

Captain Jonathan Heart's Journal

(The first five leaves are missing.)

After Orders. Edmunstone's Tavern (3 Miles from N. Windsor¹),
September 7, 1785.

The Company will march to-morrow morning at 3 o'clock, in same order as this day.
Route : Bethlehem, 3 miles ; Blooming Green, 6 ; Wanmer's, 3. Total—12 miles.

Quarters, Wanmer's,

September 8, 1785.

Company marches at sunrise. Route : to Chester, 3 miles ; Warwick, 9 ; Doctor Hinksman's, 6.
Total—18 miles.

Quarters, Hinksman's Tavern (Hadestown),

September 9, 1785.

James French, for stealing a whip, [was] tried at the Drum Head, found guilty, and sentenced to run the gantlet. The Captain approves the sentence and orders it put in execution this evening at retreat beating. The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : to Walsingham, 8 miles ; Carey's Tavern, 3. Total—11 miles.

Quarters, Carey's Tavern,

Saturday, September 10, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning one hour before sunrise. Route : Sussex, 10 miles; Town, 10. Total—20 miles.

Quarters, Town,

September 11, 1785.

Company marches to-morrow morning the same time as this day. Route : Moravian Town [alias Hope], 6 miles ; Harwick, 5 miles ; Oxford, 7. Total—18 miles.

Quarters, Oxford,

Monday, September 12, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning same as this day. Route: East Town, 10 miles; Bethlehem, 12 miles. Total—22 miles.

Quarters, Bethlehem,

Tuesday, September 13, 1785.

The Company remains at this point [to] wash and clean themselves.

Quarters, Bethlehem,

Wednesday, September 14, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Route : Allenstown, 6 miles ; Great Spring, 8 ; County Line, 4. Total —18 miles.

Quarters, County Line,

September 15, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning one hour before sunrise. Route : to Kirbytown, 6 miles ; Maiden Creek on the Schuylkill, 12. Total—18 miles.

Quarters, Maiden Creek,

September 16, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning. Rainy day but we march. [Route : Reading, 7 miles].

Quarters, Reading,

Saturday, September 17, 1785.

The Company remains at this place till further orders (delayed for wagons).

Quarters, Reading,

Sunday, September 18, 1785.

The Company will hold themselves in readiness to march to-morrow morning. (Still delayed for wagons).

Quarters, Reading,

Monday, September 19, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Middletown, 14 miles.

Quarters, Middletown,

September 20, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Meyerstown, 7 miles ; Lebanon 7. Total—14 miles. (Rained and did not march till 12 o'clock.)

Quarters, Lebanon,

Wednesday, September 21, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning before sunrise. Route : to Homestown, 18 miles.

Quarters, Homestown,

Thursday, September 22, 1785.

The Company marches at sunrise to-morrow morning. Route : Harris's Ferry, 9 miles ; Major Reed's, 14 miles. Total—23 miles (and one mile ferry.)

Quarters, Major Reed's—Chambersburg,

Friday, September 23, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow to Carlisle, 3 miles. Very rainy ; did not march till 12 o'clock.

Carlisle,

Saturday, September 24, 1785.

Company march to-morrow morning [at] 10 o'clock. Route : Mount Rock, 7 miles.

Mount Rock,

Sunday, September 25, 1785.

Company marches one hour before sunrise. Route: Shippensburg, 14 miles; Esquire Finley's, 7 miles. Total—21 miles.

Quarters, Esquire Finley's,

Monday, September 26th, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Pibles, on the Head of South Branch of Conoeojig, 6 miles ; Fort Loudon, 9 ; Harris's on West Branch Conocojig, 2.5. Total—17.5 miles.

The improper use of spirituous liquors being attended with summary fatal consequences, it is ordered in future that any soldier found drunk shall be debarred from the privilege of drawing his allowance of whiskey for one week.

