1776, August 10. William Bond to Lucy Bond [wife]. Bond wrote from Ticonderoga about the numbers of sick men in his regiment, described the camp outside Ticonderoga and the military activities in the area. 2 p
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These are to inform you that I am well and that they have been poorly near a week but, have got better. Leonard is well the army is yet sickly but not so many sick as their 100. We have three Capt 7 Lieut 1 Ensign the Quartermaster, Adjutant and Surgeon's Lieut 1 Drummer, one fifer and 96 Privates, sick at Fort George besides the sick in camp which is 1 Lieut 2 Ensigns 3 Sergeants 1 Drummer, one fifer and 33 rank and file.

We have Command 6 Lieut 2 Ensigns 7 Sergeants 1 Drummer and the rest of the tents are on the same. We are on the hill opposite to Gicongroga called mount Fugendence where there is 3 Brigades. Two New Hampshire Regt have arrived here a few days ago. Brigadier Bouquet arrived last night minus part of his Brigade will be in 2 or 3 days we expect they will encamp on the hill with us.

I wrote to you last week & to Capt Brown. Define you would send my newspaper every week. I have in a letter the post is got in has brought no letters for me. I should beg to hear from home every week of how the farming business goes on as I have not heard one word about the business since I left home. The army have been marching, they came into Canada till lately. We have fresh beef enough now. Last week I had some green Peas, beems, squashes and tomatoes. Some of them were brought near forty miles, we likewise bought a good cow last week so that we just began to like yesterday. I eat some cucumbers.
Tell Capt Brown our Train have not for got how to split mortars yet we had two 13 inch mortars here which were sent up from Roxbury by Capt. 1000 Dollars each besides the cost of the shells which are now useless the Train told them about a week ago and split them both in two the one half of them both blew about ten yards from the ship's tig said one of them was fired at Roxbury a number of times we have now only a few small mortars and hoists we have fortified on this hill they strong the old French lines are repaired and made strong our Brigade are constantly at work there we are masters of the lake have two Schooners Two Sloops & 5 gundaloes the gundaloes carry 6 Cannon each they are building a number more gundaloes at Schoesensborough which will soon be fit to launch last Monday a most sorrowful accident happened at Crown Point on board one of the gundaloes one of Capt Hatch's men after having discharged a Canon once was loading of him again as he was coming down the Cartridge it went off and blew him to pieces I have just heard that Capt Cook has got home blind but hope he will lie again Henry remembers his Deity inquiring friends these from your loving husband

Wm Bond

at Watertown