup>th</sup>. Instant that he Order'd [Ordered] me  
prisoner as it / is reported that the Major & several Other Officers /  
Check'd [Checked] him for so doing as their [there] was no  
Complaint / sufficient against me worthy of Confinment  
[Confinement] however / he never has disturb'd [disturbed] me  
since but always speaks / very well that I begin to Like him for  
Quartermaster / as much as ever I & all the rest of the Soldiers  
dislik'd [disliked] / him as he is [a] very tedious Gentleman but still I  
think / I have found out the way to keep in his favour cold/  
weather & c /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>jr. 1<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr amany of our  
Men falls [fall] / sick daily & we are Inform'd [Informed] Numbers  
dies in the / Hospital Owing to that fatal distemper called the flux /  
& although every thing [everything] is ? Contriv'd [Contrived] that  
[is] possiable [possible] / can be for the mens Health by Huting &  
Hurdling / for warmness every place about the Encampment is /  
Over ones Shoes in dirt so that none can keep dry/ besides the  
want of provisions which greatly prevails / that every thing  
[everything] is so dear & scarce that here is / Little or nothing to  
be got even for them that has /

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Money which makes us wish the Campaign would break / up as  
we here [hear] the Enemy is in the same station as ourselves / Cold  
weather &c/

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Novemb<sup>[e]r</sup>. 2<sup>[n]d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr several more  
Regiments of / the Enemys Cavaltry is March'd [Marched] for  
Cantonments this / forenoon & we are in hopes the whole will go  
very soon / as the roads is [are] so very deep that our Bread  
Waggon / cannot get up at the time that it is due but sometimes  
[sometimes] / is 2. 3. Or 4 days past & when it comes it is mostly /  
Mouldy not fit to Eat but with those that is almost / famish'd  
[famished] is glad to get it any ways cold showry [showery]  
weather &c /

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Novemb<sup>[e]r</sup>. 3<sup>[r]d</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr this Morning H.R.H  
/ Prince Ferdinand was pleas'd [pleased] to Order a present of /  
one Barril [Barrel] of Brandy & 600 pounds of Rice & pease [peas] /  
too [to] each Battalion & every four Squarons [? Squadrons] &  
each / Soldiers wife one pound of Bread & every Child half / a  
pound p[er] day during His Highness pleasure this / Order was very  
Accepable [Acceptable] as the Bread we receive / is not near  
Sufficient for several men much Less / for them that has Wifes  
[Wives] & Children but this will / make it plentiful [more plentiful]  
with everyone this severe season / &c Cold weather &c /

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Nov [ember]. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Ohr this Morning at  
6.0 Clock / Orders cam [came] to strike our tents and March in 3  
Collumns [Columns] / we Cross'd [Crossed] the River Wezar Over  
3 Pantoon Bridges each / had 26 Boats & we Encamp'd  
[Encamped] near Hagenhausen all /



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our Cavaltry is comed out of their Cantoonments & Joyn'd  
[Joined] / the Army & strong Detachments is Order'd [Ordered]  
out to Observe / the Enemy's [Enemies] Motions as we have got  
upon there [their] Main / Body it is Expected that a Blow will be  
strick [struck] in a / Little time as the Half of our Army is upon Duty  
and / the rest is to remain Accountred in their tents the / Artillery  
Horses Harnish'd [Harnessed] & every thing [everything] to be in  
read=/iness for the same purpose but nothing was done this /  
night more then [than] we are all perish'd [perished] in our tents  
for / the want of our Hutts [Huts] & Hurdles that we Erected / upon  
our Last ground very cold weather &c /

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November 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Hagenhausen untill  
[until] 3 O Clock / In the Afternoon March'd & Encamp'd  
[Marched & Encamped] near Wickenson / the signal was a strong  
Blast of powder fired in the / front of the Brunswick Leib Regiment  
in Order that / the whole might March of [off] their ground  
together [together] / to keep in Close Order & the men were not  
Allow'd [Allowed] / to make the Least Noise in pain of severe  
punishment/ as the Enemy Lay at Wickenson & finding we were /  
Advancing towards them they set fire to their Camp / & went of  
[off] in the Utmost Confution [Confusion] they had raised /  
Considerable Contributions in several Towns & Villages / in  
Hanover & Brunswick Land & had it been that a Large / Body of  
our Army could have Cross'd [Crossed] the River Wezar / it was  
Imagined that the greatest part of them / would have been Either  
Kill'd [Killed] or taken prisoners/ we have very bad roads & so Dark  
in the night before we /

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pitch'd [pitched] our tents where the Enemy had Laid that we /  
scarcely could discern one another Orders for half of the / Army

to remain upon Duty & the rest to Lay ready / Accountred & the  
Camp ground was very wett [wet] & dirty / & the want of  
provisions is so great amongst us that we / are almost Harris'd  
[Harassed] to Death as it is very cold & showry [showery] /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>r. 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wickenson & Orders to be  
ready to / March at Six O Clock in the Morning but after / striking  
our tents & most of the straw Burnt we were / Countermanded &  
pitch'd [pitched] in our Old ground again & at / Noon Orders  
came down the Line to be ready to March / at the signal of one  
cannon [canon] firing from the right & / in this Unsettled station we  
Lay during the night & we / were very Badly of [off] for the want of  
straw that we had / Burnt before as we Expected to March of [off]  
directly as / the Enemy had not time to Burn it all for we found /  
pretty plenty but now it is all Consum'd [Consumed] & we have  
/ nothing but the Cold wett [wet] ground to Lay upon which / will  
make us take better care of it at the next time &c /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>r. 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wickenson & the Orders  
of March / as Yesterday to keep in readiness & about 9 O Clock /  
in the Morning Orders came from the Quartermaster / General for  
all the Pioneers to perade [parade] with there [their] tools / at the  
Head of the Hessian Guards in Order to Cutt [Cut] / through the  
wood a road for the Collumns [Columns] to March / &  
Accordingly we peraded [paraded] about 400 pioneers where a

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party was ready drawn up to Escort us & we March'd [Marched] /  
down to the wood & begun [began] work Imediatly  
[Immediately] which soon / made the wood ring again & we kept  
at it untill [until] / dark & then we made fires & Lay by them the rest  
of / the night very wett [wet] & cold &c /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>jr. 8<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wickenson during which time we / were kept in Constant readiness to March as is / Excessive wett [wet] & dirty ground up to the knees & amany / of our men falls sick that Duty is very sharp upon / those that holds the best out as their [there] is Various / Skirmishes at our out posts with the Light troops / Pandores &c without Little Advantage upon Either=/<sup>o</sup>side altho' [although] a great many is Kill'd [Killed] & wounded daily / which makes the Enemy as well as ourselves wish to /be out of the field Either in Quarters or Cantoonments / very Cold wett [wet] weather &c /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>jr. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Emcamp'd [Encamped] near Wickenson & this Morning at / 6 O Clock struck our tents & March'd [Marched] 4 stone & /Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wallingstade our Army forming / 4 Defferent [Different] Camps (Viz) Lord Granbys Count / Kilmansegge's the Main Body of the Army and / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Hardenbegs the weather is very / wett [wet] but this ground is better then [than] the Last we/ came from we have strong Advance guards sent / out with Cannon [Canon] at all the Important passes & / Avenues but every thing [everything] remains tollerable [tolerable ] quiet as the /

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as the Enemy is making several Movements in their / Army by the Accounts that the Deserters gives / as amany of them comes over to us very Cold weather / &c/

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Nov<sup>le</sup>embejr. 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wallingstadt & H.R.H. Prince / Ferdinand Orders that at the signal of 3 Cannon [Canon] / fired quick which was to be repeated from the / Defferent [Different] Corps the whole to get under Arms & / form the Line in Order of

Battle Lord Granby / Corps had several Skirmishes with the Enemy Kill'd [Killed] / several & took a great many prisoners besides some / of their Heavy Artillery that they could not get / of Oweing [Owing] to the Badness of the roads His Lordship / was pleased to Mention that he was Senseable [Sensible] of / the fatigues we had Lately under gone therefore / he Order'd [Ordered] us to receive for the future two pounds / of Bread a day Instead of one pound & Half this / was another Seasonable relief to us as we can purchase / Little Else as every thing [everything] of Necessarys is so very / dear & scarce our Bread waggons [wagons] seldom can / get up in time that it causes us to be generally / in the greatest wants & many Men Eats their / Loaf the first day & has nothing for the Other / three we are the most of us upon Duty & the / weather is Excessive cold with Showers of rain / & sleat [sleet] &c \_\_\_/

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November 11<sup>th</sup>.1761

Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wallingstadt & very Stormy [Stormy] / weather with a deal of rain for several days past / we are Inform'd [Informed] by our spies that the Enemy is retreating / towards the City of Hess=Cassel in Order to go into Can=toonments & if this be found to be true we are / in hopes of soon following there [their] Example as the / roads is so Intollerable [Intolerable ] bad there is no persuing [pursuing] or / Endeavouring to Harress there [Harrass their] Rear as its so very cold /&c/

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>r. 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Encamp'd [Encamped] near Wallingstadt H.R.H. Prince / Ferdinand Orders that our whole Army strike / their tents at 4 O Clock this Morning & March of [off] for their Defferent [Different] Cantoonments in the Prince of / Cologns Land Only the following Battalions Com=/=manded by Lieut<sup>t</sup>. General Conway

(Viz) first Reg<sup>t</sup>. of Guards Hodgsons Bucklands Barringtons Leib /  
Regiment one Battalion of Imhoffs Hardenberg's & / La. Chevalier  
with a train of 16 pieces of Artillery / are to March & Encamp upon  
the Hube where / the whole was to Assemble upon the firing of 9 /  
Cannon if Occation requir'd [Occasion required] those Orders  
was read / at the Head of each Regiment & then we begun  
[began] our March with the 37<sup>th</sup>. & 24<sup>th</sup>. Regiment as the / 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Regiment was Order'd [Ordered] to Encamp'd [Encamp] upon  
the / Hube we March'd [Marched] about 3 stone to Halfroth a /  
small dirty Village & as we were 3 Regiments / that belong'd  
[belonged] our Brigade to Lay in it we were so Crowd'd [Crowded  
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that several could not find room to Lay down how=/  
ever I kept all the Pioneers together [together] & we Lay our / Arms &  
Accountments [Accountments] in a room that we took /  
possession of & planted one Centry [Sentry] to take care of our /  
things & the room whilst the rest was a Looking / out for any thing  
that could be met with some / strong Detachments was Order'd  
[Ordered] out upon the Advance / Guards & Centrys [Sentries]  
was planted to Observe the / Signals upon the Hube or High Hill  
where the / Camp is form'd [formed] we got a Little straw & Lay  
down / both Men & Women as many as the room would / Contain  
& Although we were so wett [wet] & dirty we / sleep'd [slept] very  
well this cold night &c

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Novemb<sup>er</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Halfroth in / Cogn  
Land with Strick'd [Strict] Orders for our Advance / Guards  
Picquits and Chasures [Chasseurs] to keep very Alert as / the  
Enemy has Large Bodys [Bodies] of Troops in Cantoonments / not  
far Distance this Village we are in is very / full & every thing  
[everything] Excessive dear & for the poor / Inhabitants that  
remains here is very Miserable / as having nothing to Subsist upon  
nor Even room / to lay down in their Houses as they are a / filled  
full of our men their Victuals & every thing [everything] / of Value is

taken from them & to here [hear] the Crys [Cries] / & Lamentations they make it Even would move / a Heart of Stone Although it cannot be help'd[helped] for / the weather is so very Cold & wood scarce we are Obliged to /

