

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

CAPT. HENRY HETH'S INDEPENDENT CONTINENTAL COMPANY AT FORT PITT, 28 DECEMBER 1777, 17 MARCH 1778, AND 5 APRIL 1778

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[E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1978) describes the independent Continental companies as follows: "On January 8, 1777, Congress assumed control of the frontier forts and requested the Virginia Council of State to raise garrison companies for that purpose. Several months later, five companies of the 13th Virginia Continental Regiment were sent to Fort Pitt as a permanent reinforcement. The independent companies were then consolidated under captains Henry Heth and James O'Hara."

Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh PA was headquarters of the Western Department of the Continental Army, commanded by Gen. Edward Hand from 1 Apr 1777 through 26 May 1778. In Feb 1778 Hand led a punitive expedition against the Indians, traveling about 40 mi N in miserable weather and managing to kill and capture some of old men, women, and children. This expedition was known derisively as the "Squaw Campaign."

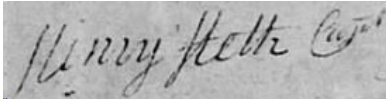
Each of the first two tables is in two parts, with one part written vertically in the original. For complete names and more likely spellings, refer to the muster roll taken on 5 april 1778. Names and figures in brackets are alternative spellings and pension applications.

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A Exact Repor of Capt. Heths Indepndnt Company Desember ye 28th 1777

Fit for Duty	2	3	5
On Duty	1	1	7
Sicke present	1		9
Sicke Abstant			3
On Ferlow			9
On Command			1
Bullock Gaurd			1
Shoe Maker			2
Weaters			3
Artifisers			11
Beaks[?]			1
Boatemen			2
Drum & fife			2
Totle	4	4	57 [?]

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<u>Fit for Duty</u> Jon Yong Thos Fresar Jas Daves Jas Ryon Mikl Heney	<u>on forlow</u> Regan {Colo [John] Gibson Novr Mains {3 ^d for 8 days McCartney {Capt Heth McClone { Geo mains General Hand Shoughneys Capt Heth	<u>Beakers [?]</u> Broron <u>Boate men</u> Hambleton Cordeness
<u>ON Duty</u> Robson Erels Junir Erles Seneir Woodman Meeks Whitsel Branon	Peters {General Hand Eaven { Carmichel Capt Heth <u>ON Command</u> Miller <u>[illegible: Bullock] guard</u> Rock	<u>Drumers & fifers</u> Whitman Glass 
<u>Sick presant</u> McCormick Finigan King Glass Lockard Harbart Green Erels Armstrong	<u>Shoemakers</u> Halpain Byers <u>Weaters [waiters]</u> McCadams Hagertay Coneley	Henry Heth Capt
<u>Sick abstant</u> Byrley Been Thos Coningham	<u>Artificrs</u> Halford White Ranken Depugh Stakepole Donaldhow Blair Gowron McKeney Carpanter Brooks	

A Return of Capt Heths Company fort pitt March ye 17th 1778

Capt L S Cor &c

	1	2			
Present fit for duty				1	9
on Duty			1		10
Sick present			2		1
Sick absent					4
on forlough			1		4
on Comand				2	4
Wood Cuters					4
Masons					1
Tenders					2
Bullock gard					1
Shomakers					1
Brickes maker					1
Hoslers					1
Waiters					2
Boatmen					2
Confin'd					3
fiffers & drum					1
absent without Leave					1
Black Smith					1
Total	1	2	4	3	53

<u>fit for Duty</u>	<u>on Duty</u>	<u>Sick absent</u>	<u>on Comand</u>	<u>Masons</u>	<u>Hossler</u>
Blear	Young	McCartny	Conaly Corp	Stackpole	Davis
Phelps	Sr[?] Main	Mclain	Crawford	<u>Tenders</u>	<u>Waiters</u>
Earls	Lockhart	Cuningham	Whitsel	Gourin	Mcadams
finigin	forgison	Bean	Cordonas	Donaho	Glass
Conaly	Raigin	<u>on forlough</u>	fraisher		
Harbert	R Earls	Peters	G mains	<u>Bul gard</u>	<u>Boatmen</u>
McCormick	Shoney	Weaver	<u>Wood Cuters</u>	Rock	Millir
Brooks	Depugh	Cormikel	Halford	<u>Shomaker</u>	A Glass Jun
Byrly	Woodman	Robinson	White	Halpain	<u>Confined</u>
<u>Black Smith</u>	<u>Sick pre[sen]t</u>	Barnet Srt	Holand	<u>Brickes maker</u>	Ryan
Carpinter	Hagarty	<u>ab w'ot Leave</u>	Green	King	Harny whitman
		Rankin			

[signed] Jno Evans or St [John Evans Orderly Sergeant]

[signed] Tho Kelly Lt

A Muster Roll of Capt. Henry Heath's Independent Company now Station'd at Fort Pitt Taken the 5th day of April 1778.

