

Myself. we were in two divisions the first commanded by M^cLean [?] and the 2^d to which we belonged by Sergeant Blaney. Some Militia joined us and Major Chambers form[ed us] into open Column & then into line several times. every one, and every thing almost, was at this time in motion, people galloping in every direction. we were ordered to be in readiness at 4 OClock next morning for marching. as soon as we were dismissed the Officers of Militia and most of us were very bussy in preparing every thing for action, pistols sword &^{ca}. Long before day we were up on Sunday 16th then fell in *with the York Militia*.²⁰ Major Chambers commanded the 2^d Brigade—strong, composed of 150 of the 41st including 3 Vol^s M^r Hatt's²¹ company Militia the Norfolk & Oxford Militia—Major Tallen²² commanded the 3^d Brigade in which there was nothing, but the 41st & the 1st Brigade commanded by Col. S^t George consisted of the Essex Militiamen & some Newfoundland Corps The 2^d Brigade was halted a short wait at Sandwich then marched down near to Parks Mill, where we embarked. when marching down we saw the 3^d Brigade and the General and his staff crossing the River just below the Springwell I think it was the handsomest sight I ever saw. the Indians were allready over they just crossed before us. when we landed we formed in open collumn in the rear of the 3^d Brigade. a company of Riflemen from York (we all got over without any opposition) went over with us, but did not belong to our Brigade they were most all painted as Indians. we were some time halted here, then marched up the road. I was much pleased to observe how unconcerned Most of the men were both Militia and Regulars the first house we passed we observed the Indians had broke into and were plundering. we found them also running after horses in every direction we marched at Quick time but

20 The words in italics are crossed out in the manuscript.

21 Captain Samuel Hatt of the Fifth Lincoln Militia. He served with Brock at Detroit and Queenston and was wounded at Lundy's Lane. See Irving, *op. cit.*, Casselman, *op. cit.* 60.

22. Captain Joseph Tallon of the Forty-first Regiment. On Aug. 14, 1812, General Brock issued an order at Amherstburg organizing the army under his command in three brigades, commanded respectively by Lieutenant St. George, Major Chambers, and Major Tallon, the whole to be under the command of Colonel Procter. See *ibid.*, 53.