who were engaged in the erection of the works on the brow of the hill. Our regiment was ranged at the foot of the hill in an old and extensive orchard the trees in which were of a large size; here the regiment remained all night. As soon as daylight came and the enemy perceived the newly erected works a severe cannonade commenced from Bunker's-hill. By permission a number of young men run down in the front of the orchard next to the enemy to fire at those who we saw working the guns. The attention of the enemy was soon drawn to us. A ball aimed at the tree behind which Mr. Simpson lay took his leg more than halfway ~~away~~ ~~away~~ up the calf and carried away that part down to the heel and the heel itself. He was borne to Cambridge a distance of three miles where his leg was amputated but he died either that night ~~[illegible]~~ next morning. The subscriber can be thus particular, as he saw the transaction, being ~~away~~ about two perches off at the adjoining tree. Such warfare was customary and permissible to the riflemen. Mr. Simpson was an unmarried man probably of the age of twenty two.

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