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Cutt [Cut] down all the fruit trees & Others that is / about or near the town here is a tollerable good / Church & the most of them are Romans if we remain /here two or three days Longer every thing [everything] will / be quiet ruinated very cold weather &c

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>jr. 14<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments at Halfroth in Cologn Land Lord Granby Orders that a Corporal / of Pioneers from each Regiment / March with the Advance Guards to Cutt[Cut] down / wood at their Defferent[Different] posts & to be relive'd[relieved] / every Morning at the time the Picquits are & / as our Regiment being the Oldest here I was / Order'd [Ordered] first for this Duty so taking two Pioneers / of ours a Long[along] with me we went to the perade[parade] / & fell in upon the right of the Guards & two / Pioneers Joyn'd[Joined] us from Each of the Other two / Regiments that is here with us which made / up Six Pioneers under my Command & as soon/as the Rolls being call'd[called] & the Guards told of / we March'd [Marched]about one Stone or 3 Miles / English where we came to the Grand Guard / posted in a Village where we were drawn up / & small partys[parties] & Detach'd [Detached] Guards was Con=~~=~~ducted to the defferent [different] passes to relive [relieve] them / upon Duty there & soon after an Aidecamp /

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came from the General of the day & Order'd [Ordered] me to / take my Pioneers to the nighest wood or trees that / we could find & set them to work to fell & Cutt[Cut] into / such Lengths that aman [a man] could carry & Men would / be Appointed from the Guard to fetch it up to their / defferent [different] posts so away

we set of[off] & fell to work / of Cuting[Cutting] down the trees  
about the town & in a Little / time we got a great Number of trees  
fell'd [felled] & ready Cut / that by noon we had got Double the  
quantity that / the Grand Guard could want & soon after we were  
/ Order'd [Ordered] about a Mile towards the right to a post  
Occupied / by a Captain & a Hundred men where we fell'd  
[felled] several / trees & then we went to a Subalterns post a Little  
/ distance & Cut some wood for it & by this time we / all begun  
[began] to want a refreshment & none of us / having Little or  
nothing in our Haversacks I / took the Pioneers into the front  
amongst wood / out of the Officers sight & their Centrys  
[Sentries]& seeing a / small Village partly [of] Odd Houses &c I sent  
my / Own two Pioneers that I could intrust [entrust] down to some  
/ of the Nearest Houses to forrage [forage]for any thing [anything]  
they / could find & in about two Hours they return'd [returned]  
Loaded with provisions (viz) one Goose 3 Ducks two / Hens &  
some Bacon with a Large Loaf of Bomp/Nickel [Pumpnickel ]  
Bread & one of their Canteens allmost [almost] / full of Geneva we  
every one took a piece of Bread & a Dram & fell to work some  
pulling the / fowls & fetching water as we had a Kettle & Others /  
made a good fire that we soon had the Hens with a piece of /

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Bacon in the Kettle & Cook'd [Cooked] that by 5 OClock in the /  
Afternoon we Dined very plentifully & the Goose & Ducks being  
pluck'd [plucked] we put them up in our Haversack[s] / with the  
Bacon & Bread we had Left & then we / March'd [Marched] up to  
the Grand Guard where several of our / Officers was upon Duty &  
I told the Pioneers that for / the Goose I Design'd [Designed] to  
make a present of to Lieut. / Stappleton as he was their [there] so  
I went & told him that / we had a Goose ready Drest [Dressed]  
should be at his Service / if he pleas'd[pleased] to Except  
[Accept] of it he told me he would with / great pleasure as none  
of the Officers had any thing [anything] / but some Little [sic] their  
Servants brought a Long [along] with / them he desir'd [desired]  
to get her roasted & I set my / Pioneers to work to make a good  
fire in a House next / [to] the House where the Officers remain'd  
[remained] that was of [off] / Duty & We Hung the Goose up by a

string that she / roasted finely Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappleton came in several /  
times & declared he thought we were as good Cooks / as any in  
Europe but he told me he did not know / how he should Order it  
as he could do no Less then [than] / Invite Cap<sup>t</sup>. Dunbar Lieut<sup>t</sup>.  
Hornsby & Ensign / Leadbetter of our Regiment who was upon  
Duty / with him & two or three Officers belonging the / 37<sup>th</sup>.  
Regiments of his Acquaintance [Acquaintance] & the Goose /  
would be two [too] little for them all he said he / should abeen  
glad we had got another so after / he Left us I told the Pioneers  
we would Lay down / the two Ducks as I was in no fear of being  
well / paid by himself & those that he would Invite to / Sup with his  
[him] so the Pioneers were very Agreeable & we /

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Lay down the Ducks as they said they would a had [have had]/  
no refreshment themselves if I had not been so good as / to Let  
them go of [off]to forrage [off to forage] I told them for that we /  
would have more in the Morning to carry a Long / with us before  
the Guards were Dismounted we / kept a good fire of Large  
wood & by this time the / Goose & Ducks begun [began] to roast  
very fine & Cap<sup>t</sup>. / Dunbar Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappleton & 3 or 4 more Officers  
came / in that he had invited to see how the Goose went / on but  
when Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stappleton saw the two Ducks / roasting with the  
Goose he was surpriz'd [surprised] & ask'd [asked] / me where we  
had got them I told him they were / gotten along with the Goose  
but perceiving that / the Goose wou'd [would] be two [too] Little  
for the Company / His Honour design'd Inviting I had Laid the  
Ducks / down for an Addition & I hop'd [hoped] they would be /  
ready in a Little time & with that they went / into the Stove Room  
where there was an Old Table / & some bad Benches & straw  
upon the flower [floor] / where some of the Guard Lay & they  
desired / us to take up the Goose & I carried her in / & they  
presently demolish'd [demolished] her & after that / the Ducks as  
they had a Little Bread as I set / ours upon the Table & they Eat  
[Ate] Heartily & / the whole Six Officers that Sup'd [Supped]  
declared they / had never met with any thing[anything] so  
Acceptable during the /



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Campaign & they gave us two Dollars for our trouble / &  
Lieut<sup>t</sup>.Stapleton generously gave me a Dollar / for myself but I  
told him nothing was disired [desired] by me / of him as being  
glad it was in my power to serve / him at any time as being  
Indebted to him for the / many favours he had done me he  
desired me to take / it & at the same time gave us Half a Canteen  
full / of Brandy & then then the Officers went to their / posts & we  
made a Little Grog of some of the Brandy / & drunk it & then I with  
the Six Pioneers Lay down / to rest this was about 11 OClock at  
Night & we / slept very well as being full of both Victuals and /  
Drink as to the weather it holds very cold Altho' [Although] / we  
feell [feel] but Little of it now in the station we / are in & we should  
be glad to remain here &c /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>r.15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains upon the Advance posts from Halfroth  
/Cantonments & about Six OClock this Morning I / roused up the  
Pioneers to Cutt [Cut] more wood f[or] the / Grand Guard &  
about 8 OClock we all went to the / Other Guards to se [see]  
what was wanting & soon after / we went down into the skirt of  
the wood & then set / of [off] to the Village where the two  
Pioneers went Last / night & met with such plenty we Enter'd  
[Entered] several / Houses that was mostly Deserted by the  
Inhabitants / & in some we found a Little Bread Others a Little /  
Hang'd [Hanged] Beef & Bacon & in one of the principal / Houses  
as we were rumaging [rummaging] I happen'd [happened] to be  
/ searching in a sort of a Close Cubbert [Cupboard] & found a  
small flat /

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Box that seem'd [seemed] very Heavy which made me  
Conjecture / it might Contain Money but Opening it & to my /  
great Surprize there was in it a pair of fine / small scales with  
weights to weigh alsorts [allsorts] of Gold / that passes in Germany  
as the weights was all / Number'd [Numbered] with the Value of

Gold each weight / contain'd [contained] so putting [putting] it up  
in my Haversack I told the / Pioneers we must be of [off] with what  
we had gotten / as we had no time to stay any Longer for fear the  
/ Guards should come to relive [relieve] us so every one  
[everyone] taking / what they could find we set of [off] for our  
own Guard & found / all very well then we went too [to] a side  
with our=/~~selves~~ & shared all the provisions we had got but / the  
Box they gave it to myself as it would abeen [have been] of no  
Service to a [have] divided the weights & when we / had gotten  
all Divided Equally amongst us we found / that Each had about 5  
pounds of Bread two pounds / of Beed [? Beef] & Bacon & two  
Little Chees's [Cheeses] about / pounds a piece [apiece] & a Bit  
of worst or pudding made / of Beef or Other Meat minch'd  
[minced] small Like our / Sausages as we Account this very good  
so every one [everyone] / being very well Satisfy'd [Satisfied] we  
went up to the Guard / where we remain'd untill [remained until]  
about 11 OClock that / the New Guards came to relive [relieve] us  
Corporal Roper / of the Pioneers belonging the 37<sup>th</sup>. Regiment  
came with / Six Pioneers to relive [relieve] me & I was very Intimate  
/ I told him how they might fall well in for provisions as we had/

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Left Enough there being amany Houses that we had / never been  
at & as soon as the Old Centrys [Sentries] was taken / of [off] &  
New Ones planted we were form'd [formed] & March'd  
[Marched] back to / our Cantoonments where we found all the  
Houses full / & every thing [everything] very dear & scarce as we  
left them & amany / of the men in a Deplorable condition very  
cold stormy weather &c/

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>jr. 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Cantoonments at Halfroth & this Morning / at  
Guard Mounting I had two Pioneers to perade [parade] at the  
/Head of the Advanced Guards to March a Long [along] with /  
them under the Corporal of the Pioneers of the 24<sup>th</sup>. Regt./ who is  
Order'd upon that Duty & it is my turn to relive [relieve] / him  
tomorrow with the Like Complement of Pioneers / as it is standing

Orders that a Corporal & Six Pioneers / relive [relieve] Alternately every Monday & for the Pioneers / that was with me Last upon this Duty begs to go / again as we Lived so well & was much better their [there] / then [than] here but by this time we may belive [believe] that all / is forraged [foraged] their [foraged there] as well as here every thing [everything] of / any kind that our Petty Sutlers gets to sell holds / Excessive dear as Brandy is a Dollar p[er] Kan [? Can] & Other things in proportion & the weather keeps / very cold & stormy with rain or sleet for those several / days past &c

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Remains in Cantoonments at Halfroth & at / Guard Mounting I peraded [paraded] with the two Pioneers / of our Regiment & was Joyn'd their [Joined there] by two more / from Each of the Other two Regiments that lays here /

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with us & after the Rolls being Call'd [Called] & the Guards / made up we March'd [Marched] for the Grand Guard at our / Advance posts where we had been before & soon after / 10 O Clock we Arrived there where the Corporal of the / Pioneers that was upon that Duty gave me in / writing what Orders he had receiv'd [received] & also what / Guars & posts he thought would want wood soonest / & with that we went into the House Appointed / for us & talked with them untill [until] the Guards was / ready to March of [off] & then the Corporal took his / Pioneers & March'd [Marched] at their Head back to the / Cantoonments at Halfroth & we remain'd [remained] here / & begun [began] to fell & Cut wood fir the Defferent [Different] / fires untill [until] we had got Enough & then we went / into several Houses but could find nothing so we / Lay down & Slept at the Guard a very cold night / &c

