

be occupied the first day we erected that
Batt'y. & was surprised at my not having
found one there, in my return to the
officers party, I passed double sentries
along the edge of the water, to communicate
with his sentries, one of whom I found it
necessary to take off, from the height
of the snow, for although he was flat
upon his face at the ^{foot} bottom of the bridge
yet I was afraid he would have been
discovered, ^{while the moon was at} for I could almost distinctly
distinguish the features of the enemy in
the Te Deum. I had a miserably foggy
night, with visiting my sentries every
quarter of an hour, and keeping my own
party awake, which was not the least
inconvenient part, for the poor fellows had
almost all of them been on duty, until a

23 In visiting my sentry,
the second time I took a
shock cut, & was agreeably
surprised by two dead
bodies one by the other 53
over one of which I fell
the head & shoulders only
being ^{covered} buried, they smell
horribly, however we buried
them (I had a say with me)
~~to take~~ back with us their
accoutrements -