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<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 octavo volume, 22pp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEE ALSO MICROFILM FILE</p>	<p>N.J.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
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<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of Clarence W. Bowen, 1929.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic and microfilm copies available, subject to limitation.</p>
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>This extract of a journal of Lieutenant Benjamin Beal (1744-1814) covers the period March 17-December 6, 1776, during which time he served as an officer in the 24th Continental Infantry. Beal's journal opens with his unit's transfer from Boston to New York, an assignment as reinforcement to the Northern Army. The journal chronicles the unit's trip up the Hudson River and march to Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and into Quebec, until forced to retreat to Ticonderoga. The journal ends when Beal received furlough in early December to visit home.</p> <p>The document touches on his unit's movements and the unsatisfactory resolution of the expedition into Quebec, ending in the defeat of the Americans at the Battle of Valcour Bay on Lake Champlain. Also see microfilm.</p>	