November 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains at the Grand Guard upon our / Advance posts & about 4 O Clock this Morning / we were Alarm'd [Alarmed] by the firing ]firing] of small Arms / out of the skirt of the wood all our Detach'd [Detached] / Guards was Order'd [Ordered] up to the Grand Guard & the / Line form'd [formed] in Order of Battle where we / remain'd untill [remained until] after day Break as we heard / after that the firing was Only a party of the / Enemys Pandores who penetrated into the wood / & firing Only to Amuse us all our Guards / being Detach'd of [Detached off] again to their defferent [different] posts / & the General of the day & several of our Officers / review'd [reviewed] all the Guards & passes & at the same time gave /

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Orders for me to take the Pioneers into the wood / & Cut down as much as would make about 20 facines / to make a sort of a Breast work at the pass Leading /into the wood so as we wanted nothing but Axes we / Left our Arms & Accountrements at the Guard & went / into the wood & found very Little fit for our purpose / at the Entrance untill [until] we penetrated farther in & / the Six Pioneers that was with me begun to Cut / down pretty sharply which made a great Noise as / we Expected some of the Guard coming for it soon but / to our great Surprize about 9 O Clock in the / Morning we saw ourselves surrounded by a Number / of Arm'd [Armed] men at first we thought they were some / of Our German troops but we were soon desceived [deceived by /their Officer coming up to us & Ask'd [Asked] if we had an[ y] / more in the wood we told him we had not he / spoke to us in Dutch & told us we were his prisoners / & disired [desired] us to follow him the Pioneers had thr [own] / of [off] their Coats & Haversacks & some of the Enemy / Soldiers run [ran] up to the Cloaths [Clothes] & was going to / Search them but the Officer would not suffer / them to touch any thing [anything] that belong'd [belonged] to us but / Order'd [Ordered] the Pioneers to put on their Cloaths [Clothes] & they / hasten'd [hastened] us away as we supposed they were a / fraid of any party of our Guards should come to rescue us as we had

no Chance of making / any resistance as we had no Arms & Only  
my=/=self & Six Pioneers against An Officer & 3 Men / with Arms  
belonging the Enemy we were Obliged /

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to March with them as they Order'd [Ordered] they took us about  
/ two miles mostly a mongst Wood & soon after we came / onto  
an Opening where we Ascended up to the rising / ground where  
was a small Village very full / seemingly of the Enemys troops they  
Confin'd [Confined us here / in the Guards untill [until] about two  
O Clock in the After=/=noon & then they sent us of [off] with a  
Guard of a / Serjeant & 12 Men about one stone further where /  
some of their Generals Quarter'd [Quartered] in a pretty Large /  
town & ~~they~~ they put us in the Provost Guard & gave / Each of us  
a Loaf of Bread 4 pounds & brought us / some soop [soup] & a  
Little Beef shr'd ]shred] small which made / us a pretty good  
Supper & then we prepared Ourselves / to Lay down to rest but  
some of the Irish Brigades / Laying here which is composed of  
English Scotch and / Irishmen Deserters & Prisoners that inlists  
[enlists] several / of them came to se [see] us & talk'd [talked]with  
us & gladly / would a persuaded us to take on in their Service but  
/ we all told them that we never design'd [designed] it & Altho'  
[Although] we were their prisoners now they could / not tell how  
soon it might be their fortunes to be / prisoners themselves some  
said we were in the / right Others said they were sure they never /  
would be taken prisoner as they had Deserted / they would be  
sure to be Hang'd [Hanged] they brought / into us Brandy Wine  
Bacco [Tobacco] Snuff & several other / things to sell much  
Cheaper then we could buy / them at our Own Cantoonments I  
had Only a Dollar / & a Half & some of the Pioneers had nothing &  
some / had a few Stivers that we bought every one [everyone] a  
Dram/

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& then went to sleep amongst a Little dirty straw but / I was very  
much troubled at the disaster that had / befallen us as thinking  
our Officers would be Angry / with me for going so far into the

wood without Acquainting the Guard that we could not find  
wood / fit for facines making any nearer which caused us to / be  
Surprized by the Enemy neither could I tell how / Long they would  
keep us but still we knew that / an Agreement was made by the  
Commanding Generals / of the two Army [Armies] that no  
Prisoners of War should / be kept any Longer then they could be  
Conveniently / sent home upon both sides & with such Like /  
thoughts I kept awake the most part of the night / & some of the  
Guard came & took the Six Axes / from us to sell to the Boars as  
we Supposed neighter [neither ] / could we hinder them but have  
them they would / & we had nothing Else unless they had  
plunder'd [plundered]/our pockets or Haversacks which they durst  
not do / very cold &c/

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Novemb<sup>er</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in the Enemy Provost Guard/ & this Morning  
several Officers came in to see us & / several of them ask'd  
[asked] us to Inlist [Enlist]into their Service / & profer'd [proffered]  
us 10 Duckets p[er] man but we all / Obstantly [Obstinately ]  
refused as telling them we belonged to / goods [good] Regiments  
& did not want to desert them / upon no Account their [there]  
was an Officer amongst / them which I took for an Irishman that  
told me / as he saw that I was a Corporal he would / Inlist [Enlist]  
me for a Serjeant & he told me moreover /

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that upon his Honour I should remain as such / & serve in his own  
Regiment & that he would / prefer me higher the first Oppertunity  
[Opportunity] if I would / Inlist [Enlist] with him but I told him for that  
I would / not serve no Other Nation but my Own if I was / sure of a  
Comission [Commission] & with that when they saw / that we all  
stood so firm & would not take on / with them they Left us &  
amany of the Serjeants / Corporals & Private men came to us that  
I / was afraid they should trapan [trample] us & say that / we had  
Inlisted [Enlisted] so that I would say very Little / too [to] any of  
them Although amany of them / spoke very good English but we  
none of us / would trust any of them that we spoke very / Little &

about 10. O Clock in the forenoon we / bought 10 Stivers of  
Chees [Cheese] & divided it Equally / amongst us & a Dram we  
got a piece after / it which serv'd [served] us for Dinner as they  
told us / we would get no more Bread for 3 days made / us very  
carfull [carefull] of what we had & one of the / Men in the Irish  
Brigades was very Impertinence [impertinent] / & said that the  
English was all Scoundrels & / that he had Liv'd [Lived] & was  
brought up in it / amany Years but would not return into / Brittain  
[Britain] any more upon no Conditions I told / him that England  
was no worse for him being / out of it but would be Better if all  
such Like as

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he seem'd [seemed] to be were sent from it & with that / he drew  
his sword & made a Lunge at me & Cut / me Over the right Eye in  
a shocking manner that / my Pioneers thought he had taken my  
Eye out / I told him & the rest present he had Acted a very /  
Ungenourous [Ungenerous] part by drawing his sword upon a /  
Naked man & also a prisoner but they took him / away & brought  
in a Doctor who Drest [Dressed] the wound / he had given me &  
told me that the Soldier was / Confin'd [Confined] & would be  
severly punish'd [punished] for his rashness / I told him that would  
be but small satisfaction / to me but I thought the Usage was too  
Severe for / prisoners as none Ever receiv'd [received] any such  
that fell / into our hands very cold &c/

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November 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains prisoner in the Enemys Provost / Guard &  
Las night I got but Little rest with the / pain Occation'd  
[Occasioned] by the Wound I receiv'd [received] Yesterday / &  
about 10 OClock this Morning several Officers & / Doctors came  
to se[e] us as by this time I suppose it / was reported all Over  
amongst the troops upon / Duty in this Town that the Corporal of  
the / Timber men as they call'd [called] me was Wounded by /  
One of their Soldiers some of the Officers spoke / good English &  
ask'd [asked] me if I thought myself / any Better & one of the  
Doctors Loosed [Loosened] the / Cloth of [off] about my head &

drest [dressed] my wound / which was very painfull [painful] & he told me I must / refrain from drinking any thing [anything] that was strong /

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I told him we were all safe Enough for that as / having very Little to get any with some of the / Officers ask [asked] us if we had any thing [anything] to live upon / we told him we had receive'd [received] mothing but a small / Loaf of Bread & a Little Soup at the Last Quarter / where we were Confin'd [Confined] they told us we should / a gone [have gone ] today to the frontier posts but the Doctor / had reported me not Able to be remov'd [removed] by reason / of the wound but that we should be Escorted home / very shortly & we told them we all should be / very glad of it so they left us & about Noon / we had brought to us Each man Half a Loaf / made of Rye which was their Amunition bread / & a platter full of Soup made of roots but no / flesh at all so we Din'd [Dined] & thought Ourselves / well of [off] to get it & the Soldiers upon Guard / Used us very well to day [today] as being very ready / to fetch us any thing [anything] we wanted as several of / them was English Scotch & Irishmen & did not / Endeavour to persuade us to Inlist [Enlist] as those did / that was upon this Duty Yesterday & one of the / Soldiers told me that he Deserted from the 23<sup>th</sup>. / [23<sup>rd</sup>.] Regiment of Foot when we lay in Warburg / Camp soon after the Battle their [there] & he would / be very glad he was in the Regiment again / but as he got a Little two [too] much Liquor & was / a fraid [afraid] of punishment he Deserted for which he was very /

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sorry for if it could be help'd & he said the Enemy / partly forced him all the Deserters that comes from / us to Inlist [Enlist] & he told me they would be trying to / persuade us all to take on & promise Large Bounty / Money but as soon as they got us fast they would / keep the Money from us & Lay it out in such / Necessarys as they



thought proper I told him for / that I was sure they should not  
have me nor I / hop'd [hoped] none of the Six Pioneers that was  
Confin'd [Confined] / with me as we all belong'd [belonged] to  
Regiments where / we were well Used & therefore none could be  
/ better besides I told him the danger he & all those / that had  
Deserted had brought themselves into / in case they were taken  
prisoners in Arms a / gainst their Colours the Soldier told me he was  
/ very Sensable [Sensible] of that & if he Only could be sure / of his  
pardon he would make his Escape the / first Oppertuinity  
[Opportunity ] & as he knew their [there] was a / many more in  
their Corps that would readily / do the same I told him for that if his  
case was / my own I would return back to my Old Regt.  
[Regiment] / & Humbly beg pardon & Acquaint the Officers / the  
truth & their [there] would be no fear of their / Crimes being  
reduced & with such Like discourse / we Continued the most part  
of the day when he / was of [off] Centry untill [until] night that we  
Lay down / to rest & my wound was something Easier then [than]  
/the night before very Cold stormy weather &c /

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Remains Prisoner in the Enemys Provost /  
Guard & this Morning the Doctor came & Dress'd [Dressed] / my  
Wound & he Acquainted me that it was in a / fair way of Healing  
& I find that the pain is much / Abated & I Disired [Desired] him to  
Let the General know / that I was Able to March as they had told  
us we / should abeen [have been] sent of [off] before now had  
not my / wound frustrated the design the Doctor told me / that we  
had better remain a Little Longer then [than] / to go out in the  
Cold too soon & make me worse / then [than] at first the Doctor  
seem'd [seemed ] very Courteous / & spoke Dutch that we could  
Understand him / well he also hinted to us that we should have /  
some Soup at Noon & then he Left us we wanted / Tobacco &  
one of the Guard went & bought us / 3 Stivers worth & about  
Noon some Soup was / brought to us & after we had got it we  
talk[ed] / with the men upon Guard untill [until] night came / on

that we Lay down in our Old place to rest / very cold with Hail &  
Sleat [Sleet] &c /

