

**NOTICES OF MILITARY SERVICES PERFORMED,
BY THE PEOPLE OF CONCORD IN THE REVOLUTION.**

The numbers and dates refer to the Table of Campaigns, on pages 124 and 125 of the text.

2. April 20, 1775. The officers in the regiment, to which these men were attached, were, John Nixon, Colonel; Thomas Nixon, Lieutenant-Colonel; John Buttrick, Major. The officers of two companies, of 84 and 103 men, belonged to Concord. Joseph Butler was Captain; Silas Walker, Lieutenant; Edward Richardson, Ensign; Moses Richardson, Wareham Wheeler, Joseph Chesley, and Edward Heywood, Sergeants of one; and Abishai Brown was Captain; Daniel Taylor, Lieutenant; Silas Mann, Ensign; and Nathan Stow, Ephraim Minott, John Cobs, and Bradbury Robinson were Sergeants of the other. Rev. William Emerson was Chaplain a part of the time; and Dr. Joseph Hunt was mate to Dr. Foster in Cambridge hospital. The men enlisted the last week in April, and the officers were commissioned June 5th. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, Captain Butler's company, under command of Lieutenant Walker, were engaged at the northern declivity of the hill by the "rail fence"; and a part of the other company were on guard, and not ordered on in season to take part in the battle. Benjamin Ball received a mortal wound, of which he died in Boston. John Meers was killed. Amos Wheeler, Ephraim Minot, and some others were wounded; the first died of his wounds at Cambridge, a short time after. As soon as the news of the battle arrived, the whole of the militia marched to Cambridge, but returned after a few days. A chest of clothing, and other articles necessary for the wounded, were contributed by the "patriotic ladies" in Concord, and sent to the hospital in Cambridge, for which they received public thanks. "This instance of their humanity and public spirit," say a public notice, "does honor to the town, and will, we hope, induce others to imitate so good an example." During this campaign, Danforth Hayward and William Buttrick died.

4. Jan. 20, 1776. Middlesex was ordered to raise a regiment of 571 men; Concord 26, Bedford 6, Acton 13, Lincoln 8. Concord, however, furnished 36. John Robinson was Colonel; John Buttrick, Lieutenant-Colonel; Samuel McCobb, Major; Joseph Thaxter, Chaplain; Nathan Stow, Quarter-master; Jabez Brown, Adjutant. The Captains' names were, John Ford, Simon Edgel, Josiah Warren, Asahel Wheeler, Benjamin Edgel, Job Shattuck, and John Lamont. Silan Mann was a lieutenant there under Wheeler.

A new organization of the militia was made in February, 1776, and Concord, Lexington, Weston, Acton and Lincoln were assigned to the 3d Regiment. Oliver Prescott was then chosen Brigadier-General, Eleazer Brooks, Colonel of this regiment, Francis Faulkner, Lieutenant-Colonel; Nathan Barrett, 1st Major; Samuel Lamson, 2d Major; and Joseph Adams, Surgeon.

The following were the officers of the several companies:

CO.	LOCATION.	CAPTAIN.	1ST LIEUT.	2D LIEUT.
1.	Concord.	George Minott,	Edward Wright,	Emerson Cogswell.
2.	Weston.	Jonathan Fiske,	Matthew Hobbs,	Josiah Severns.
3.	Lexington.	John Bridge,	William Munroe,	Ebenezer White.
4.	Concord.	Thomas Hubbard,	Ephraim Wheeler,	Amos Hosmer.
5.	Acton.	Simon Hunt,	John Heald, Jr.,	Benj. Brabrook.
6.	Lincoln.	Samuel Farrar,	Samuel Hoar,	James Parks.
7.	Concord.	Thomas Barrett,	Samuel Heald,	Asa Green.

Col. James Barrett was appointed to raise men in this county December 2d, 1775; and was muster-master from December 28th, 1776, till his death. Capt. Joseph Hosmer succeeded him



in 1780.

