Primary Sources Battle of the Hook

Unit: Third Pennsylvania Regiment of the Line

Ensign John van Court (?-?)

Fri. 5th October The Enemy fired but a few shot this day the account of a Skirmish between Cont De Lizurne & Tarleton Arrived our loß was 3 Huzzars kiled, 3 Officers and and Eleven men wounded. The Enemys loß was upwards of 50 killed and Wounded with the Commanding Officer of the Infantry kiled and Tarleton wounded - we had 3 horses kiled and four wounded the cannonade heavy all Night.

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Tuesday 23 this day I took a Tour to Glouster, found it in a Shattered Condition & a large number of Sick belonging to the British in Short it is the most Disagreeable place I Ever was in.

Wednesday 24 A Number of the Inhabitants getting their Slaves Horses &c One in Particular who Dismounted Co¹ Tarleton & another took his Watch from him which Tarleton had Taken when Plundering in this State.

Revolutionary war diary by an officer of the Third Pennsylvania Continental Line, May 26, 1781-July 4, 1782, MSS L2007G37 M [Bound]Society of the Cincinnati, Washington, DC.

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