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Novemb<sup>le</sup>r. 22<sup>n</sup>d. 1761

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Remains Prisoner in the Enemys Provost /  
Guard & this Morning when the Doctor came / to dress my wound  
he told us that we were / to March at 10 OClock & Accordingly  
about / that time we were Order'd [Ordered] to set of [off] with a  
/ Serjeant & 12 Men to Escort us at Noon we came / to a Village  
full of the Enemys troops here they /

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Confirm'd [Confirmed] us in the Guard House & the Soldiers /  
seem'd [seemed] very Impertinent in asking us Questions / to  
which we gave them but Little Answer for / none of us Understood  
the French Tongue & we / heard none of them speak in any Other  
some / of their Officers came into the Guard to Look / upon us &  
seem'd [seemed] to Observe that we were very / strong Built Men  
as any of us would a made [have made ] / two of one of theirs  
who was the poorest Wretches / we ever had seen'd [seen] we  
remained here untill [until] two / OClock in the Afternoon & then  
we were Order'd [Ordered ] / out to March Escorted by a  
Corporal & 8 Men / to another pretty Large Village about two  
stone / that was also full of the Enemys troops we could / Easily a  
rescued Ourselves from this Corporal / & Eight Men if we could but  
aseen any of our / Advance Guards where we might a Joyn  
[Joined] them / & I had it in my thoughts & Acquainted my /  
Pioneers with it that we Each of us would / at Once a Knock'd [  
Knocked ] one of the Soldiers down / & taken his Arms from him &  
then amade / of[off] as we could to our forces but / we could not  
Learn by none of those that / Escorted us where any of our forces  
Lay as / they would say nothing too us in Dutch nor / English that  
we could Understand & as soon as they /

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got us up to the Guard we were Confin'd [Confined] in a /Dark  
dirty Goal [Gaol] & the Door Lock'd [Locked] with a Centry /  
planted upon the outside here we were worse / of [off] then  
[than] ever as we had very Little Light & the place / very cold we  
remain'd [remained] upon our feet or Laid / down all this Long  
tedious night without any / refreshment but some of us had a bit of  
Bread / all of us was Unreasonable cold & wett [wet] &c/

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November 23<sup>r</sup>d. 1761

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Remains prisoner with the Enemy in a / Dark  
dirt Goal [Gaol] in a Large Village & about / 10 OClock this  
forenoon we had brought Each / of us Half of an Amunition Loaf  
of Rye bread / & was told by the Guard that brought it we / were  
to have nothing Else but it & water to / Subsist upon I told him that  
my Wound / wanted dressing & should be glad that a / Doctor  
might be Acquainted therewith & we disired [desired] the Soldiers  
to buy us 10 Stivers of Chees [Cheese] / & gave him the Money  
but he used us very / ill for he Never return'd [returned] to us again  
with the / Chees [Cheese] nor Money but in the Afternoon a /  
Doctor or two & some Officers came & Order'd [Ordered] / the  
door to be Open'd [Opened] & they came into the / room to us &  
One of the Doctors Look'd [Looked] at my / Wound & Laid on a  
plaister [plaster] & told me in / Dutch that it would soon be well &  
the / Officers told us we had better Inlist [Enlist] as they / would  
give us Large Bounty Money & then /

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we should Live as we Ought & get preferment & be / well Used as  
they said they did not know if we refus'd [refused] / but we might  
be kept in Goal [Gaol] this Half Year or more / one of my Pioneers  
belonging the 24<sup>th</sup>. Regiment seem'd [seemed] / to give great  
Attention to their proffers but I & the / rest Obstantly [Obstinately]  
refused telling them that we would / sell our Country upon no  
Condition when they /saw that they could not prevail they Left us  
& we / talk'd [talked] the Pioneer over very sharply that ask'd

[asked] / them how much pay one was to receive that / should take on with them & we told him that he/ might be sure & all that had taken on with them / that if Ever they were taken prisoners they would / be sure of Death & besides of a peace was made / they could never return to their Native Country / with such Like talk we Convinced him that he / said that he would not meddle any more with / them I told them they Certainly had put us / up into this Close Confinment [Confinement] for nothing Else of / but to try to Insnare [Ensnare] us if possiable [possible] that our / stay here could not be so Long as they reported / I advised all my Pioneers to remain firm & for / my part I had a Dollar Left still & they all / should be Welcome to part of it as soon as we / could Safly [Safely] Lay it out in any thing that we / most wanted but as we had been serv'd [served] so badly / with sending for the Chees [Cheese] there was no trusting /

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to any One to buy any thing [anything] here which I / hop'd [hoped] would not be Long so we Contented ourselves / as well as we could Although we were in a / perishing Condition this night both with cold & / Hunger &c/

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November 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains Prisoner with the Enemy & / Confin'd [Confined] in a very dismal cold Goal [Gaol] having no / fire & very Little Light Light & when we had / Occation [Occasion] to do any Necessary Business that / nature calls for we were Escorted each of us by / two Soldiers with drawn swords & we are in the / Utmost wants of provisions & hereing [hearing] tell of / none that some of my Pioneers is Apt to belive [believe] / they are going to Hunger us to Death a bout / Noon a Doctor came to dress my wound it being / very painfull [painful] & greatly swelled by reson [reason] of the / Cold & soon after several Officers came & one of/ them I knew was with us Yesterday they soon / begun to ask us if we had alter'd [altered] our minds / & Inlist [Enlist] with them as they told us we should / go into the Irish Brigades where we should / find plenty of our Country men both Officers / & Soldiers who would use us

well & that we / were Determined never to Engage in any Service  
/ but our own Nation & when the War was over / then we should  
be in hopes of having our Liberty /

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One of the Officers said their [there] never was Seven such /  
Obstinate men he thought as we were as to [two] Nations / he  
said signified nothing to us if we Only got well / paid for our Service  
as he was sure we would have / more with them then [than] in our  
Own Service & in this / Manner the [?] they] Conversed with us for  
an Hour or better / & then left us & as they were Bolting the Door  
we / heard them speak in Dutch that we must be punish'd  
[punished]/ into Compliance by Hunger & Starvation which we /  
thought we had plenty as having nothing Left but / a tub full of  
water to drink which made some of / the Pioneers say that they  
Certainly would distroy [destroy] / us if we did not take on with  
them I told them / for that I was resolutly [resolutely ] resolved to  
bide famishing / first but when it grew dark some of the Guard /  
Brought us a Little Lalope & a piece of Bread p[er] / man & it very  
small that we could any of us Eat it all at Once but we know not  
how Long/ it might be before we should get any more / which  
made up very carefull [careful] of it & we Each of us took a Bit & a  
drink of water & then Lay down / or sit upon the flower [floor] as  
we pleased all of us perish'd [perished] / with cold &c/

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November 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains Prisoner with the Enemy & in a / Deplorable  
Condition in a cold Goal [Gaol] & starving / with Hunger about  
Eight OClock this Morning / a Serjeant came & Open'd [Opened]  
the Door & told us / that we were Order'd [Ordered] out to March  
& as soon /

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As we got into the street a Corporal & Eight men / with fix'd  
Bayonets was waiting ready to receive / us & Imediatly March'd  
[Immediately Marched ] us away although we were / but in a

poor Condition as not having any thing / to Shift ourselves with nor  
Cloaths [Clothes] not being / of since we were taken but we were  
very glad / to Leave this place & we March'd [Marched] about  
two / Stone where we came to a small Village all / full of the  
Enemys troops & we was taken to / the Guard House & Confin'd  
[Confined] some of the Men could speak Dutch that we could  
Understand & / I ask'd [asked] them if they would please to Let  
Each of / us have a Dram the Serjeant readily Consented & /  
Order'd [Ordered] One of the Guard to call in a Sutler that / sold  
[it] & he presently came with both Brandy & Geneva/ I ask him the  
price of his Measure& he told / me a [?goodegross ] so I Order'd  
[Ordered] him to fill One for / the Serjeant & each of us One but  
the Serjeant / would pay for his own & would by no means / Let  
me pay for him as he said we stood more / need of it ourselves so I  
paid for the Pioneers / & myself & we had a Little Bread that we /  
thought Ourselves very Comfortably used as / we got well warm'd  
[warmed] by the fire & all the / Guard seem'd [seemed] much  
kinder then [than] the Last place / we left here we remain'd  
[remained] all night & it / Snow'd [Snowed] & none Offer'd  
[Offered] any thing [anything] Ungenerous /

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to us but the Guard was very Quiet all night &c/

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November 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains Prisoner with the Enemy & this /  
Morning at 7 O Clock Orders came for us to March / Escorted by  
a Serjeant & 14 Men we set of [off]& the roads / being Intollerable  
[Intolerable ]& the ground Cover'd [Covered] with snow / that we  
were greatly fatigued untill [until] we came to a / Large Town  
about Noon where the Duke de Broglio / Quatere'd [Quartered]  
the Names of the Towns I never could Learn /as no One would  
Inform me right but we Understood / they had a Camp pitch'd  
[pitched] not far distant which / made us belive [believe] that the  
troops of ours that is / in Camp under the Command of Lieut<sup>t</sup>.  
General Conway / was kept in the field to Observe the Enemys /  
Motions we were all Confin'd [Confined] in the Guard & / soon

after we had brought to us Half a Loaf of / Bread p[er] man & a  
Little Rice Soup & I desired / the Serjeant upon Guard to Let a  
Doctor know / that my wound wanted dressing as it[had] begun  
to / be very painfull [painful] he soon sent for one & he / came &  
two or three more Officers with him / he took the Cloth of [off] and  
drest [dressed] it telling me in / Dutch that it would soon be well if I  
took care & / kept the Cold from it but in th station that I was / in  
that was Impossiable [Impossible] One of the Officers / Ask'd  
[Asked] if we all or some of us would Inlist [Enlist] / with them & we  
should have good Encouragement / we told him no we never  
Intended no such thing & with /

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that they Left us as they did not Impurtune [Importune] / us as the  
Others had done we remain'd [remained] here / untill [until]  
about two OClock in the Afternoon when / Orders came to the  
Guard for a Corporal & Eight / men to take us up to their  
Incampments [Encampments] & / we March[ed] of [off] directly &  
the Corporal seem'd [seemed] / a very good Natured man &  
told me as we went / a Long that he heard some of their Officers /  
say that there was more of our Army prisoners / at their Camp &  
that we should all Joy'n [Join] & / be Exchanged we March'd  
[Marched] on through the skirt of a wood untill [until] we got into  
an Opening / where we could se [see] their Camp upon a rising /  
ground all Bowed in & Hutted but what / Number of troops they  
had in Camp we could / not discover as we could not se[see] the  
farthest / End of their Camp but we saw they were / pitch'd  
[pitched] in two Lines neither durst we ask any / questions about  
them as soon as we came to / one of their Rear Guards the  
Officer of it told / the Corporal in the French Tongue that he / must  
take us to a small Village in the Rear / where we went & was  
Conducted into a Large / Boars House where a strong Guard was  
kept / where we found sixteen Hanoverians & five / Hessians &  
with us Seven made up Twenty / Eight prisoners in all we were very  
glad to / meet with some of our Army Although our / Conditions  
was so deplorable but they told us / they had been worse used  
then we reported the / Guard was very good to us & us to warm  
Ourselves by /