The Concord Light Infantry was organized soon after, (of which Joseph Hosmer was Captain; Samuel Jones, Lieutenant; and Samuel Hosmer, 2d Lieutenant); and attached to this regiment.

5. March 1, 1776. This was a detachment of nearly all the militia, to take possession of Dorchester Heights just before the British evacuated Boston. The officers of the 3d Regiment abovementioned were generally there. An attack on Boston was anticipated, and a considerable quantity of lint and bandages was sent from Concord to the hospital.

6. April 9, 1776. This was an enlisted company for the purpose of fortifying and defending Boston and its vicinity. Officers: — Josiah Whitney, of Harvard, Colonel; Ephraim Jackson, of Newton, Lieutenant-Colonel; John Miller, Major. For the Middlesex Company, — Abishai Brown, Captain; Abraham Andrews, 1st Lieutenant; Silas Proctor, 2d Lieutenant; Jeremiah Williams and, Edward Heywood, all of Concord, were Sergeants. They were stationed at Hull. This company assisted in taking Col. Campbell, about three hundred Highlanders, and several provision ships. They left Concord June 1st, and were discharged December 1st. Thaddeus Blood, Esq., is the only person now living [1835] in Concord who belonged to this company.

8. June 25, 1776. Dr. John Cuming was appointed Commander in this expedition, but declined. The whole consisted of five thousand men. One company, consisting of ninety-four men, was commanded by Capt. Charles Miles, of Concord. Edmond Munroe, was Lieutenant; Matthew Hobbs, 2d Lieutenant; and Jonas Brown, Ensign. They were attached to Col. Jonathan Reed's regiment. His muster-roll give sixty-one from Concord, (differing from the report from which the above is compiled); Weston, twenty-seven; Lexington, four; and two from Tyconerage [?]. Being ready to march, they were paraded on the common in Concord, with several other companies from the adjoining towns, and attended religious services in the meeting-house. Rev. William Emerson preached from Job v. 20, and afterwards went as Chaplain, sacrificed his life to his patriotism, and never returned. Another Company, commanded by Capt. Asahel Wheeler, whose Lieutenant was Samuel Hoar, of Lincoln. Samuel Osburn was 2d Lieutenant, and David Hosmer, Ensign.

9. Sept. 12, 1776. This embraced one fifth of the Militia under fifty years of age, not in actual service. The drafts from this county formed one regiment, which was commanded by Eleazer Brooks, of Lincoln. Rev. Moses Adams, of Acton, was Chaplain; Dr. Joseph Hunt, Surgeon; and Samuel Hartwell, of Lincoln, Quarter-master. Concord furnished twenty-three men; Lexington, sixteen, Acton, fifteen; and Lincoln, twelve, which formed one company, whose officers were Simon Hunt, of Acton, Captain; Samuel Heald, of Concord, Lieutenant; Ebenezer White, 2d Lieutenant. They were in the battle of White Plains. A return after the battle gives forty-two fit for duty, seven sick, four wounded, two of whom, David Wheeler and Amos Buttrick, belonged to Concord. Thomas Darby, of Acton was killed. Col. Brooks's Regiment behaved bravely on that occasion.

10. These were part of a company of eighty-nine men, taken from nearly every town in this county, commanded by John Minott, of Chelmsford, and attached to Col. Dykes's Regiment. John Hartwell, of Lincoln, was Lieutenant. Acton furnished five; Lincoln, four; and Bedford, three.

11. Nov. 21, 1776. This was one fourth of the Militia in Middlesex County, and formed one Regiment of six hundred and seventy men, commanded by Col. Samuel Thatcher, of Cambridge. Cyprian How, of Marlborough, was Lieutenant-Colonel; Joseph Bryant, of Stoneham, Major. Concord furnished thirty-four; Weston, eighteen; Lexington, fourteen; Acton, thirteen; Lincoln, thirteen, which composed one company. John Bridge, of Lexington, was Captain; Jacob Brown, of Concord, Lieutenant; and Josiah Stearns, of Weston, 2d Lieutenant; William Burrows, Orderly Sergeant. They marched to New-York and New-Jersey before they returned, and were stationed at Woodbridge. Dissolved March 6th.