Quarters, Harris's,

Tuesday, September 27, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route: Up Path Valley, 5 miles ; Burnt Cabins, 7 miles. Total—12 miles.

Quarters, Burnt Cabins,

September 28, 1785

The Company marches TO FORT Littleton and there halts for the day to wash and clean themselves,—4 miles.

Quarters, Fort Littleton,

Thursday, September 29, 1785.

Sergeant Francis Jackson, for striking with his sword and wounding Mr. Beating Wagoner, [was] tried at the Drum Head and sentenced to be reduced to a private sentinel and pay costs and damage by stoppages from his pay. The sentence is approved. The Company marches to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Route : the bottom of Sideling Hill, 9.5 miles ; top of Sideling Hill, 3. Total—12.5 miles.

Quarters, Top Sideling Hill,

Friday, September 30, 1785.

Jose Gilbert, for getting drunk, has his whiskey stopped one week. The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Bottom of Ray's Hill, 4 miles; Juniata, 3 miles ; Bloody Run, 7 miles. Total—14 miles.

Quarters, Bloody Run,

Saturday, October 1, 1785.

Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Bedford, 8 miles ; Bennett's, at the Forks of Glade and Pennsylvania Road, 4 miles. Total—12 miles.

Quarters, Bennett's,

Sunday, October 2, 1785.

Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Foot of Alleghany Mountains. (Did not march on account of rains till 1 o'clock.) Halted at Anderson's, 5 miles.

Quarters, Anderson's,

Monday, October 3, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Foot of Alleghany Mountains, 6 miles; Top of Mountains, 6 miles. Total—12 miles.

James Kingsley and Pat Colbert, for selling their public shoes, tried, plead guilty and sentenced to run the gantlet and to be put under stoppage for payment for the same. Sentence is approved; but from the former good character of Kingsley, and as it is the first crime of the nature committed in the Company, the Captain is induced to suspend the punishment on their future [good conduct. He desires] to remind the men that the disposing of public clothing or even wasting them improperly is a crime subjecting [them] to the severest punishment by law martial, and they may depend any future instances of like conduct will not find a pardon. Corporal Wm. Armstrong is promoted to a Sergeant; is to do duty and [be] respected accordingly.

Quarters,

Tuesday, October 4, 1785.

Company will halt on the ground till further orders. Morning Orders, 5th October. Company marches at 12 o'clock. Route : To Miller's, west side Edward's Swamp, 4 miles.

Quarters, Edward's Swamp,

Wednesday, October 5, 1785.

Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Stony Creek, 5 miles; Foot of Laurel Hill, 7 miles. Total—12 miles. (Rainy night and did not march till 10 o'clock and halted two miles from Stony Creek and encamped. Total—7 miles.)

Quarters, Encampment,

Thursday, October 6, 1785.

Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Foot of Laurel Hill, 7 miles ; up Laurel Hill, 4 miles. Total—11 miles.

Encamped, Top Laurel Hill,

October 7, 1785.

Company march to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : Fort Ligonier, 7 miles ; 4 Mile Run, 4 miles. Total—11 miles.

Quarters, 4 Mile Run,

Saturday, October 8, 1785.

Company march to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route : 9 Mile Run, 5 miles; 12 Mile Run, 3 miles, Hannastown, 3.5 miles. Total—[11.5 miles].

Quarters, Hannastown,

Sunday, October 9, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at sunrise. Route: Bushy Run, 10 miles; to Cook's, 4 miles. Total—14 miles.

Quarters, Cook's,

Monday, October 10, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at daylight, leaving the tents standing with the guards who will load the wagons and join the Company at Widow Myers', where the Company halts for the day to rest and clean. [Route : to Widow Myers',— miles.]

Quarters, Widow Myers',

Tuesday, October 11, 1785.

The Company marches to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Route : Bullock Pens, 6 miles ; Fort Pitt, 6 miles. Total—12 miles.

Quarters, Fort Pitt1,

Wednesday, October 12, 1785.

The Company will remain on the ground until further orders.

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