

Enemie's Vessels were anchored along our shore from 2 Mile Run on the Lake to nearly where the Ferry was kept in Niagara River; and were po[u]ring such an Immense quantity of Grape on our poor Fellows that they were not allowed to advance to charge them; which they wished to do; until such an immense force had landed that it was thought necessary by General Vincent<sup>7</sup> to order them to retire towards Queenston from that they retreated to Beaver Dams about 12 Mile back in the Country where they were joined by about two hundred of the 41<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> under Colonel Bishopp from Fort Erie and by two hundred of the 8<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> who just arrived from Lower Canada. the Army remained at this place all night, and the next day retreated to the forty Mile Creek where they halted and staid two days, after which they marched to the Head of the Lake,<sup>8</sup> where we are now. I was stationed at Fort Erie with part of my Company, the day of the Action and the next day left that with them and retreated along Lake Erie with a small party of the 41<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> and some of the Women of the Reg<sup>t</sup> and came to mouth [of] Grand River;<sup>9</sup> but left the 41<sup>st</sup> behind for they came on too slow. After a great deal of Fatigue I arrived at the forty Mile Creek<sup>10</sup> on the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> alone; for all my men had stop'd at their homes and I knew if I waited to bring them with me I should probably not be able to join the Army myself, which I was very anxious to do. On my arrival at the Forty I was unfortunately taken with a fit of the ague, which detained me there for a day. the next day I came to this place where part of the Army lies. I am staying at M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay's who is extremely kind and attentive to me. June 3<sup>d</sup> I yesterday had another fit of the ague but sores are breaking out on my lips today and I am in hopes that I shall soon

<sup>7</sup> John Vincent, successor of Brock and Sheaffe as commander of the Forty-ninth Regiment. He became a major general, June 4, 1813, and lieutenant general, May 27, 1825. His service in the War of 1812 was terminated by his return to Europe on sick leave in July, 1814. He died in London in 1848. See Irving, *op. cit.*

<sup>8</sup> Burlington Bay at the western end of Lake Ontario. The city of Hamilton has since grown up here.

<sup>9</sup> Vicinity of modern Dunnville, Ont.

<sup>10</sup> Forty Mile Creek empties into Lake Ontario at Grimsby. This is approximately twenty miles north of the mouth of Grand River on Lake Erie.