12. Dec. 1, 1776. It appears from a roll of this company in the Secretary's office, that Capt. John Hartwell was commander of it. Thirteen in this and six in other companies were from Lincoln. They were attached to Col. Dykes's Regiment.

13. Dec., 1776. These were attached to the Artillery.

14. Jan. 20, 1777. These were the first three-year men enlisted. Col. James Barrett mustered all the men from this county. Ephraim Wood paid the bounty of those enlisted in Concord. Nathan Wheeler, Ephraim Wheeler, Ephraim Minott, and Wareham Wheeler, were Lieutenants in the three years' service. The forty-four names follow.



Thomas Wood, Matthew Jameson, Amos Nutting, Job Spaulding, John Hodgman, William Wilson, Josiah Blood, Patrick Neiff, David Jenners, Abraham Davis, Thomas B. Ball, Pomp Cady, James Bray, Daniel Brown, James Barrett, Edward Butt, Edward Wilkins, John Sherwin, Samuel Dutton, John Corneil, Samson Yammon, Daniel Stearns, Amos Darby, William Wheeler, Nathaniel Draper, Oliver Rice, Stephen Stearns, James Melvin, James Allen, Richard Anthony, Oliver Barnes, John McGath, Thomas Fay, Cesar Minott, Samuel Butler, Francis Legross, Charles Swan, James Marr, Nathaniel Taylor, Tilly Holden (died), Samuel Blood, Daniel Cole.

15. April 12, 1777. This was a detachment to reinforce General Spencer. Amos Hosmer and Thaddeus Hunt were Lieutenants.

17. July, 1777. Abishai Brown was Captain; Daniel Davis, of Acton, 1st Lieutenant; James Brown, of Lexington, 2d Lieutenant; Thaddeus Blood, Orderly Sergeant; Abel Davis, Drummer. They left about the 1st of June. Dr. Isaac Hurd was Surgeon of the regiment, which was commanded by John Jacobs and Lt. Colonel Robinson, and was under Gen. Spencer. Abishai Brown was appointed Major in this campaign. The town estimate gives fourteen only in this campaign, but is probably incorrect. Dea. White's MS. says, "July 23, 1777, an alarm, — draughted the following persons to go to R. Island," and gives the names of twenty-nine.

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18. Aug. 9, 1777. These constituted one sixth of the militia. George Minott was Captain. They were at the battle of Saratoga, and at the taking of Burgoyne. They subsequently marched to New Jersey.

19. Sept. 22, 1777. This was a volunteer company of sixty-three men from Concord and Acton, commanded by John Buttrick. John Heald and Silas Mann, were Lieutenants; John White, Samuel Piper, Reuben Hunt, and Peter Wheeler, Sergeants. They were under Colonel Reed. They left Concord, October 4th, passed through Rutland, Northampton, &c., and arrived at Saratoga on the 10th, where they encamped two days. The 13th they went to Fort Edward. The 14th and 15th, went out on a scout, and the 16th brought in fifty-three Indians, several Tories (one of whom had 100 guineas), and some women. The 17th "we had an express," says Deacon White's Journal, "to return to Saratoga, and had the pleasure to see the whole of Burgoyne's army parade their arms, and march out of their lines; a wonderful sight indeed; it was the Lord's doing, and it was marvellous in our eyes." They guarded the prisoners to Cambridge. \$206 were subscribed to encourage these men, beside the bounty specified in the table. Samuel Farrar commanded a company from Lincoln and Lexington in this campaign.

20. Nov. 28, 1777. Capt. Simon Hunt, of Acton, commanded the company to which most of the Concord men were attached, under Col. Eleazer Brooks and Gen. Heath. Nine companies guarded Burgoyne's troops down, five marching before and four behind.