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their fire & we bought Half a Can of Geneva / which was of great service to us at this time & / I & all my Pioneers thought we got a good refresh=~~=~~ment we had to straw to Lay upon & it was greatly talk'd [talked] on by the Guard all night that we were / to be exchanged in the Morning & that we should / be sent home which put us all in high Spirits / the remaining part of the night very cold & /

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November 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains Prisoner with the Enemy with / Twenty Seven more belonging to our Army Confin'd [Confined] / in a Large Boars House near their Encampment / untill [until] this Morning at Seven O'Clock a field Officer / & 100 Men peraded [paraded] & Order'd [Ordered] us all out & fall into / the Center of them & March this party was / what they call the Kings Household troops & / they were Agreeable Men the best we Ever had / seen amongst them for they told us as we / went a Long [along] with them that we were going / to their Out posts [Outposts] to be Exchanged as they had / received some of their Men from our Army / Only two days since which made us very glad / we March'd [Marched] about two Miles where we came / too [to] an Advance Guard of theirs who turn'd [turned] / out upon sight of the Officer that Commanded / this party we were Escorted by & we March[ed] a Long [along] through a very woody sort of a Lane & / as soon as we got out of it we saw the Encamp=~~=~~ment /

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of ours upon the Hube Commanded by Lieut<sup>t</sup>. / General Conway & soon after we got to the Chain / of the out Centrys where we were Order'd to halt / & the Officer that Commanded us sent of [off] a / Trumpiter sounding a parley as he rode a Long [along] / untill [until] he came to An Advance Guard of ours / belonging the Brunswick troops who was ready / under Arms to receive his Messuage [Message] & the / Trumpiter soon return'd [returned]



with Orders for the / Prisoners to Advance & I March'd [Marched] in the front / with my Six Pioneers & the five Hessians in /the Center & the Sixteen Hanoverians brought / upon the Rear & in this position [position] we March'd [Marched] / Over the Line to the Brunswick Guard & the / Officer that Commanded the Guard gave the / Trumpeter a Receipt for the Number of / Prisoners he had receiv'd [received] from them & as soon / as all was Over & the Enemys party return 'd [returned] / back the Brunswick Officer ask'd [asked] us how we / was [were]taken & from whence I told him Our Can=/~~=~~toonments was at Halfroth in Cologn Land he / said that was not above a stone of [off] & with that / he Order'd [Ordered] One of the Guard to Conduct up to / the Village where they Cantoont'd [Cantooned] & we went / very Joyfully on as having now got into / our Army again as soon as we got to the / Village he took us to their Commanding Officer / who gave me a receipt for the Commanding Officer /

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at our Cantoontments to Let him know that he / has receiv'd [received] us about 11 OClock this forenoon as / Prisoners of War from the Enemy & he also gave / Receipts both to the Hanoverians & Hessians Prisoners / Likewise & Order'd [Ordered] a Serjeant to go with us to the / Boar=righter & Order him to provide Guides for us / to our defferent [different] Cantoontments I had near Half a / Dollar Left & we all got a Dram & some of the / Soldiers gave us a Little Bread that greatly refresh'd [refreshed] / us & by Noon we set of [off] with our Guide & soon got to / a Village where the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Cantoont'd [Cantooned] & when / the Soldiers saw us they said that it was Currently / reported amongst them that the Pioneers Corporal / of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Regiment was Deserted with all his / Pioneers I told them if we Only was but at our / Regiment we should Inform them better they told / us we had not above two Miles too [to] it so we / kept on & about 4 OClock in the Afternoon we / got safe to our Cantoontments at Halfroth & I / March'd [Marched] the Pioneers up to Our Officers Grand / Mess House & as soon as our Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel [Colonel] Lord / Brome & Major Chabbert & the rest of the / Officers was Inform'd [Informed] that we were com'd [had come] / up they all

came out to us & I gave / the Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonel [Colonel] the receipt that the Brunswick / Commanding Officer had sent our Officers was / very glad that we were return'd [returned] & told me / that it was Currently reported that we all had /

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Disirted [Deserted] as none could give any Account about us / I told them how we were Surprized when at work / & also the Manner we were treated by the Enemy / too Insnare [to Ensnare] us to Inlist [Enlist] but after all I had brought / my Pioneers safe back & had Lost nothing but / their Axes which some of the Enemys Soldiers took / from us our Major said it was well it was no worse / & Ordere'd [Ordered] the two Pioneers of the 37<sup>th</sup>. & the two of the 24<sup>th</sup>. Regiments to return to their several / Quarters & also Order'd [Ordered] me & the two Pioneers / of our Regiment to go into the Mess House / & Acquaint Mr. Pinson our Grand Sutler to Let / us have what Victuals & Liquors we thought / proper we return'd [returned] the Officers thanks & the / Sutler brought us out plenty of good Beef & / Bread that we refresh'd [refreshed] ourselves heartily & / after that we drank some good Punch for / about an Hour & then we return'd [returned] to our / Quarters where we found four of our Pioneers / & the Other two was upon the same Duty / as we were when taken Every one was glad / to se [see] us & Crow'ded [Crowded] about us to hear how / we had been us'd [used] but as we had gotten a very / good refreshment we soon Lay down to rest / as it was the Chiefest thing that we wanted / & we Slept well all night very Cold Stormy / weather & co /

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November 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in our Cantoonments at Halfroth & this / Morning about Eight OClock we got up & Shaved / Ourselves & went to the perade [parade] & two of the Pioneers / that was at Home was Order'd [Ordered] upon the Advance / Duty but myself & the two Pioneers that was Prisoners / with me the Lieut<sup>t</sup>.

Collonel [Colonel] Order'd [Ordered] that we should / be Duty free for One week & that I Attend the Doctor / in Order to have my wound Dressed untill [until] it was / perfectly cured & also that the paymaster Serjeants / of Each Company Ballance [Balance] with us for our whole / pay that is due we soon went to the Serjeants / & receiv'd [received] which was due which Inabled [Enabled] us to Buy / such Necessarys as we most wanted & I went to / the Doctor & he told me my wound was in a good / way of Healing & the rest of the day we spent in / rest & putting Ourselves in Order Against the / Marching for Winter Quarters as it was Expected we should break up Our Cantoonments in a short / time as no One cared how soon being all very / wearied of those poor Cantoonments & the weather / holds very Severe with frost & snow &c

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November 29<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in our Cantoonments & the ground all/ Cover'd [Covered] with snow & Continues coming very fast / so that the Half of our Men is almost perish'd [perished] / with Cold & Hunger as Every thing is here Excessive /

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Dear but for me & the two Pioneers that was / Prisoners with the Enemy we had 12 Days pay / to receive & we Live well to Strengthen us a / gainst the March as Orders is just given out / for us to March for Winter Quarters tomorrow / Morning at Six OClock & Commands is sent to / Order all our Chasuers [Chasseurs] Advance Guards to Joyn [Join] / their respective Regiments this night & in the / Mean while every one is very Bussy [Busy] in / Loading the Baggage & making every thing / ready my wound seems to Heal very well / & is not so painfull [painful] as it has been by reason / of getting rest & Living regularly but its / so very sharp & Cold with Snow a great Depth / &c

November 30<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Monday remains in our Cantoonments at / Halfroth Untill [Until] this Morning Our General / Beat at 8 OClock in the & the troop / at Six at which time we fell in & March'd [Marched] / of [off] Imediatly & it kept Snowing very fast / that we were soon all Cover'd Over & the / roads Excessive Bad & as we were Marching / fast about Noon I had the Misfortune to / Step't [Step] into a hole & strean'd my Ankle [strained my Ankle] that / I could not hold up with the Regiment but / was Obliged to go at a slower pace & in a deal / of pain all our Regiment soon pass'd [passed] by me /

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& every one had Enough to do to keep up themselves / that none could Assist me to Carry any thing & / by 2 OClock in the Afternoon I had quite Lost / sight of all our Regiment as it snow'd [snowed] so very fast / that their tracks that they Made was soon fill'd [filled] / that I could not discover which way they had / taken as the roads was all Levelled with snow & I / had not a Copy of their root [route] that I knew not the / Towns name where they were for Quartering this / night however I kept on at a slow pace untill [until] / about four OClock I discover'd [discovered] a pretty Large town / upon my right not far distant this I thought / might be our Quarters but when I came too [to] / it i found it very full of Hanoverian troops / & none of them could Inform me which road Our / Regiment had taken this Surpriz'd [Surprised] me very / much as not knowing what to do & being so / very wett [wet] with snow & could not get any / quarters at all & night came on quite dark / which Obliged me to go to their Guard House / & Lay their [there] all night in this Miserable / Condition & could Buy nothing but all very / dear i bought 10 Stivers of Bread & a [ ?goodegross] / of Geneva & then went to rest with a trubled [troubled] / mind as thinking my fate worse then [than] any / Ones as Only just had newly gotten released from / the Enemy & now /

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got Lam'd [Lamed] & in a Strange Land that I knew not / which way to take to find my Regiment as I / might Easily take the wrong way as the right & / fall in with the Enemy again as one could discover / no roads for the snow all these thoughts caused / me to get but very Little sleep & I was inform'd [informed] / the Name of this small start or City is Stortalingdorf / 5 Stone from Halfroth that I had March'd [Marched] here is / two good Spire Churches at it is Wall'd [Walled] round with / Gates leading three several ways in the streets / seems but Narrow & the Houses mostly thatch'd [thatched] / & Built of ruff [rough] stone or Clay Walls the Han=overian Soldiers upon Guard was very Impertinent / & scarcely would Let me warm myself by their / fire which made me resolved to Leave them as soon / as day Break in the Morning my Ankle [Ankle] is very / painfull [painful] & its Extreme Cold all night & mostly / snowing &c /

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December 1<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Tuesday remains in the Hanoverians Guard / House at Stortalingdorf untill [until] this Morning / soon after day Break I set out & the snow very / deep & being perish'd [perished] almost with the cold by / Laying so poorly Last night that my Ankle [Ankle] & / my wound was very painfull [painful] at the first seting [setting] / out untill [until] the day came more on & myself / grew warmer in this Lonesome Condition I March'd [Marched] / not knowing which way to take untill [until] I came to / a small Village & Inquired [Enquired] if they had seen or heard of /

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any of the English troops being upon the March / but could not Learn which road they had taken by / no One here I got 5 Stivers of Bread & Chee's [Cheese] & Halted / about an Hour & then persued [pursued] on my Journey un=fill [until] I came to Emmerin a Large Village in the / Prince of Brunswick Land 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Sone & went to the / Borgomaster [Burgomaster] & desired a Billet after Acquainting / him with my Misfortune of getting Lam'd [Lamed]

he readily / granted me a Billet & I went to my quarters where /  
four Soldiers of the Hessians was quarter'd [quartered] we got / a  
tollerable [tolerable] Supper of Soup made of roots & soon / after I  
went to Bed where I slep't [slept] very sound all / night after being  
so perteagued [fatigued] those two days / here I could Learn  
nothing about the root [route] of the / English troops Only the  
belived [belief] they were Either / gone for Brandenburgh or  
Hanover Land for / Quarters upon the Uncertainty I remain'd  
[remained] 4<sup>1</sup> / 2<sup>ce</sup> English in all / made me very Sencerly [Sincerely]  
think that my case was / worse then [than] any ones & with such  
Like thoughts / I ruminated untill [until] dead sleep closed my Eyes  
/ very cold with frost & snow & c/

