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## PATRIOT STORIES

### Reuben Rugg, Massachusetts, A099732

In the fall of 1775, twenty-nine-year-old Private Reuben Rugg served for 22 days with Capt. Hugh Maxwell's Company in Col. William Prescott's Regiment. Col. Prescott had commanded the patriot forces in the Battle of Bunker Hill months earlier that year (June 16, 1775). He is known for his order to his soldiers, "Do not fire until you see the whites of their eyes."

In the summer of 1777, Reuben served for 67 days with Capt. Lawrence Kemp's Company. In the fall of 1777, he served for one month with Capt. Nahum Wells of the 5th Hampshire County Militia Regiment.

This Regiment was called up at Shelburne, MA on Sept. 22, 1777, which is the date of Private Rugg's enlistment. This regiment served as a reinforcement for the Continental Army during the Saratoga Campaign.

The regiment marched quickly to join the forces of General Horatio Gates as he faced British General John Burgoyne in northern New York. The regiment served in General Fellow's brigade.

The regiment was disbanded on Oct. 18, 1777, the day after the surrender of Burgoyne's Army on Oct. 17, 1777.

At the age of 35, he married and eventually fathered five children. He died at the age of 84.

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