

And those 3000 troops of General Johnson's became so demoralized, that the General did not dare to move forward for months, and his troops were eventually disbanded and replaced by another corps.

That heroic little band, bearding 3000 men entrenched within a fortress, you may say, and breasting for two hours a perfect hurricane of fire, and disabling of the enemy three times their own number, equal, if they do not surpass, Leonidas and his 300 Spartans at Thermopylæ.

That battle of Lake George, a defeat though it was in military parlance, had all the consequences of a victory for the French; for it retarded for one year the threatened invasion of Canada.

Well did the brigade, afterwards, and under a more prudent Captain, wipe out that defeat; on the 9th August, 1756, when they were recognized by the French deserter *de Huttenac*; they numbered only 1350, and, with the assistance of 1200 Canadians, and 250 Indians, they performed the feat, deemed impossible at the time, of wading through a quaking morass, half a mile in length, where they sank to the waist at every step, and dragging their artillery after them, and finally, to the great astonishment of