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On the lead preceding the entry for November 11, 1777 is given the following

Distance of our Marches this Campaign from our Landing at Elk Ferry

Head of Elk - - - - - -	8 Miles
Aiken's Tavern - - - - -	4½
Couche's Mill - - - - - -	2
Newark - - - - - -	3
White Clay Creek - - - -	2
Okerson's Meeting - - -	6
Kennets Square - - - - -	8
Turnbull's Ford - - - -	8
Jefferies Do - - - - -	2
Chad's Ford - - - - - -	7
Turk's Head - - - - - -	5
Goshen - - - - - -	3
Boot Tavern Chester Road -	4
White Horse - - - - - -	3
Tredefferin - - - - - -	6
Valley Forge - - - - - -	3
Charles Town - - - - - -	2
French Creek - - - - - -	2
Fatland Ford - - - - - -	5½
King George - - - - - -	4
Stoney Run (Norrington) -	2
3 tons (Stewarts) - - -	2
Barren hill Church - - -	5
German Town - - - - - -	8
Philadelphia - - - - - -	4
	109 Miles

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[August] 22d A fair Wind. Got past Pools Island Bush River on the Western Shore and came to an Anchor at 10 a little above Farlo's [Fairlee] and Whorton's [Worton] Creeks on the Eastern Shore, which appears a very well settled rich Country. The men of War's Boats were all sounding and by the disposition of some of the ships close to the shore imagin'd we were going to land, but at I we weigh'd and found the Channel was close to the shore which we pass'd and came to anchor to the Northward of Sasifras River and in the mouth of Elk opposite Turkey Point, the two Deckers Except the Roebuck anchored off Sasifras, the Depth of Water being rather two small.

23d the Admiral and General reconnoitred in a schooner the Mouth of Susquehannah, Back of Spessutie Island, Swan Creek etc.

24th Regulating the Debarkation, tho' we were close to the shore not above one or two people came off to us.

25th at 3 in the morning went on Board the Roebuck and at 6 all the Flat Boats, with the first Disembarkation which were Assembled near here, set out rowing up the Elk River, the Vigilance and some sloops of War being a head and all the Transports with the Rest of the Troops, Horses, etc., following the Boats. We went up to Elk Ferry opposite Cecil Court house which is about 7 miles from Turkey Point and Landed without the least Opposition, every thing being conducted with the utmost regularity. There were a few Militia men made their Appearance on the shore but went off with out firing. The Roebuck got up opposite the Landing Place with the Admirals Flag. The Army advanced about 2 ½ miles and were posted.

26th the Horses, Light Dragoons, and Artillery, etc., were Landed. The Troops no tents ashore and unluckily the weather very rainy.

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27th this morning at 3 o'clock Part of the Army were to have march'd but were prevented by very heavy Rains. Went on a Reconnoitring Party of 4 Companys Light Infantry and 18 mounted Jagers, with Lord Cornwallis and Sir William Erskine, within two miles of the Head of Elk.

28th At Day Break Part of the Army consisting of the Jagers, Rangers, Ferguson's Corps, 2 Battalions Light Infantry, 2 Battalions British Grenadiers, Hessian Grenadier Guards, 1st and 2d Brigades, march'd towards the Head of Elk which we took Possession of as well as Grey's hill about 1 ½ miles farther. Advanced without Opposition. The Village of Head Elk was entirely deserted. A Good Deal of Tobacco and some Craft taken. The 71st 3 Battalion were posted at intervalls from the Landing hither.

29th and 30th the Boats brought up Provisions and the Soldiers tents. 30th General Grey with the 3d Brigade pass'd the Elk Ferry and March'd to Cecil Court House. Sir William Erskine went back to join Lieutenant General Knyphausen. The 3d Battalion 71st went Back to the Ferry to join General Knyphausen.

[August] 31st All the Corps pass'd Elk Ferry and began their March thro' Bohemiah Mannor to Drive Cattle and secure some Horses.

This Morning went out on a Party about 4 miles the Newark Road, to Eason's Forge where it was reported some Valuable Stores were, but found none worth removing. We had 1 Killed and 4 Wounded of the 23d Regiment. The 2d Battalion 71st came forward this Evening and were Encamped near the Front. We have had many Reports about Mr. Washington's Army, and suppose they are lying near Willmington with Corps mix'd with Militia push'd on nearer to us, his Numbers uncertain. By the Rebel Papers it appears Lieutenant Colonel Berne [i.e.

Baum] --- from General Burgoynes Army had met with a Cheque near a Place Call'd Bennington at the mouth of the Mohawk River.

[September] 1st By a letter from Sir William Erskine we learn the Army under Lieutenant General Knyphausen have taken some horses, etc.

