

left Oswego on the 11th of October. His force consisted of detachments of the 8th, 34th, 84th and some companies of the rangers, numbering 434 of all arms. But few Indians were present, and they shewed but little activity. Ross makes some reflections on Sir Guy Johnson for having failed "to provide useful Indians; that he might well have done, as they were numerous in the neighbourhood at Niagara." On arriving at lake Oneida he left some old *bateaux* and provisions at Canaserago creek, and after a march of eight days during bad weather he reached the Mohawk. Two prisoners were brought in. The upper part of the Mohawk had been attacked on a former expedition; indeed, fort Stanwix had been abandoned and destroyed. Ross consequently determined to move upon Warrensborough, situated between fort Hunter, on Schoharie creek, and Schenectady. There was much activity shewn in Warrensborough; the bulk of the population were strong adherents of congress, and had vigorously proceeded against the royalists, preventing them from leaving when they so desired, and had acted towards them with extreme severity. On the 24th, in the afternoon, he came among the scattered inhabitants near Corrystown. Immediately alarm guns were fired to notify his arrival, and Ross obtained information that 2,000 militia had been called together to oppose him. No time was to be lost, and a forced march during the night was undertaken. The distance was fourteen miles, and the heavy rains had made the roads, bad even in the best weather, extremely difficult to travel. The tax upon the endurance of the troops was very great, and many, unable to keep up with the column, were left behind. Arrived at Warrensborough, the troops remained under arms until daybreak, when the attack was made. The inhabitants had fled. Before twelve o'clock the whole settlement was in flames.

Ross had now to think of his retreat, for it was plain to him that he would be attacked from every quarter. He resolved, consequently, not to return to Oswego, but to take the trail to Carleton-island. He generally knew the char-

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