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December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1761

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Wedensday [Wednesday] remains at Emmerin &  
the Hessian / Soldiers persuaded me to Halt here & accordingly I /  
did stay here this day to refresh myself as knowing /

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that by this time our Regiment was got too far / for me to  
Overtake & now I begun [began] to Settle my =/self with my  
Condition as finding their [there] was no / Otherside but to take  
what care I could of my / Health under those Misfortunes & to  
endure / them as well as I as able & this day rest did / me a deal  
of Service that my Ancle [Ankle] was partly / well & the pain of my  
wounds much Abated / as we lived tollerable [tolerably] well &  
had good Beds to / Lay in but the weather is very sharp and /  
frosty with the ground all Cover'd [Covered] a great depth / with  
snow which causes the roads to be very / heavy & bad traveling  
neither can one find any / road & c

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1761

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Thursday remains at Emmerin in Brunswick / Land untill [until]  
this Morning at 7 O Clock I set / out & March [Marched] very hard  
untill [until] I came to / Halthior 5 Stone in the same Princedom/

where I got a Billet & went to my Quarters / which was upon a small Boar but they gave / me such as they had & I Lay in a pretty good / Bed so I thought myself well of [off] at this time / to find such quarters now I begun [began] to think / with myself that I would not p[er]teague [fatigue] myself any more but make Easy Journeys un=/=till [until] I could Learn Certainly which way our / Regiment had taken as not knowing now / whether I was going right or wrong the weather is / sharp & frosty & the snow thick upon the / ground &c

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December 4<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Friday March'd [Marched] from Halthior to Sonenborn 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Stone / in Hanovers Land this is a small Village with a Little / spire Church here my Quarters was upon a Boar at / the East End of the Town they behav'd [behaved] pretty well to / me so I resolved to Halt as it was very bad travelling / upon the Account of the snow &c /

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December 5<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Saturday [Saturday] Halted here at Sonenborn in Hanovers / Land & it was a fine frosty day that I walk'd [walked] about / the Town & made what remarks I was able Concer=/=ning my road in the Morning as now I begun [began] to / be quite Easy as having got out of the reach of / the Enemy as before I was afraid of falling in / with them again & for my Regiment I should / Joyn [Join] it as soon as I was Able but I was resolved / never more to travel so hard but take my time / as knowing that my pay was running on & that / I should Live upon the Boars &c/

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December 6<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Sunday March'd [Marched] from Sonenborn to Brocke 4 / Stone in Count La Lippe Land a Stone before / I got to my Quarters I passed through Lamea / a gross start or Large City wall'd [walled]

round & 5 / Churches in it where some Hanoverian troops / was in  
Quarters some of their Officers as I / passed a Long the street  
ask'd [asked] me the / reason of being a Lone [alone] & I told  
them & desired / if they could inform [inform] me the Quarters that  
/ was Assign'd [Assigned] for the English troops that I might / know  
the nighest road to Joyn [Join] my own Regiment /

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They told me Brandenburgh Land was the Country / they were to  
quarter in & with that I took my / Leave much better sattisfied  
[satisfied ] then I had Ever / been since I got Lamed as being now  
not much / a fraid [afraid] of finding them in a Little time as I had  
/ got Information which Country to ask for & also / being told that I  
was in [on] the right road &c

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December 7<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Monday. March'd [Marched] from Brocke to Bellyfelt / in  
Brandenburgh Land 4 stone this is a Cline / Dorf or small Village  
where I got good quarters / & therefore I was resolved to Halt &  
rest / myself tomorrow as I could not still Learn / any thing where  
the English had taken up / their Quarters & the weather keeps very  
/ severe with frost & snow &c /

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December 8<sup>th</sup> 1761

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Tuesday . remains in Quarters at Bellyfelt / & this day I halted to  
rest myself & as I / had nothing to do but talk with the Boars & /  
frows [Fraus ] this cold day went pleasantly Over as / I Lived as  
they did & had a bed to Lay in &c /

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December 9<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Wedensday [Wednesday ] . Morning at 8 O Clock March'd  
[Marched] / from Bellyfelt Nienkirken [? Neunkirchen] 5 stone in  
Osnabruck Land / this is a very bad dirty small Village & I had very  
/ poor Quarters both for Victuals & Lodging & I had very / poor



Quarters both for Victuals & Lodging having / nothing but a Little  
straw to Lay upon as they had / nothing for themselves very cold  
frosty weather &c

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December 10<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Thursday. March'd [Marched] from Nienhirken [? Neunkirchen] to  
Ingatstown 4 / Sone in Brandenburgh Land & was quarter upon a  
/ Locksmith & was very well Entertain'd [Entertained] both by my /  
Ospass & Frow [Frau] this is a pretty Compact Cline Start or / small  
City having two Churches & Wall'd [Walled] round / with Course  
ruff [rough] stone but are now in a ruined / Condition neither  
have the walls ever been able to / be a Defence against Cannon  
[Canon] as they are no Breadth / but only a safe guard against  
small Arms & their / is non amany [not many] Large Breaches in  
them most of / the Inhabitants are Lutherans although here is /  
amany Jews & some Romans who carrys [carries] on a / pretty  
Large trade as I am Inform'd [Informed] in the / time of peace by  
a River not far distance my / Ospass was a man full of Discourse &  
very / Inquisitive about the trade in England & the / price any  
thing bore there we talk'd untill [talked until]/about 10 O Clock at  
Night & then the frow shew'd [Frau showed] / me a good bed to  
Lay in &c /

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December 11<sup>th</sup> 1761

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Friday. Morning at 7 O Clock March'd [Marched] from /  
Ingatstown to Speanea 5 Stone in Brandenburgh / Land a Cline  
Dorf or small Village here I was / Quarter'd [Quartered] upon a  
Gross Boar or a Rich Farmer / that had a Large Family of Servants  
& I Lived / Exceedingly well amongst them as they were all / very  
Merry & Agreeable [Agreeable ] & at night the Boar / brought into  
the Strove Room some Geneva for us /

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to drink & Tobacco & Pipes after Supper that / we did not go for  
Bed untill [until] near 11 O Clock at / night where I Laid in a very  
good Bed with my / =self & they Inform'd [Informed] me that they  
had amany / English men Quarter'd [Quartered] upon them &  
that they / were feel [felt] good men the frost Continues & the  
snow / remains as Likely as Ever & it is tollerable good / Walking  
now in the High roads that has got Beatten [Beaten] / down &c /

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December 12<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Satturday [Saturday] . March'd [Marched] from  
Speanea to Halligon / 2 Stone in Brandenburgh Land & was  
quarter'd [quartered] / upon a Sneader or Taylor [Tailor] as we call  
them this / is a pretty Gross Dorf or Village & the Taylor [Tailor] Used  
me very well so I was determined to Halt here / with him tomorrow  
as the weather keeps very sharp & / frosty &c/

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Decemb<sup>le</sup>r.13<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Sunday. Halted at Halligon & I am Inform'd [Informed] / by my  
Opass the Sneader that its no more / from this then [than] 12  
Stone or 36 Miles or 36 Miles to the City of / Amsterdam in Holland  
as he says he has / travelled it amany a time & can go it very /  
well in one day the Inhabitants here are / mostly Lutherans &  
Calvanists [Calvinists] with a mixt [mixed] number / of Romans &  
Jews they complain here all over / that the French used them very  
ill & took all / from them that they could Lay their Hands upon / I  
went to Church with my Opass in the forenoon which /

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pleased him greatly altho' [although] I could not Understand  
much / what the Minster preach'd [Minister preached] but he  
saw that I was no / Roman which

they have a great aversion too [aversion to ] &c /

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December 14<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Monday. March'd [Marched] from Halligon to Reanan 2 stone / a Cline Dorf or small Village in Brandenburg Land / & was Quarter'd [Quartered] upon a Widow Woman that had several / Children & after I had got a Little refreshments One / of her Sons went with me to View the ruins of an Old / Castle that stands upon the rising ground hard by / it seems to abeen avery [ have been a very] Large strong place & a great / defence against small Arms but the Walls Never has / been strong Enough against Cannon but now they / are almost quite Demolish'd [Demolished] Only one may see the / foundation & in places some part of the Walls is / standing which are Built of Coarse Ruff [Rough] stone it / Continues to be fine frosty weather the Air very / sharp & cold &c/

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December 15<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Tuesday. March'd [Marched] from Reanau to Disson 5 stone/ in Brandenburg Land this is a Gross Boars Coop or / pretty Large Village upon the road I met with / two Soldiers the one belonging to the 33<sup>rd</sup>. Regiment / & the Other belonging the 51<sup>th</sup>. & this Latter had / Lost his Arms & Accountments [Accoutrements] & they both / were in the same station as myself as not know=/=ing which way to find there defferent [their different] Regiments /

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But their bases was a deal worse for they had been in / Liquor & Absent when they should a Marche'd of [have Marched off] / however they afforded me some relief as to discussing / with them & we all got Quarter'd [Quartered] upon a Half Boar /or Midling [Middling] Farmer together [together] but we could not agree / about our road in the Morning for I purposed one / way & they another which made me belive [believe] they / were for Deserting & durst not Joyn there [Join their ] Regiment / &c /

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December 16<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Wedensday [Wednesday] March'd [Marched] from  
Dissen to Ballon 5 / Sone in Brandenburgh Land & the two Soldiers  
/ that Quarter's [Quartered] with me Last night would not / take  
the same road with me so we parted & / I soon got too [to] a  
Village where two Companys / of the 51<sup>th</sup>. Regiment was in  
Quarters & I met / with Robert Marsden Corporal who was with  
/me in the 30<sup>th</sup>. Regiment & after telling him / my Affair & also that  
One of their Reg<sup>t</sup>. / had parted with me this Morning & would by /  
no means come near where he heard of any / of the English  
troops Quartering he Advis'd [Advised] me / to go to their  
Commanding Officer as he thought / he might propable  
[probably] give me some Information / of my Regiment Quarters  
so we went / to the Officers Quarters & found him in Bed / & he  
Order'd [Ordered]is Servant to Conduct me into / his room & after  
he had ask'd [asked]me the reason of by being /

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behind & I had told him he said he did not know / the Name of  
the Towns where our Regiment quarter'd [quartered/ but that I  
should find the English of Defferent [Different] Reg<sup>ts</sup>. / in most of  
the Towns I should go through & would be / sure soon to here  
[hear] of it I return'd [returned him thanks & took my / Leave &  
Corporal Marsden was waiting for me and / would have me into  
their Sutlers ( Order'd [Ordered] me a / refreshment & a Double  
Box of Geneva & after / & after / thanking him for his kindness I set  
of [off] & got into my / Quarters at Ballon about 4 O Clock in th  
After=/=noon where some of their Regiment was in / Quarters but  
could Learn nothing of my own as / yet but being glad that I had  
got safe amongst the / English that in Case any thing had  
happen'd [happened] me / as Sickness or the Like they would be  
Obliged to / take me under care very frosty & cold &c /

