

**DeSalaberry's Official Report of the Skirmish of  
Chateauguay**

ON THE CHATEAUGUAY RIVER  
26th October, 8 p.m.

SIR,—In the action of this day, which began by the enemy attacking our advanced pickets, in great strength, on both sides of the river, the enemy has been obliged to abandon his plan. Our pickets, supported in time by the Canadian Light company, 2 companies of Voltigeurs, and the light company of the 3rd Embodied Militia, behaved in the bravest manner. After the action, we remained in quiet possession of the abatis and posts we occupied previously.

The enemy's force appeared to me to have been at least 1500 men, with 250 dragoons and 1 piece of cannon. Three of our men, who saw the American army passing at best part (place) make it out amount to more. There were about 30 cannon with them.

I cannot conclude without expressing the obligations I owe to Capt. Ferguson, for his cool and determined conduct and his extreme readiness in executing of orders. Capt. Daly, of the 3rd Batt., cannot be surpassed; he contended with 50 men against a force ten times in number. Capt. Daly is wounded in three places. Capt. Bruyère behaved with gallantry, and was wounded. Captain J. Robertson and Jochereau Duchesnay have evinced great gallantry, and so, indeed, have many officers employed, particularly aide Major Sullivan, whose bravery has been so conspicuous. Capt. Lamothe, with a few Indians, exposed himself very much, and so did Capt. Hebden of the Voltigeurs.

By correct information there appears no doubt the enemy have returned to the Outarde.

This report is made by woodfire light.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedt. servt.,

DESALABERRY  
Lt.-Col.

Two officers wounded.

Light company, Canadian regiment, 3 killed and 4 privates wounded.

Voltigeurs, 4 wounded.

3rd Batt. light company, 2 killed, 6 wounded, 4 missing.

To Major-Genl. DEWATTEVILLE