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Rhode Island's Share in the War

The War of the Austrian Succession having broken out between England and Spain, the General Assembly of Rhode Island met in February, 1639-40 and made provision for putting the Colony in a state of defence. Rhode Island also sent two companies of volunteers under Capt. Hopkins in the unsuccessful expedition against Cartagena in 1740.

France entered the War in 1744 and the defences of the colony were on that account still further strengthened. A force of 150 men was raised in 1745 for Shirley's expedition against Louisbourg, but the Rhode Island contingent did not arrive until after that fortress had surrendered.* In the following year Rhode Island sent three more companies to Nova Scotia under Captains Sayer, Rice, and Cole.

By far the greater part of Rhode Island's effort in this conflict consisted in Privateering. A large number of these vessels were sent out each year and they inflicted great damage on the enemy's commerce. The Colony sloop of War Tartar was built during this war and was of much use as a scouting vessel and convoy guard.

This war, known in the Colonies as King George's War, came to an end in 1748 with the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle.

*Hutchison, *Hist. of Mass. Bay*, II, 371 and Winsor, *Narr. & Ant. Hist.* Vol. V, p. 410, and notes.

This list is compiled from the original manuscripts in the Rhode Island Historical Society and State Archives. A duplicate list on cards with references to the individual manuscripts is on file at the Rhode Island Historical Society.

TO THE
LEGISLATURE
OF CALIFORNIA

Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors
in King George's War
1740 - 1748

- AHORNEY, Isaac An Indian apprentice of Newport. Served in the expedition of 1746.
- ALLEN, James Commander of Privateer Revenge in 1741, 1742 and 1744, of Privateer Victory in 1742, of Privateer Prince William in 1744 and of the Colony Sloop Tartar in 1746.
- James, Jr. Captain. Member of Council of War in 1743.
- William Commander of Privateer Prince William in 1743 and 1744, and of Privateer Britannia in 1744 and 1745.
- William Served in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.
- ALLINGTON, John Served in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.
- AMORY, John Captain's Quartermaster on Privateer Charming Betty in 1744, and Master on Privateer Prince Frederick in 1745.
- ANGELL, James Commissary of R. I. regiment at Louisbourg in 1745.
- ARNOLD, Joseph of Smithfield Second Lieut. on Privateer Reprisal in 1744 and 1745, First Lieut. on same in 1746, and Commander of same in 1747.
- Nathaniel Served in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.
- William of Portsmouth. Captain. Summoned to Council of War in 1745.
- ATKINSON, Joseph Carpenter on Privateer Triton in 1744.
- AUSTIN, Edward, Jr. Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740.
- Thomas Boatswain on Privateer Reprisal in 1744 and 1747 and on Privateer Prince Frederick in 1747.
- AVERY, Jacob Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740.
- AXTON, Young Served at Fort George, Newport in 1743.

- AYRAULT, Daniel** of Newport Ensign, later Lieut. Member of Councils of War in 1746 and 1747.
 Elias Second Lieut. on Privateer Fame in 1744.
 Stephen On guard duty at Newport in 1746.
- BABCOCK, Amos** Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740.
 Joshua Appointed to build watch house at Watch Hill in 1740.
- BAILEY, John** Gunner on Privateer Duke of Marlborough in 1745.
- BAKER, Josiah** Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740.
 Philip Served in Capt. Cole's Co. in 1746.
- BARDINE, Charles** On guard duty at Newport in 1746.
- BARNET, William** Served in Capt. Cole's Co. in 1746.
- BARRON, Moses** Served in Capt. Hopkins' Co. in 1740.
- BASSILL, Francis** Carpenter on Privateer Phenix in 1744.
- BATTEY, John** Master on Privateer Phenix in 1744.
- BAXTER, William** Served at Fort George, Newport in 1743.
- BEALS, Thomas** Boatswain on Privateer Triton in 1744.
- BEARD, John** Member of Committee on Transports in 1744.
- BEAUCHAMP, John** Captain's Quartermaster on Privateer King George in 1745.
- BEEBE, Daniel** First Lieut. on Colony Sloop Tartar in 1740, Second Lieut. on Privateer Defiance in 1744, First Lieut. on Privateer Prince Frederick and on Privateer Prince William in 1744, Quartermaster on Privateer Prince Frederick in 1746, and Second Lieut. on same in 1747 and 1748.
- BELITHO, John** Captain. Member of Council of War in 1745 and 1746, and summoned to Council of War in 1747.
- BELL, William** Second Lieut. of Privateer Charming Betty in 1746.
- BENJAMIN, Obed** Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740, and in Capt. Cole's Co. in 1746.
- BENNETT, Benjamin** Sergeant in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.
 Christopher Commander of Privateer Ranger in 1744 and 1745.
 Elisha Served in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.
 Job, Jr. On guard duty at Newport in 1746.

BENNETT,

Jonathan Corporal in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.

Thomas Corporal in Capt. Sayer's Co. in 1746.

William On guard duty at Newport in 1746.

William, Jr. Second Lieut. on Privateer Duke of Marlborough in 1744, and Commander of Privateer Duke of Cumberland in 1748.

BENNETLAND, William Commander of Privateer Phenix in 1744.

BENSON, William On guard duty at Newport in 1746.

BENTLEY, Edward Gunner on Privateer Triton in 1744.

BILLINGTON, Joseph Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740.

BISSELL, Edward Second Lieut. on Privateer Revenge in 1744.

William Served in Capt. Cole's Co. in 1746.

BLAKE, William Surgeon on Privateer Revenge in 1741.

BLISS, Benjamin Served in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.

BLOWEY, Alexander Boatswain on Privateer Queen of Hungary in 1744.

BOAS, } Thomas Boatswain on Privateer Fame in 1744.

BOAST, }

BOND, Henry Served in Capt. Sayer's Co. in 1746.

BONFIELD, John Carpenter on Privateer Prince Charles of Lorraine in 1744.

William J. Commander of Privateer Triton in 1741.

BOSTON, Matthew Boatswain on Privateer Revenge in 1744.

BOURK See Burke.

BOURNE, Thomas Sergeant in Capt. Cole's Co. in 1746.

BOURNS

BOURS, Peter Member of Committee to build Colony sloop in 1740, of Committee to fit out Colony sloop in 1741, of Committee to build magazine at Newport in 1741, of Council of War in 1743, and 1748, of Committee of War in 1746, and of Court Martial in 1749.

Bow, Roger Captain's Clerk on Privateer Prince Frederick in 1748.

BOWLS, John Served in Capt. Sayer's Co. in 1746.

BOYD, Robert Lieut. on Privateer Defiance in 1746.

William Master on Privateer Prince Frederick in 1743.

BRADFORD, James Served in Capt. Sheffield's Co. in 1740, and in Capt. Rice's Co. in 1746.

BRADSHAW, John Served in Capt. Sayer's Co. in 1746.