A Small Number of Good Soldiers

The French and Indian War A Comprehensive Historical Narrative

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the millions of Native Americans who lost their lives, land, and heritage.

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1 THE PLAYERS SET THE STAGE

"The land in the forks I think [is] extremely well situated for a fort, as it has the absolute command of both rivers." — George Washington, 1753

The very first Europeans to arrive in the New World, British settlers established their founding community in 1607. What is now the state of Virginia, these colonists named their settlement "Jamestown" after the beloved King James of England. The following year, in 1608, France sent its finest to settle in what is now Quebec. Intending the testitory to be a "New France," they founded the new capital there. But, Europeans did not arrive to a vacant land. North Amotics had been settled for thousands of years by millions of Native Americans figure baseings after had coallished at erhols area of sating solidio, robust, and may of the For sussals, piles more smale, also sold it assesse digo applicable from a of them. Mind and Youth volume all reduced and reduced with

2 BRITISH GENERALS

"The dead—the dying—the groans—lamentation—and cries along the road of the wounded for help ... were enough to pierce a heart of adamant [stone]."

George Washington, regarding Edward Braddock's defeat

Appalled and mortified by George Washington's surrender to the French, London named Edward Braddock as the colonial military's commander-in-chief. A frank and egotistical man, Braddock gathered all of the colonial generals for an assembly one morning in April 1755, where he summarized his determined strategies for forcing French sendon out of the Ohio Country. The plan detailed four military movements to occur simultaneously. The first would be an attack on Fort Doquester led by Braddock hitseoff and two populated eighnests. The accord smalled two eighnests led by the prisones of Manuchastin to option Franc's fair on Lake Chaptio The dist, William I describ was in leaf a regiment of British addison pal econion of the Wolands albe to some Francis. Facilities on Labo Thoughton, that Roads, the Novall section around stood forces

3 THE WAR

"There is not a house in the place that has not felt the effects of this formidable artillery."

- From the diary of a French officer at Fort Frontenac

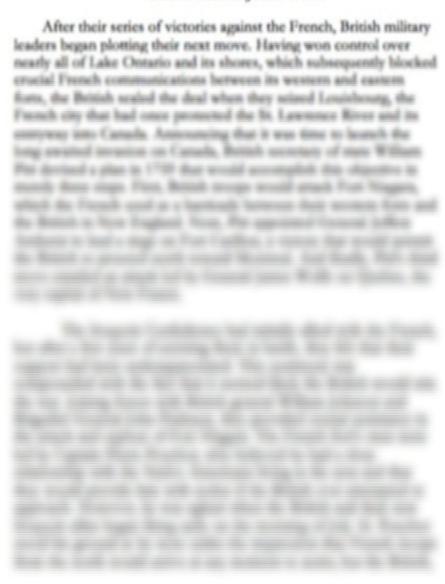
Perhaps even more consequential than suffering a series of defeats, Lord Loudoun's failures gave French leaders the time and confidence to plot and organize offensive strategies. Stationed at the southern end of Lake Ontario, the French first targeted Fort Oswego. Lieutenant Colonel James Mercer and the eleven hundred Fort Owego soldiers whom he commanded confronted more than three thousand French soldiers on August 10, 1756. Led by Louis-Joseph, marquis de Montealm-Gosron de Saine-Véran, fonces of Feerich, Nutive American, and Canadian men took the first abnore officebook, billing Monor bisself with one of their cannoshalls. The Facush school day foot's acquess, turbuling gam, common, food, and brasin. Any Melitals evidelity who superioral the proach, Microsofts summed as the privated, plotty to trad the for would become from solide in Famous within the bound half these cost the tea sake he fasse! have booked die he was an hannah.

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4 CANADA AND THE END

"The Marquis de Montcalm is at the head of a great number of bad soldiers, and I am at the head of a small number of good ones, that wish for nothing so much as to fight him—but the wary old fellow avoids an action doubtful of the behavior of his army."

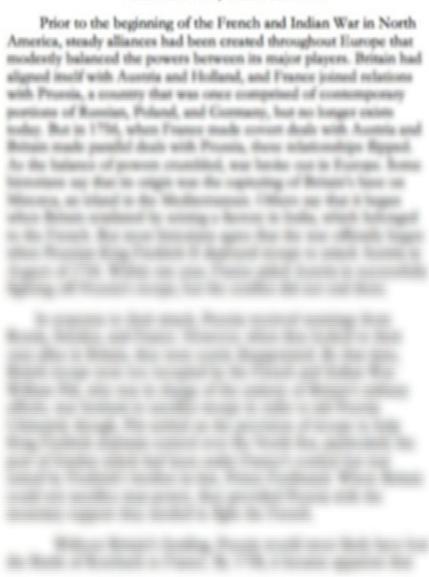
British General James Wolfe



5 BACK IN EUROPE

"I'm Frederick the Great, I am. Frederick the Great I am, I am. I got married to a woman I don't love. 'Cause war is all I've time for thinking of."

- Satirical Poem, author unknown



6 NATIVE AMERICANS

"The Six Nations, Western Indians, etc., having never been conquered, either by the English or French, nor subject to their Laws, consider themselves a free people."

— William Johnson

Britain's victory in Canada brought an end to their war with the French, but it was only the beginning of their conflict with Native Americans. The tribes had grown accustomed to French settlers and considered them to be amicable neighbors. Not only had they established a mutually beneficial trade relationship, but out of respect, the French avoided settling in Native American tentionies. However, the British were not nearly as respectful. At the end of the was, foreunals of British colonies stored our wors, toroiding land that had always and only belonged to Visales American tellus. Additionally, the Vigiliar Assortions left than British undern won solited in Rodice space. This dispayed from two and other plant No, and their developments probabilises of games anticip and of their

7 AMERICAN SIGNIFICANCE

"And it is silly how all the should've been, could've been and might've been hypothetical situations can bother you more than all the wrong that has already been!"

— Moulika Danak

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