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IN THE

REVOLUTIONARY WAR,

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HIS EXCELLENCY THEODORE F. RANDOLPH, GOVERNOR,
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STATE TROOPS.

At various times during the war, this State, by reason of its situation on the coast, and its lying between cities in possession of the enemy, was continually open to the incursions of British troops and the ravages of refugees and Indians. It was also the theatre of many battles, skirmishes, and forage expeditions, greatly to the annoyance of the inhabitants, as well as dangerous to the established government. It was found necessary, therefore, to "embody," as occasion required, a certain quota of volunteers from the militia of the different counties. These men were held liable to duty, when needed, not only in this, but also in adjoining States. These organizations were called "New Jersey Levies," "Five Months' Levies," but most generally designated as "State Troops."

On an examination of the laws, the following appear to be "Acts" authorizing the enrollment and organization of these troops:

On the 13th day of February, 1776, the Provincial Congress

"Resolved, That two complete artillery companies be raised in this Colony."

The officers of the two companies were chosen March 1st, 1776, and the ordinance organizing the command was passed the following day. It provides that one company shall be stationed in the eastern, and one in the western division of the State. Each company was to consist of a captain, captain-lieutenant, first and second lieutenants, a fire-worker, four sergeants, four corporals, one bombardier, and fifty matrosses. The command was ordered to be enlisted for one year's service.

Both these batteries did good service during the war. History shows that they took part in the battles of Trenton, Assunpink, Princeton, and Monmouth. On the 4th of December,

1776, the Eastern Company was annexed to Colonel Thomas Proctor's regiment of artillery, Continental Army, and assigned to General Knox's brigade of artillery. By reason of this assignment these batteries are often referred to as Continental troops.

The following is the roster of officers of these batteries:

EASTERN COMPANY OF ARTILLERY.

Frederick Frelinghuysen.....Captain.
 Daniel Neil.....Captain-Lieutenant.
 Thomas Clark.....First Lieutenant.
 John Heard.....Second Lieutenant.

Captain Frederick Frelinghuysen, resigned.

Captain-Lieutenant Daniel Neil, promoted Captain—killed.

John Doughty, appointed Captain-Lieutenant—resigned.

First Lieutenant Thomas Clark, promoted Captain-Lieutenant, afterwards Captain.

Second Lieutenant John Heard, resigned.

John Van Dike, appointed Second Lieutenant, afterwards Captain-Lieutenant.

Aaron Clark, appointed Second Lieutenant.

WESTERN COMPANY OF ARTILLERY.

Samuel Hugg.....Captain.
 Thomas Newark.....Captain-Lieutenant.
 John Westcott.....First Lieutenant.
 Joseph Dayton.....Second Lieutenant.

Captain-Lieutenant Thomas Newark, resigned.

First Lieutenant John Westcott, promoted Captain-Lieutenant, afterwards Captain.

Second Lieutenant Joseph Dayton, resigned.

Seth Bowen, appointed First Lieutenant, afterwards Captain-Lieutenant—resigned.

Benjamin Whittall, appointed Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and afterwards Captain-Lieutenant.

Eli Elmer, appointed Second Lieutenant.

WENTZEL, DANIEL. Ensign, State troops; Captain, ditto; Captain, First Battalion, Somerset.

WENTZEL, DAVID. Ensign, State troops; Captain, Somerset.

WENTZEL, ———. Captain, Middlesex.

WESTBROOK, PETER. Captain, Third Battalion, Sussex; died April 19th, 1780.

WESTCOTT, JOHN. First Lieutenant, "Captain Samuel Hugg's Western Company, Artillery," State troops, March 1st, 1776; Captain-Lieutenant, ditto; Captain, ditto.

WESTCOTT, SAMUEL. Captain, First Battalion, Cumberland; resigned May 3d, 1779.

WESTFALL, WILHELM. Private, Sussex; Captain, ditto.

WETHERILL, ———. Captain, First Regiment, Middlesex.

WETHERILL, ———. Captain, Second Regiment, Middlesex; Captain, Third Regiment, ditto.

WHEATON, J———. Captain, Second Battalion, Cumberland.

WHEELER, JAMES. Ensign, Captain Conrad Ten Eyck's company, Second Battalion, Somerset; Captain, ditto.

WHEELER, JOSEPH. First Lieutenant, Captain Alling's company, "Minute Men," Essex, February 21st, 1776; Captain, ditto.

WHILDEN, SETH. Captain, First Battalion, Cumberland; Captain, Colonel Somers' battalion, State troops, December 25th, 1776.

WHITTALL, BENJAMIN. Second Lieutenant, "Captain Samuel Hugg's Western Company, Artillery," State troops; First Lieutenant, ditto; Captain-Lieutenant, ditto; Captain, Colonel Newcomb's battalion, State troops.

WIKOFF, PETER. Captain, Second Regiment, Monmouth; Captain, State troops.