21. March 3, 1778. Resolutions were passed February 7th, for four hundred men, and March 11th and 13th, each for five hundred more to guard the stores at Boston. These men were called out for that purpose, and were under the command of General Heath. Thomas Barret was Captain a part of the time; Daniel Harrington, the other part; Elisha Jones and Asa Green, Lieutenants. They were under Col. Jonathan Reed.

22. April 12, 1778. These men were raised for the defence of Rhode Island under Gen. Spencer. The officers of the regiment were John Jacobs, Colonel; Frederick Pope, Lieutenant-Colonel; Abishai Brown, Major. They were chosen February 27th. Thaddeus Blood of Concord was Ensign in this campaign. The committee chosen by the town to hire them, were Col. James Barrett, Col. John Buttrick, Mr. Ephraim Wood, Jr., Jonas Heywood, Esq., and John Cuming, Esq.

23. April 20, 1778. These men were Oliver Buttrick, Benjamin Gould, Jason Bemis, William Diggs, Joseph Plummer, Cesar Kettle, David White, Benjamin Perkins, Jeremiah Hunt, Jr., and John Stratten. These were hired by the town, as in the last, and all subsequent campaigns. These were part of two hundred men. Acton and Lincoln furnished five each, and Bedford, three. They marched first to Rhode Island, and afterwards to New York. They were to serve nine months from the time they arrived at Fishkill.

24. April 20, 1778. Their names were William Burrows, (a Lieutenant), Reuben Parks, Timothy Merriam, Jeremiah Williams, Jonathan Curtis, Jacob Ames, Timothy Hoar, Wareham Wheeler, Joseph Cleisby.



25. June 23, 1778. These men guarded the prisoners to the new barracks built at Rutland. Ephraim Wood was appointed to superintend their removal.

26. June 27, 1778. These men were sent to reinforce General Sullivan. John Buttrick was Lieutenant-Colonel, and was wounded at Sullivan's retreat. Samuel Jones and Emerson Cogswell were lieutenants under Capt. Francis Brown, of Lexington. Thaddeus Blood was Ensign in the State troops at the same time. Benjamin Prescott was Surgeon. One Sergeant and three Corporals were from Concord.

27. Sept. 6, 1778. The town received the order, September 10th, and held a meeting the next day, when a committee was chosen to hire them. They were paid £23 per month, including the public wages. The men were, Timothy Killock, Charles Shepherd,, Daniel Wheat, Timothy Wetherbee, Jesse Parkins, Thomas Hodgman, and Silas Parlin.

28. Sept. 19, 1778. This constituted one third of the militia, required to march to Boston at a minute's warning. They volunteered under Col. Cuming, and were to receive \$5 bounty, and \$15 per month, including the pay allowed by the public. The orders were countermanded and they did not march. This is the only instance in all the campaigns of the men not marching when called.

29 and 30. April and June, 1778. The town chose a committee June 16th, to hire the men for these two campaigns, consisting, of Col. Nathan Barrett, the four commanding officers of the militia companies, the Selectmen, Col. John Cuming, Mr. Jonas Heywood, Capt. David Brown, Capt. Joseph Butler, and James Barrett, Esq. Acton furnished four; Bedford, three; Lincoln, five; and the whole county, two hundred and forty-five in the nine months' campaign. The detachment to Rhode Island took one hundred men more from this county, who were under Col. Jacobs. The 3d Regiment was required to furnish one Sergeant and eleven privates. Thaddeus Blood was a Lieutenant in the United States' service; Jonas Wright was Sergeant.

31. June, 1779. The town received orders for these men September 1st and chose the Selectmen, Col. Nathan Barrett, Jonas Heywood, Esq., and the four militia Captains, a committee to procure these and other four militia captains, a committee to procure these and all others, "when small drafts are called," without calling the town together.

33. Sept., 1779. These belonged to a company of thirty-eight men from this and the adjoining towns, under Samuel Heald, Captain; Enoch Kingsbury, Lieutenant; Stephen Hosmer, 2d Lieutenant; and John Jacobs, Colonel. Henry Flint was Sergeant Major. They were discharged in November, and the whole amount of their wages was 10*s.* 6*p.* in silver each!

