

The General Court declared war against the "Arasaguntacook" Indians and all other tribes of Indians east of Piscataqua River except the Penobscot tribe on 10 June 1755 and commissioned Capt. William Gerrish of Berwick to scout for them from Lebanon to the Saco River (Acts & Resolves of Massachusetts Bay, 1755-6 Chapter 41). Capt. Gerrish lived about four miles south of Lebanon - Berwick town line:
His Journal [in the State Archives].

Barwick June 28th [1755] mustered my Company to see that all was well equipped with armes and all things fitting to march the woods.

June 30th we march^t from Barwick to Lebanon and encamped at the Little River Falls.

Tuesday July 1st march^t from the Little River falls on a N. E. point for Saco River and at night encamped at the Swan Pond.

Wednesday July 2^d march^t on a N. E. point for Saco River and encamped at the Block house.

Thursday July 3, march^t on a N. W. point from Saco, then on a W. point which brought us to a pond called Massaweesick pond, the pond lying due north and south, and then S. W. point untill we came to eastern branch of Mouson River and encamped by a large marsh called the Long marsh.

Friday July 4th march^t from the Long marsh on a S. W. point untill we come to a hill called Bonnibeeq Hill and on the south of hill we encamped.

Saturday July 5th march^t from Bonnibeeq Hill on a S. point for Barwick.

Wednesday July 9th march^t from Barwick to Lebanon and encamped at Capt. Tibbetts House where there was an Hundred and Seventy Souls dwelt under that Roof. [170-52 = 118 persons in the Garrison]