

1756. Companies of *New York*, and immediately sent out fresh Parties to assist in stopping up the Passage of the *Wood Creek*:

Upon the Arrival of the 44th Regiment at the *Carrying-place*, there were about 1500 *Regular Troops* there, which, together with the *Battoe-men*, *Seamen*, &c. made upwards of 2500 fighting Men; and Sir *William Johnson* was then marching thither with the *Albany-Militia*.

A few Days after General *Webb* encamp'd, and an *Intrenchment* and *Breast-work* were thrown up, for fortifying of which they had upwards of 28 Cannon upon the Place.

About this time repeated Intelligence was received, that the *Enemy* had left *Oswego*, and were marching back towards *Crown Point*.

Aug. 30 The *Battoes* at the *Oneida Carrying-place* were ordered to be loaded with all the *Stores*, *Cannon*, *Ammunition*, and *Provisions*, which were there.

Aug. 31. All the *Forts* at the *Carrying-place* were ordered to be pulled down, burnt, and destroyed.

The *Troops* and all the other *Forces* retreated to the * *German Flats*, where they arrived the Day following, and to which Place Sir *William Johnson* had advanced with the *Militia*, but upon Notice of General *Webb's* Retreat from the *Carrying-place*, had dismissed

* The *German Flats* is upwards of 50 Miles from the *Oneida Carrying-place* towards *Schenectada*.

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