

Artois, Royal Marine, Cambise, and Volontaires Etrangers, with about 700 Canadians. The three first Regiments wintered in Louisbourg; Volontaires Etrangers came there not long since with Part of the Fleet, and Cambise the Night before we landed.

We took from the Enemy three 24 Pounders, seven 9 Pounders, and seven 6 Pounders, 2 Mortars, and 14 Swivels; all which were placed along the Shore, to prevent our Landing; with Ammunition Tools, and Stores of all Kinds.

The 9th Lieutenant General Bragg's Regiment remained in their Sloops from Lorembec. The Weather continued extremely bad; the Surf so great, that we could get only some of our Tents on Shore in the Afternoon.

The 10th the Surf still continued, and it was with great Difficulty that we got any Thing on Shore.

The 11th the Weather grew clear and better, and the light 6 Pounders, which I had ordered on Shore immediately after the Troops, were now only landed, and some Artillery Stores with them.

On the 12th, from Intelligence I had received, that the Enemy had destroyed the Grand Battery, and called in their Out-Posts, I detached Brigadier Wolfe with 1200 Men, 4 Companies of Grenadiers, 3 Companies of Rangers, and some Light Infantry, round the N. E. Harbour to the Light-House Point, with an Intention to silence the Island Battery, and, at the same Time, to attempt to destroy the Ships in the Harbour; sending, at the same Time by Sea, the Proportion of Artillery, Tools, &c. that had been ordered for this Service.

I received, this Day, a Report from Brigadier Wolfe, that he had taken Possession of the Light-House Point, and all the Posts on that Side the Harbour, which the Enemy had abandoned, leaving several Cannon, which were rendered useless, Tools, &c. and a great Quantity of Fish at Lorembec. The Weather continued extremely bad; but we got some Tools on Shore this Night, so that, on the 13th, we began to make a Communication from the Right to the Left in Front of the Camp; and I ordered three Redoutes on the most advantageous Ground in the Front. A Party of the Enemy came out this Day towards our Camp, but were soon beat back by the Light Infantry, before two Picquets could well get up to their Assistance. We worked at three Redoutes in Front all Night.

The 14th the Enemy cannonaded us a great Part of the Day. The Surf still continued so great, that it was with the greatest Difficulty we could land any Thing. The Fleet, under the Command of Sir Charles Hardy, which appeared Yesterday for the first Time, was in the Night blown off to Sea.

The 15th I sent four more Mortars in a Sloop to the Light-house, but we could not get any Artillery landed on this Shore. At Night two Deferters from the Volontaires Etrangers came in; said they had 5 killed and 40 wounded in the Skirmish on the 13th.

The 16th, the first fine Weather, we landed 12 Days Provision, and got many Things on Shore, but could not yet land any Artillery.

The 17th I got Colonel Bastide on Horseback, and, with Colonel Williamson and Major McKellar, we reconnoitred the whole Ground as far as we could; and Colonel Bastide was determined in his Opinion of making Approaches by the Green Hill, and confining the Destruction of the Ships in the Harbour, to the Light-House Point, and the Batteries on that Side. I added two 8 Inch Mortars and three Royals to the Light-house Batteries.

The 18th we had fine Weather. Some Indians took three of the Transports Men at the Bottom of Gabarus Bay, who landed there contrary to Orders. The Road for the Artillery was pushed on as fast as possible. We got three 24 Pounders on Shore, though the Surf was great the Beginning of the Day.

The 19th the Batteries of the Light-House were intended to have been opened this Night, but could not be got ready so soon. L'Echo, a French Frigate of 32 Guns, was brought in To-day, had got out of the Harbour the 13th at Night, and was bound to Quebec: By her we have Intelligence, that the Bizane got out the Day we landed, and the Comette since our Arrival off the Harbour.

The 20th the Island Battery and Ships fired at the Batteries on the Shore, who began their Fire this last Night. The Enemy burnt an old Ship at the Bottom of the Harbour.

The 21st very bad Weather, and the Surf high. The Enemy discovered us making the Road for the Artillery, and cannonaded us; threw some Shot into the Left of the Camp, but did not oblige me to decamp any Part. An advanced Redoute towards Green-Hill was thrown up this Night.

The 22d the bad Weather continued; we were employed on the Roads, and getting up a Block-house on the Left, by the Mirag Road, to secure the Communication to the N. E. Harbour and Light-House, and to hinder any Parties from going into the Town.

The 23d the Admiral assured me there were above a hundred boats lost in landing the Troops and Provisions. This Day fine Weather; and we now have on Shore twelve 24 Pounders, and six 12 Pounders. The Enemy fired a great deal from their Shipping and Island Battery, and they threw some Shot into the Left of the Camp. Colonel Meservey, and most of his Carpenters, taken ill of the Small-Pox, which is a very great Loss to the Army. Gabions and Fascines are landed, and carried forward as fast as possible, to make an Epaulement to Green-Hill. The Batteries at the Light-House fire with Success against the Island Battery, and I hope will soon silence it.

On the 24th the Enemy fired on the Light-House Batteries from the Town and Shipping, and on our advanced Redoute, which was finished, they fired from the Town. Colonel Bastide remained fixed in his Opinion of advancing by Green-Hill. We had this Day in the Park of Artillery thirteen 24 Pounders, and seven 12 Pounders.

The 25th the Cannonading continued Night and Day: In the Evening the Island Battery was silenced; their own Fire had helped to break down Part of their Works: Fascines and Gabions were forwarded to Green-Hill as fast as possible. All the Men employed at Work, and making the necessary Communications. The Enemy fired a good deal at our advanced Redoute.

The 26th a small Alarm on the Left of a Party that had advanced from the Town; had got up to the Block-house, which was not quite finished. They had with them a Barrel of Pitch to set it on Fire: The Guard on it was not sufficient to oppose a large Party; but a Detachment was sent out so quick, that they were forced to retreat without effecting their Design, though two of the Men had been in the Block-house, and they were drove back into the Town very fast. Three hundred Pieces ordered to Green-hill. Admiral Boscawen landed 200 Marines, and took the Post at Kennington Cove, which is a great Ease to the Army. I desired of the Admiral four 32 Pounders and two 24 Pounders to leave at the Light-house, to keep the Island Battery in Ruin, that with a proper Number of Men intrenched there, Brigadier Wolfe, with his Detachment, might be able to come round the Harbour, bringing his Artillery with him; and to try to destroy the Shipping, and to advance towards the West Gate.

The 27th one Brass 24 Pounder was lost in 12 Fathom Water, by slipping off the Catamaran, as they were coming from the Ship to land it. The Cannon I asked of the Admiral were landed this Night at the Light-house.

The 28th a great many popping Shots and Cannonading. As the Post at Green-hill was covered, we began the Road over the Bog, and throwing up an Epaulement. Colonel Meservey and his Son both died this Day; and of his Company of Carpenters of 108 Men, all but 16 in the Small-Pox, who are Nurses to the Sick. This is particularly unlucky at this Time.

The 29th Cannonading continued; the Frigate fired constantly at the Epaulement; we pursued working at the Road, which cost a great deal of Labour: At Night the Enemy sunk 4 Ships in the Harbour's Mouth; Apollo, a two-deck'd one, La Fidelle of 36 Guns, la Cheve, and la Biche, of 16 Guns each, and they cut off most of their Masts. Remain in the Harbour five of the Line of Battle, and a Frigate of 36 Guns.

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