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Decemb<sup>le</sup>r. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Thursday. March'd [Marched] from Ballon to Branker / 4  
Stone in Brandenburgh Land a Cline Dorf / or small Village where

some of the 23<sup>th</sup>. Regiment / was in Quarters & upon the road  
within two / Miles of the place I had the good fortune to meet/ our  
Regiment Bread waggons & Corporal Rennard / being upon that  
Duty with Six Men two of whom / belong'd [belonged] the same  
Company with me they being / greatly Surpriz'd [Surprized ] at the  
sight of me as they said / it was Currently reported & belived  
[believed] at our Regiment /

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that I was certainly Lost in the snow & none / thought any Other  
but that I must be Dead as / none could give ant Account of me  
since I got / Lamed & the Regiment March'd [Marched] past me  
upon / the road but I told them the whole of my uncertain /  
Journey as not knowing which way to take / neither could I ever  
hear all the road any thing / about the place where the Regiment  
Quarter'd [Quartered] / the Corporal told be [me] he would give  
me a Copy / of the root [route] now that I had to go so that I  
might / not travel any more the wrong road as I was / not far  
distant for a fresh Man that was not / perteaqued  
[?fatigued] might go to Western Capel which / was the Town our  
Company Quarter'd [Quartered] in / a day but they told me that I  
had better make / more of it & not hurry myself so after I got / the  
Towns Names that I was to pass through / & also how far distant  
from one Another / the Corporal gave me a good Large Dram /  
out of his Canteen & I thank'd [thanked] him & then / we parted  
being well Satisfied now that I had met with such good Directions  
as it was easy to/ find the right road & the weather favours me /  
being good traveling with a sharp frost &c

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Decemb<sup>e</sup>l<sup>r</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Friday . March'd [Marched] from Branker at 9 O Clock / in  
the Morning to Hemker in Brandenburgh Land / 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Stone this was  
only what they calls a Boarscope /

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but we call them small Villages one Company of / the 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Regiment was in Quarters here & as they / belong'd [belonged]  
our Brigade after Acquainting them with / my Misfortune of geting  
[getting] Lamed & losing my Reg<sup>t</sup>. / they used me well & Obliged  
my Quarters to furnish / me with plenty Victuals \* a good Bed as  
my Shoes / begun to be very bad One of the Soldiers Mended /  
them for me which was a good refreshment to / my feet who by  
this time was very sore with / Marching amongst snow so Long but  
as the / frost Continues the roads are much better then [than] / if it  
Broke up they Inform me here that I may / get to Joyn [Join] my  
Company before Noon tomorrow / very Easily but that is all after  
as I am disposed / as being very content now that I have got / so  
near neither will I hurry myself any more / but take my own time  
very cold frosty weather / &c/

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December 19<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Satturday. [Saturday]. Morning at 8 O Clock March'd  
[Marched] from Hemker / to Vackam one stone and & Half a  
Cline Dorf or Village / in Osnabruck Land where tow Companys of  
our / Regiment was in Quarters & they were quite / Surpriz'd  
[Surprized] both Officers & men when I got in as / they never  
Expected seing [seeing] me more as thinking / that I had perish'd  
[perished] in the snow as it came down / so very freely upon me  
when I got Lam'd [Lamed] they disire [desire] /

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me to remain here all night as I had 2 Stone / further to go to my  
Company & I was very well / Content to stay so Long as I had got  
up with some / part of our Regiment John Goodall & Thomas /  
Barret the two Pioneers that was Prisoners / with me by the Enemy  
the Companys they / belong'd too [belonged to] Lay here & as  
soon as they were Inform'd [Informed] / that their Corporal was  
com'd [comed] up they came in / haste to welcome me upon  
my return & as they / all thought no less but that I had Lost the /  
road & founder'd [foundered] in the snow they soon took / me

into quarters & after getting a good refreshment they & several Others Invited me to a Brandy House where they treated me with / great plenty untill [until] Rollcalling & after that / was Over we return'd [returned] to our quarters & had / a good Supper & soon after repair'd [repaired] for Bed when / I ruminated upon all the Events that had / befallen me as knowing that in England One / could not a [have]travelled to a got Victuals & Lodgings / at all without a deal of Money & when I / was Lamed & Left behind had no more then [than] Nine pence Sterling but Lived those three / weeks a Mongst [amongst] the Boars or Farmers in the / Defferent Countrys [Different Countries ] who are all in a general / way very Hospitable to those that are in want /

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& ready to give any Stranger such as they have in / England it is quite the reverse as being so very Covetous / & hard hearted that they would Let any one Die with / Hunger before they would relive [relieve] them which makes / me think the Poor Germans the best Christians &c /

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December 20<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Sunday March'd [Marched] from Vackam to Western =Cappel / 2 stone in Brandenburgh Land & got ther [there] before / Noon & as soon as I came up to the first End of the / Town & Meeting with some Soldiers belonging our / Company they were a much Surprized as the / rest as None Ever Expected seing [seeing] me more but / that the snow & cold had perish'd [perished] me I ask'd [asked] / for Serjeants Millers Quarters & amany was / ready to go a Long [along] with me & when we came / their [there] the Serjeant & several Others was quite / Astonish'd [Astonished] as they had made themselves sure / that I was dead & the Serjeant told me that / he Expected Hearing Every day of another / Corporal being Appointed in my room he gave / me a Dram & I put of [off] my Arms & Accountre=/=ments [Accoutrements] & then the Serjeant & I went away / to the Majors Quarters where Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stapleton / & amany of our Officers were present the / Serjeant went in first & Informed them that /Corporal Todd was

safly [safely] Arrived whereupon I / was directly call'd [called] into  
the room & they all /

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declared they were never Expected seing [seeing] me more as /  
they said they did in the Least Doubt of my / Deserting as having  
had such about with the / Enemy so Latly [Lately] before but they  
thought nothing / Else but that I was perrish'd [perished] the Major  
Order'd [Ordered] / the Serjeant to have me into Quarters &  
desired / me to take care of myself from the Cold & not / Stir  
much Stir much out untill [until] I was well Recover'd [Recovered]  
both / of my wound that was not quite well yet & also / of my  
fatigue that I had under gone during those / three weeks Severe  
Marchings through the defferent [different] / Princedoms &  
Countrys [Countries] in High Germany & / after returning the  
Officers thanks for their / Indulgence Serjeant Miller took me to his  
/ Quarters & gave me all my pay that was due / I receiv'd  
[received] a Golden Ducket 3 Dollars & 15 Stivers / & after that we  
went to the Brandy Wine House / where a Number of our men  
Assembled some / out of Curiosity to se [see] me & Other[s] upon  
the / Driking [? Drinking] Strain that the House was partly / fill'd  
[filled] & the Serjeant begun to be in Liquor not / capable to go  
with me to the Burgomaster to get / me a Billet & it being Sunday  
Corporal Purton / told me there was a Vagancy [Vacancy] for  
One Man at / his Quarters 7 that I might go with him home / &  
remain their untill [there until] a Billet was provided so /

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being disious of quitting [desirous of quitting] the Company we  
paid our / demand & went to his quarters & after he told his /  
Ospass or Landlord that I was the Corporal that they / so often  
had talk'd [talked] about being perrish'd [perished] upon the /  
road they Entertain'd [Entertained] me very well & gave me a  
good / bed to Lay in &c



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December 21<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Remains at Corporal Purtons Quarters untill [until] / this Morning at 8 O Clock I went up with him & the / rest of the men to Rollcalling in Western=Cappel / in Brandenburgh Land belonging to the King of Prussia / & as soon as we came to Serjeant Millers Quarters / he took me away to the Borgomaster [Burgomaster] & demanded / a Billet for me telling him at the same time / that our Major & the Officers begged the favour / of him to send me into good quarters upon the / Account of my being but weak both my wound / & hardship that Latly [Lately] had befallen me the / Burgomaster asked [asked] me several questions in regurd [regard] / to my Living upon the road which I resolved / him to his satisfaction & he told me that he / had heard amany of our Officers say that they / had Lost a Corporal perrish'd [perished] in the snow he / ask'd [asked] me whether it was the most Agreeable [Agreeable] to / me to be quarter'd [quartered] a Lone [alone] or to be with several / Others I told him if he pleased I should Like / better to be a Lone [alone] & with that he wrote me a /

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Double Billet upon Joanas Evers Mires telling / me at the same time that the Boar was avery [a very] / good man but the Enemy had distress'd [distressed] him very / much as they had done every One Else when / they quarter [quartered] here the Last Year but he said he / was sure they would do as well as they could to / me & I told him I should disire [desire] nothing more so / I took my Billet & Inquired the road to the House / which I found to be about a Mile from the / town standing by itself as here is amany Odd / Houses where our Soldiers is Quarter'd [are Quartered] as soon as I got their [there] & gave my Ospam the Billet he / told me I was welcome but he feared he / would have some more besides me quarter'd [quartered] / upon him I told him he would not for the / Borgomaster had promised me to send no more / to my quarters & had given me a double/ Billet for that purpose he seem'd [seemed] very glad as he told / me he had 6 children & had been greatly / distress'd [distressed] by the Enemy the Frow [Frau] brought / me out some Victuals but I told them I / would wait untill

[until] Dinner as I had got avery [a very] / good Breakfast where I was the Last night / so she had me into a pretty [a pretty] Little room with / a good Bed in it where I was to Lye [Lie] & I took my Arms /

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Knapsack & all my things into it & then came / out & talk'd [talked] with my Opass & Frow [Frau] untill [until] Dinner / was brought upon the Table we had some very / good Soup made of Tatoes [Potatoes] Carrots & Turnips with / a Little Bacon and Pompie Nickel [Pumpnickel] Bread my Opass / told me he had never had of this bread in all /his Life before as always growing Cort [?Corn] sufficient / for his family but the Enemy had taken it / all from him we must be content after dinner / my Opass set down his pipe to smoak [smoke] & gave / me one with plenty of Tobacco of his Own / growing & soon after Corporal[s] Hardy & Forsyth / came to se [see] me as they quarter'd [quartered] at an Odd House / hard by & brought me a Loaf of Bread which / was due to day the poor Children of my Opass's / running about me crying out Vice Broad / Corporal that is the same as fine while Bred [white Bread] / to theirs so I took my Knife & cut the Loaf / all a pieces & divided it amongst them but / Opass & Frow [Frau] would a had me to a kept / it for myself but I told them I could Eat their / Bread very well & therefore the Children should have / mine Corporal[s] Hardy & Forsyth staid [stayed]with me untill [until] / night as they belong'd [belonged] the same Company with me / telling me all the Adventures that had happen'd [happened] in the / Company in my Absence & after they went away the / Frow [Frau] set up some Milk Soup for Supper & after that a Little Honey / upon a plate that we spread upon bread & Eat it instead of Butter & soon after / [ next word illegible] done I went to bed where I got avery good night rest cold weather &c /

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Remains in Quarters at Western=Cappel in /  
Brandenburgh Land & this Morning about 8. O /Clock I rose & got  
Breakfast of Lallopee which is / made in this form they put on the  
fire a pot / of Water & Boils it thick with A corn Meal with / a Little  
salt this is the Common Breakfast all / Over where they have no  
Corn as they Grow / Only Buckity Wheat which is like pople [?  
Poppy} seed & / Rye Oats some Barley pease & Beans I shaved /  
& Clean'd [Cleaned] myself & then set down to talk with / my  
Ospass as he seems avery Hospitable man / Lives like a good  
Christian & I was glad that I had / met with such agreeable  
[agreeable] Quarters the Weather / is begun to Break up & the  
snow goes fast / away which makes it very dirty & would be very /  
bad travelling if I had been upon my Journey / but I think myself  
very fortunate that has / gotten it Over while the frost held &  
begins / to be greatly refresh'd[refreshed] so that I purpose to go /  
into the Town tomorrow to Let the Doctor / Dress my wound which  
is not quite Healed but / beems [?seems] in a fair way &c

