

"All four regiments, and also Lamb's artillery company, served in the Canada campaign of 1775-6, under [Brigadier-General Richard] Montgomery, and in the operations which resulted in the capture of the forts at St. Johns and Chamblee. In the middle of November, General Montgomery entered Montreal,¹ and immediately began to reorganize his army for the winter campaign. The six months for which the New York men had enlisted expired with that month, but, in the language recorded by one of their officers in his diary, they 'resolved to see an end to the campaign.' Accordingly a large number of them re-enlisted to the 15th of April, 1776, and accompanied General Montgomery to Quebec. In the siege and during the assault of that place,² where their commanding general fell, the New York men bore a conspicuous part, and a number were killed, wounded, and taken prisoners. Lamb's artillery company was almost destroyed, and he himself dangerously wounded and captured."³

The first person bearing the surname of Swartwout to serve as a soldier in the war of the Revolution was Cornelius, son of Johannes and Neeltje van der Bogaerdt Swartwout of Poughkeepsie Precinct. He enlisted on June 5, 1775, when eighteen years old, and did duty until September 28, that year, as a fifer in Captain Lewis Dubois's company in the Third New York Regiment of the continental line, commanded by James Clinton. On November 15, he again enlisted, and inspired with the martial music elicited from his fife the movements of Captain Elias van Bunschoten's company in the same regiment until February 16, 1776. He again volunteered on July 29, 1776, and became the fifer of Captain Barnardus Swartwout's company in Colonel Jacobus Swartwout's regiment of minute-men. Although he enlisted on December 18, that year, in Captain James Gregg's company in the Third New York Regiment, he remained, it would seem, until February, 1777, in Captain Barnardus Swartwout's company. He then became connected with the Third New York Regiment, and in it served until the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged.⁴

"From the meagre information extant concerning the organization of the four New York regiments of the continental line, on June 28, 1775, and particularly that respecting the constitution of the companies belonging to the Fourth New York, or Dutchess County, Regiment, of which James Holmes was made colonel on June 30, it is difficult to determine the precise dates of the enlistment of Henry, son of Captain Cornelius and Elizabeth Ter Bos

¹ Montreal surrendered on November 13, 1775.

² Quebec assaulted and Brigadier-General Montgomery killed on December 31, 1775.

³ The New York continental line of the army of the Revolution. By Asa Bird Gardner. Magazine of American History, vol. vii., pp. 403, 404.

⁴ His name is signed to a pay and receipt-roll of Captain Barnardus Swartwout's company, dated February 3, 1777. *Vide*: Manuscripts belonging to Captain Barnardus Swartwout in possession of one of his descendants.