

MILITARY RECORD.

No. 4.

Benjamin Parker: private in Seventh company (Capt. Isaac Cook of Wallingford), First Conn. Reg.; discharged in Northern Department, October 17th, 1775; a native of Wallingford; later of Simsbury and Hartland; moved to Barkhamsted 1778; was a blacksmith and lived near Monson's mill in Barkhamsted; died 1807. Father of Dea. Lovel and Joel Parker. There were three and possibly four Benjamin Parkers in the service. (Barkhamsted men in the Revolution.)

The First Connecticut Regiment—Col. David Wooster—was raised under the first call for troops by the Legislature, April-May, 1775; recruited in New Haven county. It marched by request of the New York Provincial authorities and the Continental Congress to New York in the latter part of June and camped at Harlem. Gen. Wooster and a small detachment guarded stock on Long Island during the summer. About September 28th the regiment, under orders from Congress, marched to the Northern Department—Gen. Schuyler—and took part in the operations along Lakes George and Champlain; assisted in the reduction of St. Johns in October, and afterwards was stationed in part at Montreal. Much sickness prevailed in the command and many soldiers were furloughed or mustered out in October and November. Companies 3 and 5 were at the siege of Boston. (Conn. men in the Rev.)

NOTE.—Captain Isaac, afterwards Col. Isaac Cook, was a distant relative of Benjamin Parker, as his great-grandmother, Hope (Parker) Cook, was a daughter of Benjamin's great-grandfather, Edward Parker of New Haven. Benjamin's cousin, Eldad Parker, with twenty-six others, was killed at the defense of New Haven, July 6, 1779, and from the record it appears that every branch of the Parker family was represented in the army during the Revolution, but space forbids giving the record of any but those in the direct line here.

No. 4½.

Benjamin Parker, Jr., enlisted in Capt. Benjamin Hutchin's company (date unknown); was discharged September 14, 1776, and died November 8, 1776.

This company with its regiment—the Eighteenth Regiment State Militia—was ordered to New York to aid in its defence. The regiment arrived there August 18th, 1776, and the record indicates took active part in the operations there at that time.

NOTE.—As Benjamin, Jr., died fifty-four days after his discharge, it would appear that the immediate cause for his discharge was sickness, and the action taken with a hope it might save his life, for the entire company was discharged only eleven days later.