

The 27th another party of the enemy fell upon a
convoy of waggoner< between Fort Edward and
Half-Way Brook, and killed 116 men, `xteen of
which were Ranger<. In pursuit of thi< party,
with a de`gn to intercept their retreat, I wa< order-
ed to embark the 18th with 700 men ; the enemy
however escaped me, and in my return home on
the 31}, I wa< met by an expres< from the Gene-ral,
with order< to march with 700 men to South
and Ea} Bay, and return by way of Fort Edward,
in the prosecution of which orders nothing very ma-
terial happened till the 8th of Augu} ; in our re-
turn, early in the morning of which day, we de-
camped from the place where Fort Anne }ood ; and
began our march, Major Putnam with a party of
Provincial< marching in the front, my Ranger< in
the rear, and Capt. Dalyell with the regular< in the
center, the other o%cer< suitable disposed among
the men, being in number 530, exclu`ve of o%cer<
(a number having by leave returned home the day
before.) After marching about three-quarter< of
a mile, a +re begun with +ve hundred of the
enemy in front ; I brought my peo-
ple into a< good order a< pos`ble, Capt Dalyell
in the center, and the Ranger< on the right, with
Col.

Col. Partridge of light infantry; on the left was Capt. Gidding of the Boston troop with his people, and Major Putnam being in the front of his men when the fire began, the enemy rushing in, took him, one Lieutenant, and two other prisoners, and considerably disordered others of the party, who afterward rallied and did good service, particularly Lieutenant Durkee, who notwithstanding two wounds, one in his thigh, the other in his wrist, kept in the action the whole time, encouraging his men with great earnestness and resolution. Capt. Dalyell with Gage's light infantry, and Lieut. Eyer of the 44th regiment, behaved with great bravery, they being in the center, where was at first the hottest fire, which afterward fell to the right where the Rangers were, and where the enemy made four different attacks; in short, officers and soldiers throughout the detachment behaved with such vigour and resolution, that in one hour's time broke the enemy and obliged them to retreat, which they did with such caution in small scattering parties, that we gave them no great opportunity to disperse them by pursuit: we kept the field and buried our dead. When the action was over, we had missing fifty-four men, twenty-one of which afterward came in, being separated from us while the action continued. The enemy's loss was 199 killed on

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the spot, several of which were Indian. We arrived at Fort Edward the 9th, being met at some distance from it by Col. Provo, with a party of 300, and refreshment for the wounded, which I had desired by an express sent before.