2d The 1st and 2d Battalions 71 ordered this Evening to Grey's hill. The Light Infantry etc. are under orders to march tomorrow morning.

3d at 5 in the morning the following Corps march'd from the Head of Elk, Vizt --- Jagers, Light Infantry, British Grenadiers, Hessian Grenadiers, 1st Battalion Guards 1st and 2d Brigades of Artillery, the 4th, 49, 27, 40th Regiments, and 3 troops 16th Dragoons. We got to Aikens Tavern without opposition, and there found a Party of the Rebels in our front on the Road leading to Cristeen. After advancing about ½ a mile the Light Troops came up with them and a pretty smart skirmishing ensued which continued for near two Miles along the Road over Couches Bridge and Mill. We had about 30 Killed and wownded and 3 Officers Wounded (Haldane). There were 4 Rebel Officers found Kill'd and 12 or 14 men, their Wounded they carried Off. We halted about 12 o'clock and the Army were Posted, the left on Iron hill and the Right to Aikens Tavern Head Quarters. Major General Grant was left at the Head of Elk with 8 Battalions, Vizt. the 2d Battalion Guards, 28th, 23d, 5th, 10th, 55th, and 2 Battalions 71st posted on Greys hill.

The Corps under Lieutenant General Knyphausen joined us at Aikens about 10 o'clock. They brought some live Stock and a few Horses. 1 Battalion 71st Posted about a mile on the Road to keep up the communication to Head of Elk.

4th A convoy of Waggons with the sick and Wounded went to the Head of Elk.

6th General Grant with the Corps that were left at the Head of Elk join'd the Army, at Penncalder or Aikins Tavern.

7th Orders to be in Readiness to march at an hours warning. General Washington with his Army at Willmington with a Post at Cristeen Bridge.

8th at Daybreak march'd with the whole Army by Newark, and came into the Lancaster Road about 5 miles from Newport about 10 o'clock in a District call'd Mill Creek hundred. We met with no opposition on this march. The Enemy expected us to go by Cristeen where we understand they have thrown a great many obstructions in the Road.

9th at 5 in the Evening the Army march'd in Two Divisions, Lieutenant General Knyphausen with the Baggage by New Garden to Kennet's Square. The rest of the Army cross'd the Country with an intention to get into the Main Road leading from Willmington to Lancaster. After marching two miles to a Place call'd Okerson Meeting we were inform'd by a Prisoner taken that the Rebel Army had moved from Willmington At 4 in the morning. The Army halted and the General sent the 4th and 3d Brigades with the Baggage belonging to our Army to take the same Route with General Knyphausen to support him in case of necessity, as Washington's Route was uncertain. Campbell Wounded this Night.

[September] 10th At Daybreak we march'd A short way to Kennet's Square and Join'd General Knyphausen at 10 dclock. Inform'd that the Rebels were in force about Chad's Ford where it was likely we should attempt to cross the Brandewine Creek.

11th At Daybreak the Army marchd in two Divisions Lieutenant General Knyphausen with Major General Grant having Stirne's Brigade,

71st Regiments, 1st and 2d Brigades British, Wemyss's and Ferguson's Corps with all the Baggage, march'd by Welche's Tavern straight to Chad's Ford, while the Other Division Under the Commander in chief march'd 8 miles higher up the Brandewine to a Ford call'd Jeffery's Ford. The Rebels thought the whole army had March'd to Chad's and never knew of our movement till 11 o'clock when we had Cross'd the first Branch of the Brandiwine.

General Knyphausen's Corps after driving in their out Posts took Post on the heights on the side of the Creek and waited untill our Division began to fire, which was not untill near 4 o'clock in the Evening after a very fatiguing march. The Rebels were Drawn up upon very Strong ground and seem'd determin'd to stand, but the impetuosity of our Troops was irresistible. We Drove them before us for two miles untill fatigued and night came on we were obliged to stop. General Knyphausen whenever we began firing immediately Attack'd and crossed the Ford when both Army's Join'd about ~~in~~ 8 in the Evening. We had about 81 men Killed and 494 Wounded and Missing, 8 Officers Killed and [blank in Ms.] Wounded. The Rebels Lost a great Number on the field besides those carried off during the Action.

12th The 71st Regt mach'd to Willmington and General Knyphausen with the 1st and 2d British to the cross Roads Leading to Chester.

13th the 15th and 64th Regiments took post at Concord and the Light Infantry and Grenadiers went towards Chester.

15th For three Days employ'd in taking a Sketch of the ground where the Battle of Brandewine was fought.

14th Our Wounded sent to Willmington. The Waggons return'd the 15th and the Rebel Wounded were sent to the Turks head with some of their own Surgeons to take care of them.