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CAPT. JAMES O'HARA'S VIRGINIA INDEPENDENT COMPANY OF REGULARS AT FORT PITT,
16 SEP 1777, 1 OCT 1777, 28 DEC 1777, 17 MARCH 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, 2007) describes O'Hara's Independent Company 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 [at present Pittsburgh] as a permanent reinforcement. The independent companies were then consolidated under captains Henry Heth [<http://revwarapps.org/b128.pdf>] and James O'Hara. The garrisons were increased in 1778, when the 8th Pennsylvania Continental Regiment was sent to the frontier. The independent companies seem to have passed out of existence by 1779 and the enlisted men transferred to other units."

The transcriptions are from <http://www.fold3.com/image/#2461994679> and following, rearranged in chronological sequence. Alternative spellings and pension-application numbers are in brackets.]

[The following table is difficult to decipher.]

A morning Report of Capt oHaras Companay Fort Pitt Sept 16 1777

for Sept ye 16 th	S[ergeants]	C[orporals]	P[rivates]
present fit for Duty	1	0	1
on Duty	1	0	1
Sick absent	0	0	0
Sick Present	0	0	0
on Comand	0	0	4
on forlow	0	0	0
Artificers	0	0	4
Weaters [waiters?]	0	0	0
Breakers[?]	0	0	0
Deserted	0	0	1
working wt Cl Steele	0	0	1
tending the Hospitel	0	0	1
working wt Gen'l [Edward] Hand	0	0	1
Total	2	0	14

on Duty	Bryn Burns [Bryan Burns]	on Comand	Samuel Fury Fredrick Kiper [Frederick Kiper] Wm white [William White] Bart Nesley [Bartholomew Nedly]	working wt [illegible]	Denial Leary [Daniel Leany S40937]
	James Robson [James Robertson]		Artifiers		Jno Gutry [John Guthry S37968] Jesse Clark [Jesse Clarke] Jacob Persal [Jacob Pearsal] Jno McCutchen [John McCutcheon]
Deserted					

[The first two or three names on the fold3.com image are hidden by an index card.]

A Muster Roll of Capt. James O'Hara's Independent Company of Regular's Station'd at Fort Pitt Oct'r. 1st 1777.

No	Names	When Inlisted	Remarks
		[?]ly 8 th	abst Recruiting
	<u>Alex'r Chambers do [Alexander Chambers]</u>	18	at the S.P. Hospital
	James Lane [S35517] Corporal	do 8 th	
	Simon Fletcher do	21	
	<u>John Astin do</u>	21	
	Sam'l Fury Private		on Command at
	William white		Weeling [Wheeling]
	Bryan Burns		
	Thomas Holliday		at the S.P. Hospital
	Bartholemew Nedly		
	Jacob Pearsal		at the S.P. Hospital
	John M'Cutcheon		at ditto
	Wm Townsend [William Townsend]		at ditto
	Frederick Kiper		
	John Guthry		abst
	Cornelius Downy		
	Jesse Clarke		at the S.P. Hospital
	Daniel Leany		
	John McDonald		deserted
	Elice Bone	July 7	absent
	John Pearson	9	
	Joshua Drake	9	
	Thos Brazer[?] [Thomas Brazer]	10	absent kill'd the 27 th Sept.
	Patrick Ryan	July 12 th	Absent with leave
	Geo Flick [George Flick]	13	
	John Ross	14	On Command
	John Polke	17	Kill's at Weeling the 27 th
	John Killpatrick [John Kilpatrick]	20	September
	Thomas Rankin	21	absent
	Charles Campble [Charles Campbell]	23	on Command at Weeling
	John Fred Saunders [John Frederick Saunders]	25	
	Michael Dillow	31	absent
	Henry Duvall	Augt 2	absent
	Henry Tilling	3	
	John Lucy Vilch	3	
	Geo Jefferys [George Jefferys]	9	
	Daniel Christy	12	On Forlough
	Wm Ecklin [William Ecklin]	12	Sick Absent

[Table continues.]

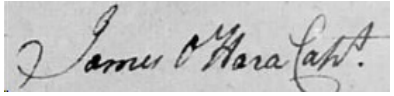
Nath'l Down [Nathaniel Down]	17	
Lancelot Taylor	[?]	
James Ensworth		on Command at Weeling
John Rowling		
Wm Hargus [William Hargus]	31 st	Absent Recruiting
James Robertson		Deserted in may
Daniel Rainhart	Sepr 8	on Command at weeling
Thomas Blair	11	
Abram Ennix	11	
Thos Hendricks [Thomas Hendricks]	12	Absent
Thos Wynne [Thomas Wynne]	27	on Command for flour
Solomon Burner[?]	29	
James Amberson	30	

I hereby Certify that the above is a True Roll of my Independent Company Stationed at Fort Pitt this 1st day of October 1777

[The original of the following table is in eight columns on one page.]
Return of Capt. OHara's Independent Company. Fort Pitt December 28th 1777

Present	Serjts	Corpls	Privates
fit for duty	2	1	6
on duty	1	1	5
sick			5
atten'g Hosp'l			1
<u>Prisoner</u>			1
<u>on command</u>	1	1	9
<u>Artificers</u>			5
<u>on Furlough</u>			1
absent			
sick			1
<u>without leave</u>			2
<u>Deserted</u>			4
<u>Deceased</u>			4
Total	4	3	44

[Table continues.]

on Duty	Sick present	Deserted
Daniel Rainheart John Rawlin Moses Ward Henry Duvall Ellice Bone <hr/> on Command Serj't Burny Jesse Clarke John Ross Serj't Beard Sam'l Fury Wm White Nathaniel Down James Samuels Abram Ennix Corp'l Lane Thomas Winne <hr/> James Amberson on Furlough Dan'l Christy by order Col Gibson	Charles Campbell Thomas Robinson George Jefferys Solomon Burner <hr/> John F Saunders <hr/> Artificers John Guthry John McCutcheon Jacob Parsals John Lewey Vitch <hr/> Bartholomew Neadly <hr/> Sick Absent <hr/> William Ecklin <hr/> absent without leave Thomas Rankin since Octr 1 st <hr/> Patrick Ryan ditto <hr/> Prisoner Bryan Burns	Thomas Hendricks Octr 20 th James Ensworth Novr 9 th Michael Dillow after Octr 15 th <hr/> John McDonald Sept 1 st <hr/> Deceased. <hr/> Thos Brazer Killed Sept 27 th John Polke Killed Sept 27 Wm townsend died Novr 16 <hr/> George Flick died Novr 14 The above is a true state of my Company now stationed at Fort Pitt 

A Report of Capt. O'Hara's Independent Company. Fort Pitt March 17th 1778.

	Serj'ts	Corp'ls	Private	
Present fit for duty	3	3	7	
on duty	1		6	
on Command			6	
on Furlough			2	{one by order Col Gibson }
Sick present			1	{ one by order Capt Harrison}
Sick absent			1	
on command with Capt Willing			6	
Artificers			1	
Prisoners			4	
Deserters			6	
Dead			5	
Total	4	3	45	

