

Siege of QUEBEC.

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Soon after the cannonading took place, about a ^h hundred Boats put off from the Point *De Levi*, and made for the *Isle of Orleans*; it was ^{1759.} then past all doubt, that an *Assault* was intended.—The *General* was beat, and the whole of our Troops marched out, and lined the *Entrenchments* from the *Center* of the Camp to the *Left*.—The *Fire* of the *English* was very smart; but our *Canadians*, tho' it was the first Time they had ever seen the Face of an Enemy, remained unterrified, and stood to their Arms with a Steadiness, that greatly pleased our *Generals*, and merited their Applause.

About Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, the ^h Boats, which not without great Difficulty had got the length of the *Isle of Orleans*, advanced towards the Point *De Lesse*, and there landed about 2000 Men.

At that very instant appeared General WOLFE at the Head of a Column of 4000 Men, which had passed the *Ford* at the *Falls of Montmorency*, and marched up to one of our *Redoubts*, which we had abandoned for want of Powder and Ball; he gave orders to the ^m *Grenadiers* to seize upon this *Redoubt*, but they were dislodged very soon by

^h “ The Boats of the Fleet were filled with *Grenadiers*, and a Part of Brigadier *Monckton's* Brigade from the Point of *Levi*.” *Wolfe*.

ⁱ The *Entrenchments* ran all along the Shore from the River *St. Charles* to the *Ford* at *Montmorency*, and were defended by nine *Redoubts* and ten *Batteries* with a Mortar near *Beaufort*; mounting in all thirty-three Guns; the *Batteries* were within less than a Quarter of a Mile of one another, that is, within Musquet Shot; for tho' the Point Blank Flight of a Musquet Ball is generally computed at no more than 260 Yards, yet a very little Elevation of the Musquet will do good Execution at a Distance of 360. The *Floating Battery* of 12 Guns was placed at the Mouth of the River *St. Charles*.

^h With Brigadier *Monckton's* Detachment from Point *Levi*.

ⁱ The Breadth of the *Ford* at the *Falls* at *Montmorency* was about 150 Yards; the *Falls* of *Montmorency* were 300 Feet high.

^h “ The *Grenadiers* were ordered to form themselves into four distinct Bodies, and to begin the Attack, supported by Brigadier *Monckton's* Corps, as soon as the Troops (under *Mr. Townshend* and *Murray*) had passed the *Ford*, and were at hand to assist; but instead of forming themselves as they were directed, they ran on impetuously towards the Enemy's *Entrenchments* in the utmost Disorder and Confusion, without waiting for the Corps which were to sustain them, and join in the Attack, &c.

“ The *Grenadiers* were checked, and obliged to shelter themselves in or about the *Redoubt*, which the *French* abandoned upon their Approach.” *Wolfe*.

(Not very likely for want of Powder and Ball)