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Decemb<sup>[e]r.</sup>23<sup>[r]d.</sup> 1761

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Remains in Quarters at Western=Cappel in /  
Brandenburgh Land & this Morning I clean'd [cleaned] / myself &  
set 9 O Clock into the Town where /

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I found Six Men p[er] Company of the Oldest & Wounded / was  
Discharged out of our Regiment & Order'd [Ordered] to March /  
for the City of Breeman [?Bremen]to do Garrison Duty there /  
went out of our Company Corporal William Harper Mich!  
[?Michael] /Ready Arch'd [? Archibald] Rickey Tho<sup>s</sup>. [Thomas]Bails  
& two Weakly Men / that only Joyn'd Latly [Joined Lately] from the  
Independant [Independent] Companys/ & they were Order'd  
[Ordered] to receive their pay at 6 Dollars / p[er] Ducket upon the  
road so they March'd of [Marched off] soon / after I got their

[there] having Only time to shake hands / & I went to the Doctor who dress'd [dressed] my wound & Order'd [Ordered] his Servant to give a box of Salve to / dress it myself when I did not Attend him & / after returning back to the perade [parade] Several Serjeants / & Corporals would have me go into a Brandy Wine House & there we got Each a Double Box / of Geneva & I gave George Dales my Shoes to / sole & about two o clock in the Afternoon I / return'd [returned] home to my Quarters where the Frow [Frau] / had kept the Dinner hot untill [until] I came as they / are very Agreeable [Agreeable] which me Like my Quarters / very well [sic] it Continues avery cold thaw but / the snow is not all gone &c

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Decemb<sup>le</sup>jr. 24<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western= /=Cappel & this day it being rainy & cold I remain'd [remained] / at Home all day & George Dales our Shoemaker / brought homes [home] my Shoes he had Soled for which I gave /

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him a Dollar & 10 Stivers & gave him my Other pair / to Sole & then I shall be pretty well of [off] for shoes / they are quite wore out & hurt my feet greatly / upon the March but now having rest & regular / Living I find that I gather strength every day so / that I am in hopes that I shall be Able to do my / Duty in a Little time as all the Pioneers both / Corporal & Private men is always allow'd [allowed] two / Guards when they come to Quarters before they / are Order'd [Ordered] upon any Duty with their / respective Companys very cold stormy weather /

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December 25<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western / =Cappel & this being Christenmas [Christmas] day Every / One all over the Country makes a Little / Better providence then [than] at Other times & / Especially the Romans but as for my Ospass / & Family they were Lutherans but they disir'd [desired] / to come home against Dinner as I was / a going into Town when I got their

[there] our Men / was upon the peade [parade] & just ready to  
March of [off] / into Church where I Joyn'd [Joined] them &  
heard an / Excellent Sermon preach'd [preached] by our own  
Chaplin / & after that I went to a Brandy House & got 10 Stivers /  
of Gin put in my Canteen & carried it Home where / a good  
dinner was provided & after that I gave my Ospam / & Frow [Frau ]  
Each a good Dram which made them talk away /

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heartily & was very familliar [familiar] with me & we pass'd  
[passed] / the rest of the day Over very Agreeable [Agreeable]  
although it / holds very cold & stormy weather &c

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December 26<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Western=Cappel in Brandenburgh /  
Land & this Morning I went up to Rollcalling by my / Comerades  
Corporals would by no means Let me come in / Orderly to do any  
Duty of the Companys untill [until] I was / quite recover'd  
[recovered] & my Wound Heal'd [Healed] Although it was / very  
near but still I was Obliged to have a Cloth / Over it to keep the  
cold out Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Stapleton told / me I had better remain in my  
quarters & not be / too Hasty in coming out as their [there] was no  
Necessity / & I should run the rescue [risk] of Catching a fresh /  
cold I thank him & told him at the same time / that I had  
recover'd [recovered] my health & strength / greatly & my wound  
almost well so that my / coming up to town in fine weather would  
do me / more Service then [than] remaining constantly in the /  
House & after the Men was dismiss'd [dismissed] & the Guard /  
Mounted Bread was deliver'd [delivered] out & I got my Loaf / &  
after that my pay of [off] Serjeant Miller & George Dales / gave  
me my Other Shoes that he had Solded [Soled] & I paid him / the  
same as the Last & then he & I & Serjeant Miller to / a Brandy  
House where he treated the Serjeant & me with / a Double Box of  
Gin each & after I return'd [returned] home to my / quarters  
where the Children was very glad & Especially at seing [seeing] /  
my Loaf which I took to & cut it in pieces amongst them as before  
very / cold wett [wet] weather &c /

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December 27<sup>th</sup>. 1761

Remains in Winter Quarters T Western=  
Cappel / in Brandenburgh Land & this day I remain'd [remained]  
at / Home & in the Afternoon Corporal[s] Hardy & Forsyth / came  
to my Quarters & stay'd [stayed] with me untill [until] about / 5 O  
Clock & it clear'd [cleared] up & began to free's [freeze] & c /

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December 28<sup>th</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Western=Capple [Cappel] & it  
being a fine / frosty Morning about 9 O Clock I went into the Town  
& Meeting with Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow our Quarter= / =master he disired  
[desired] me to take my Pioneers & / go to the Mess House &  
Spread out the Grand / Mess Marque & Let it remain out two or  
three / Hours in Order to dry & Air it but he told me / I need not  
stand in the cold myself only se [see] that / the Men spread it well  
in an Airy place so / away I went up to the perade [parade] but  
saw none / of the Pioneers as here was Only four Companys / Lay  
here their [there] was but 4 Pioneers & I knew / not where any of  
them Quarter'd [Quartered] so I Order'd [Ordered] the / Orderly  
Drummer to Beat the Pioneers March / & presently they & great  
Numbers of Soldiers / came up to the perade [parade] to know  
the reason so / I took the 4 Pioneers to the Mess House & we got  
out the Marque & spread it & after that / planted One of them  
Centry [Sentry] Over it & the Other / three to relive [relieve] him  
Alternatly [Alternately] every Hour & I went /

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up to Serjeant Millers Quarter'd [Quarters] & Din'd [Dined] with him  
/ then return'd [returned] several times to see that the Marque  
dry'd [dried] / proper'ly untill [properly until] about two O Clock  
it came Over thick / weather that I Order'd [Ordered] the  
Pioneers to Double it up / & carry it into the store room at the Mess  
House / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Barlow being upon the perade call'd [parade

called] to me & / Order'd [Ordered] me to acquaint my Pioneers that they should / have a Guard Allow'd [Allowed] for their trouble & after that / we all repair'd [repaired] to our own quarters & when I got / home the Frow [Frau] was Surpriz'd [Surprized] that I had stay'd [stayed] / so Long out but we got supper & soon after I went / to Bed as it was very cold &c

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December 29<sup>th</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>. & 31<sup>st</sup>. 1761

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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western=Cappel / & it being cold frosty weather with showers of / snow that I kept close quarters in the House / for these three days past discourcing [discourcing] Only with /the Boar Frow [Frau] & Children & Endeavouring to / Learn all the Dutch Language that I possible [possibly] / could as having a good Oppertunity [Oppertunity] for so doing / as I was very desirous of making myself full / master of it as knowing what service the Little / I had was to me upon March &c

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January 1<sup>st</sup>. 1762

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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western=Cappel / in Brandenburgh Land & this Morning it being a hard / frost I went into town up to Rollcalling at 10 O Clock and

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waited there untill [until] Noon that Orders were given out / where H.R.H. Prince Ferdinand made his Compliments to the Generals field Officers & the rest of our Army / upon the Account of the New Years [Year's] day & we here [hear] / that the Marquis of Granby is gone for England & Lieutt. General Conway Commands the English / troops in his Absence I return'd [returned] home to my / Quarters towards night being now very well in / Health and my wound almost closed but very tender / & the cold pinched it so that I was Obliged / to keep a Cloth over it

for some time after we / got Supper Over I retired to Bed as it was / very sharp cold frosty weather &c

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January 2<sup>[n]d</sup>. 1762

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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western=Cappel & kept st Home all day as it mostly / snow'd [snowed] & was very cold & my Opass Let me / se [see] several pieces of their Coin they had going / with them before the war broke out & their / Marksticks [ goodgrosses ] & Stivers had part Silver / in them but now they are made of nothing / but dross [dross]white Mettle [Metal] as he says it will all be call'd [called] in again as soon as War Ends as he / prays it may be very soon but theirs [there] seems no / Liklihood [Likelihood ] of any such thing at present but all / preparation that can be are making for War upon /

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bothsides by all the Account we can Learn on the / News papers [Newspapers] very cold frost & snow &c/

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January 3<sup>[r]d</sup>. 1762

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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western=Cappel / in Brandenburgh Land & I being very well my / wound being Heal'd [Healed] I went to the perade [parade] at Orders giving out & Acquainted the Serjeant/ Major that he might put me upon Duty in my / turn as I was very Able to do it & my Comerade / Corporals had done it so Long as the Duty was / Easy Enough here for the Serjeants & Corporals the / Serjeant Major told me I had better stay a week / Longer first before I Enter'd [Entered] upon Duty as he / said it was in the Oldest tour of Corporals / now & that I should be for Guard tomorrow / if I Mounted I told him that I would Mount / then & he might put me down as such for / I had gotten very well again & when the / Orders was Over I return'd [returned] home to Clean every thing Necessary / ready for Guard in the Morning as I was quite / Uneasy at being so Confin'd [Confined] at home & seldom / stiring [stirring]out &c



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Remains in Winter Quarters at Western / Cappel &  
this Morning I got ready for Guard / [corner of page missing ] the  
time went to the perade [parade] & Mounted / [corner of page  
missing ] Serjeant Stilgoe & 18 Men & after the Corporal /

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of the Old Guard had taken his Centrys of [off] & [?then] / planted  
New Ones he told me that 5Centrys was / kept by day & 4 in the  
night as the Centry at / Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Collonels [Colonels] Quarters was to  
be taken of [off] & the Centry / that was planted at the Moat  
which is a good way / of [off] from the Guard went by themselves  
to relive [relieve] us / it would be too much trouble for the  
Corporal to / go with him every two Hours this place that they /  
call the Moat is a Large great Building belonging / some great  
Gentleman Large Gardens all surrounded / with a Cannell [Canal]  
full of water 8 or 10 yards wide / & has a draw Bridge to go in but  
no one / Lives in it now so that the Burgomaster has / the care of it  
& has Let our Regiment stores be / put in some part of it that the  
Centry has / in charge & also the fish in the Cannel [Canal] as / it  
is said here is a many but the Other / Centrys is pretty near the  
Guard so that I / relive [relieve] them every two hours about One  
O Clock / my Ospass Second Son brought me my Dinner / &  
would a brought me my Supper to the Guard / but I told him he  
need not as I would have / no more untill [until] the Guard was  
relived [relieved] tomorrow / that I came home very sharp frost  
&c

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Here ends the Third Vollumn [Volume] of Corporal /  
Todd's Journal Written Over & finish'd [finished] by / his Daughter  
Peggie Todd April 29<sup>th</sup>. 1776