A History of Fort George, Upper Canada

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Endnotes


4 See Canada, Public Archives (hereafter cited as PAC), MG12, B123, pp. 238-40, 298-8, Lt. John Turney (Butler's Rangers) to Maj. Arent de Peyster (Military Commandant, Detroit), Sandusky, 7 June 1782; and Capt. William Caldwell (Butler's Rangers) to de Peyster, 26 August 1782; see also Milo M. Quaife, "The Ohio Campaigns of 1782," Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Vol. 17, No. 4 (March 1931), pp. 19, 528.


6 PAC, MG12, B55, p. 233, Haldimand to Thomas Townshend, the future Lord Sydney and Secretary of State at the Home Department, Quebec, 23 October 1782.

7 Ibid., B103, p. 175, Brig. Gen. Alan MacLean (Military Commandant, Niagara) to Haldimand, Niagara, 18 May 1783.

8 PAC, MG11, CO42, Vol. 48, Haldimand to Lord North, Quebec, 27 November 1783.

9 Alfred Leroy Burt, The United States, Great Britain and British North America (Toronto: Ryerson Press, 1840), p. 84.

10 Ibid., The Old Province of Quebec (Minneapolis: Univ. of Minnesota Press, 1833), p. 304.


13 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 1206, Lt. Gov. Peter Russell to Lt. Gen. Robert Prescott, governor in chief and commander of the forces, York, 20 August 1798. The Queen's Rangers was a Loyalist regiment under the commands of Robert Rogers, then John Graves Simcoe, the future lieutenant governor of Upper Canada. The regiment fought gallantly throughout the American Revolution until the surrender of Cornwallis as Yorktown in October, 1781. The regiment was re-formed in 1782-83 as a pioneer corps for service in Upper Canada, and was disbanded in 1802 following the Treaty of Amiens. The Royal Canadian Volunteers was a provincial corps raised in 1784. Under the command of Col. John Macdonell, the unit was stationed at frontier posts in Upper Canada until 1802, when it also was abandoned. The Volunteers built the first Fort George between the years 1787 and 1799.

14 PAC, MG11, CO42, Vol. 72, Major Robert Matthews to Eves Nepean, permanent under-secretary, home department, Plymouth barracks, 9 July 1790.


18 Ibid., Vol. 512, Lt. Col. Robert Pilkington, Royal Engineers to Macdonell, Fort George, 18 September 1799.

20 Born in Guernsey, Channel Islands, 6 October 1769; purchased a commission in 8th, (King's Liverpool) Regiment, 1785; exchanged to 49th (Hertfordshire) Regiment, 1791, and spent the next two years at garrison posts in Barbados and Jamaica; purchased majority in 49th in 1795; became lieutenant colonel of that regiment in 1797; spent several months in Jersey, then to Holland with the army under the Duke of York: participated in the Battle of Egmont-op-Zee, 2 October 1798; campaigned against the Danes at Copenhagen, 1801; stationed at Colchester, England, 1801-02; spring of 1802, regiment embarked for Canada: by 1803 detachments of unit scattered in Upper Canada, but principally at Fort George, and York, the provincial capital. For accounts of the career of Brock, see Ferdinand Brock Tupper, The Life and Correspondence of Major General Sir Isaac Brock, K.B. (London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co., 1847), Matilda Edgar, General Brock (Toronto: Morang and Co., 1904), Walter R. Nursey, The Story of Isaac Brock (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1923), and Carol Whitfield, "The Canadian Career of Sir Isaac Brock," see this volume.


28 J. MacKay Hitsman, Incredible War, p. 20.

29 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 676, Gore to Craig, York, 20 February 1809.


32 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 1706 (Freer Papers), Report of the Fortified and Military Posts in Upper Canada, Bruyeres to Lt. Noah Freer, Military Secretary, Quebec, 24 August 1811.


35 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 673, Brock to Prevost, York, 2 December 1811.


37 PAC, MG11, CO42, Vol. 148, Prevost to Liverpool, Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, Quebec, 18 May 1812.


40 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 876, Brock to Prevost, Fort George, 3 July 1812.

41 J. MacKay Hitsman, Incredible War, p. 75.


43 Ernest A. Cruikshank, ed., Documentary History of the Campaign upon the Niagara


48 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 677, Sheaffe to Prevost, Fort George, 3 November 1812.


50 Roger Hale Sheaffe, op. cit., Vol. 18, p. 312, Sheaffe to Prevost, Fort George, 23 November 1812.


53 Ibid., pp. 21-2.


56 For a more detailed breakdown of the casualties suffered by His Majesty's troops at the Battle of Fort George and for a strength, return of British troops at Burlington Heights after the engagement, *see* Appendices A and B.

57 Ernest A. Cruikshank, ed., *Documentary History*, Vol. 4, p. 204, Charles Askin to his father, John, Ten Mile Creek, 8 July 1813.


59 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 1219, Prevost to Earl Bathurst, Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, St. David's, Niagara Frostier, 25 August 1813.


62 Ibid., pp. 262-3, McClure to Armstrong, Fort Niagara, 10 December 1813.


64 Quebec Gazette (Lower Canada), 13 January 1814.


67 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 388, Royal Engineers Office, Montreal, 3 July 1814.

68 Ibid., Riall to Drummond, Fort George, 12 July 1814: for a statement of questions and answers on the state of defence at Fort George in the summer of 1814, *see* Appendix C.


70 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 684, Drummond to Prevost, Niagara Falls, 27 July 1814.

71 Ibid., Vol. 389, Report of the Royal Engineers to Prevost, Fort George, 5 February 1815.
72 Ibid., Maj. Gen. Frederick Robinson to Drummond, Kingston, 10 July 1815.

73 Ronald L. Way, "Defences of the Niagara Frontier, 1784-1870," (M.A. Thesis, Queen's University, Kingston, 1938), Drummond to Bathurst, Quebec, 15 August 1815.


78 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 238, Reduction of Fort George, 31 January 1826.


80 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vols. 748 and 915, withdrawal of Fort George detachment, 1 August 1836, and Office of the Royal Engineers, 16 March 1839.


Appendix A


Appendix B

1 PAC, RG8, C (Military) Series, Vol. 678, Papers of Thomas Tayler.

Appendix C