OFFICERS OF THE 3D REGIMENT OF MILITIA MARCH 7TH, 1780.

CO.	LOCATION.	CAPTAIN.	1ST LIEUT.	2D LIEUT.
1.	Concord.	Jacob Brown,	John White,	Asa Brooks.
2.	Weston.	Matthew Hobbs,	Josiah Livermore,	Daniel Livermore.
3.	Lexington.	John Bridge,	William Munroe,	
4.	Concord.	Thomas Hubbard,	Ephraim Wheeler,	Amos Hosmer.
5.	Acton.		John Heald,	Benj. Brabrook.
6.	Lincoln.	Samuel Farrar,	Samuel Hoar,	James Parks.
7.	Concord.	Samuel Heald,	Issachar Andrews,	Stephen Barrett.
8.		Francis Brown,	Isaac Addington,	Thos. Fessenden.
9.	Concord.	Samuel Jones,	Elisha Jones,	Stephen Hosmer.

34. Sept. 1, 1779. The names of these men were, Charles Shepherd, Lot Lamson, Francis Baker, Timothy Wesson, Nathan Page, Asa Piper, Timothy Sprague, Nathaniel Breed, Charles



Hanley, John Stratten, Ezekiel Hager, Jeremiah Shepherd, Nathaniel French, Josiah Melvin Jr., Joshua Stevens, Phillip Barrett, Lemuel Wheeler, Chandler Bryant, Daniel Cole. Acton furnished eleven; Bedford, seven; Lincoln, nine; Carlisle, seven. These men were procured by a committee chosen by the town, June 12th, in addition to that chosen in September previous, consisting of John Cuming, Esq., Capt. David Brown, Capt. Andrew Conant, Capt. David Wheeler, Lieut. Stephen Barrett. They were also to procure others, "if the draught does not exceed sixteen; if it does, the town to be called together."

35. June 5, 1780. These men were hired by the same committee. They were intended to march to Albany to prevent the incursions of the Indians, but counter orders were issued and they went to Rhode Island. Cyprian How was Colonel; ——— Bancroft of Dunstable, Lieutenant-Colonel; ——— Stone, of Ashby, Major; Abraham Andrews, Captain; Silas Walker and Eli Conant, Lieutenants. Bedford furnished eight; Acton, eleven; Lincoln, twelve; Carlisle, nine.

37. Dec. 2, 1780. These men were to serve three years or during the war. The town decided, after considerable debate, by a vote of 53 to 42, to hire them in classes. The Selectmen, James Barrett, Esq., Jonas Heywood, Esq., Mr. Isaac Hubbard, Mr. Samuel Hosmer, Col. Nathan Barrett, and Mr. Job Brooks were chosen to divide the town into as many classes as there were men to hire, according to wealth. The town voted to "proceed against" any who should neglect to pay their proportion in the several classes; each one of which hired a man at as low a rate as possible. The men's names were Charles Adams, Richard Hayden, Jonathan Wright, Joseph Dudley, Isaac Hall, Lot Lamson, Francis Baker, Joseph Adams, Benjamin Barron, William Tenneclaf, Richard Hobby, Leonard Whitney, Samuel Farrar, John Stratten, Daniel McGregor, and Jonathan Fiske. Bedford furnished eight; Acton, ten; Lincoln, ten; Carlisle, six. They were mustered by Capt. Joseph Hosmer.

39. June 15, 1781. Bedford furnished seven; Acton, eight; Lincoln, eight; Carlisle, four, for this campaign. The whole State furnished two thousand seven hundred.

40. June 30, 1780. These men were hired by classes. Dea. John White was Chairman of the 3d class, which was assessed £180 to hire Joseph Cleisby. The 5th class, of which Reuben Hunt was Chairman, hired Jacob Laughton, for £90 lawful money as a bounty. Sometimes \$100 were given by a single individual. All property seemed to be at the disposal of government, if required. The soldiers were paid off in government sureties which were sold for 2s. 6d. on the pound. Nathaniel French received ninety bushels of rye.

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