	Henry Heath [Henry Heth VAS456]	Captain	Absent with leave of Genl Hand
	Thedy Kelly [Thady Kelly R15579]	Lieut	
	<u>Andrew Heath</u> [Andrew Heth VAS455]	ditto	Absent
	Thomas Dalton	S Major [Sgt Major]	at W[h]eeling by order Genl Hand
1	John Barnet	Serjeant	
	Thomas Flinn	ditto	absent sick
2	George Sutch [S40535]	do	
3	John Evans	do	
	Francis Brown	do	dead 21 Novr 1777
4	<u>Joseph Halford of the Artillery</u>	do	
	Peter Brannin	Corporal	} deserted 18 Feby 1778
	William Walker	do	}
5	William Shaw	do	
6	William Connolly	do	
7	Robert Crawford	do	
8	<u>Francis Manes [Francis Mains]</u>	do	
9	John Whitman. Dumm'r.		
10	Richard Earls } Fifers		
11	<u>Antony Glass</u> }		
	Thos Worthington [Thomas Worthington]	Private	discharged 20 th Septr 1777
	William Peetors		on furlough by order the Genl
12	Michael Heany [Michael Haney]		
13	John Young		
14	George Phelps		
15	John Cordonis [John Cardona]		
	James Davis		absent without leave
	John Beane		absent with leave Captn Heth
16	David Miller		
17	Laughlin McCleane [Laughlin McLain]		
18	Peter McCartney [Peter McCartny]		

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	John Connor	Deserted 24 th Novr 1777
19	Bryan Gouron	
20	William Rankin [S40313]	
21	John White	
22	Patrick Finnagin	
23	Thos Cunningham [Thomas Cunningham S42664]	
24	John Carmickal [John Carmichael]	
25	Felix McKenney	
26	Isaac Halpenny [Isaac Halfpenny]	
27	Francis Holland	
28	John Woodman	
	Jesse Carter	Deserted 26 th Octr 1777
	John Green	sick in the Hospital
	Reuben Hamilton	deserted 18 th Feby 1778
	Phillip Boyer	deserted 18 th Feby 1778
	David Eagleson	deserted
29	Alex'r Ferguson [Alexander Ferguson]	
30	Chris'r Carpenter [Christopher Carpenter]	
31	George Meane [George Mains (Maines) S36080]	
	Will'm Edwards [William Edwards]	discharged 18 th Octr 1777
32	John Lockard [John Lockhart]	
33	Nich's Haggerty [Nicholas Hagerty]	
34	Richard Earls	
35	Will'm Earls [William Earls]	
36	Andrew Glass	
	George Stouts	discharged 20 th Septr 1777
	John Weaver	on furlough by order the Genl
37	Saml Blair [Samuel Blair]	
38	Phillip Connolly	
39	Jacob Bierly [Jacob Byerly S22672]	
40	Will'm Herbert [William Harbert W7673]	
41	James Ryan	
	Jacob Wetsall	on Command at W[h]eeling
42	Alex'r McAdams [Alexander McAdams]	
	Hugh Reed	discharged 20 th Septr 1777
	Thomas Frazer	deserted March 23 1778
	John Rock	taking care of Cattle absent

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43	Thomas Shokney Geo Armstrong [George Armstrong] James King	on forlough by leave Genl Hand Absent without leave
44	Phillip Ragon [Philip Reagan (Regan) S22462] Thos McCreery [Thomas McCreery]	dead 30 th July 1777
45	James McCormick John Connolly	discharged 30 June 1777
46	James Stackpole Benjamin Brooks John Depew	} sick in the Hospital }
47	John Donahow [John Donoho] Francis Brannin Simon Robinson	drowned 2 March 1778 absent by leave Captn Harrison
48	Jeremiah McCarty John Lawrence Will'm Hansford [William Hansford S36004]	deserted 18 th Novr 1777 deserted 24 th Novr 1777
49	Saml McCord [Samuel McCord]	

I hereby Certify that the above is a True state of Captain Henry Heths Independant company Stationed at Fort Pitt this 5th day of April 1778

[signed] Thos Kelly [Thomas Kelly] 1st Lieut