

and assit in fitting out the prizes "Detroit" and "Queen Charlotte," and navigate them to Erie. They arrived about the 1st of May; and after some time were taken over the bar and moored in Misery Bay. The temporary post at Put-in-Bay was then broken up and the troops removed to Detroit.

CHAPTER XXI.

AFTER much difficulty the squadron sailed on the Mackinaw expedition on the 25th of June, and reached Detroit on the 4th of July, where they took on board six hundred troops, under the command of Colonel Croghen. When on their passage up they encountered much difficulty in crossing the St. Clair flats, in consequence of shoal water. On reaching Fort Gratiot they took on board five hundred additional troops, under Colonel Cotgreave and Captain Gratiot, an engineer officer. After visiting several posts on the Canadian side, and finding them abandoned, they sailed for Mackinaw, where they arrived about the 25th of July. Finding the post well fortified, with plenty of troops and a horde of Indians, they made an attempt to take it by landing upon the east side of the island. After a severe brush, in which the gallant Major Holmes was killed, they retreated to the vessels and abandoned the expedition. The squadron then sailed for the lower end of the lake. At Nautawassaga, a block house was destroyed, and caused the enemy to burn the schooner "Nancy." laden with