

Lt. William Sutherland, Bttn co'y 38th Regiment of Foot (serving as a volunteer, as his unit was not deployed on this mission)

On their beginning to march down on us...in a very military manner,... Capt. Laurie desired the men to form a line to the right and left of the bridge and the soldiers to keep up their fire. I jumped over the hedge into a meadow just opposite the enemy as they were advancing and begged the [men] would follow me...which only three or four did, at which the enemy seeing them all together at the end of the Bridge fired a few shots which our men returned and I with my 3 men returned, in loading & in the act of firing again I received a shot a little above my right breast which turned me half round when I heard Capt. Laurie commanding and exhorting his men to be steady & to return the enemy's fire, I called to Capt. Laurie that I was wounded and came off the best way I could under a fire from the enemy...