

ten captains, and six subaltern officers, all of whom will go in the great ships to England.

I am sorry to acquaint you, that general Wolfe was killed in the action; and general Monckton shot through the body; but he is now supposed to be out of danger. General Moncalm, and the three next French officers in command, were killed; but I must refer you to general Townshend (who writes by this opportunity) for the particulars of this action, the state of the garrison, and the measures he is taking for keeping possession of it. I am now beginning to send on shore the stores they will want, and provisions for five thousand men; of which I can furnish them with a sufficient quantity.

The night of their landing, admiral Holmes, with the ships and troops, was about three leagues above the intended landing-place: general Wolfe, with about half his troops, set off in boats, and dropped down with the tide, and were, by that means, less liable to be discovered by the French centinels posted all along the coast. The ships followed them about three quarters of an hour afterwards, and got to the landing-place just in the time that had been concerted, to cover their landing; and considering the darkness of the night, and the rapidity of the current, this was a very critical operation, and very properly and successfully conducted. When general Wolfe, and the troops with him, had landed, the difficulty of gaining the top of the hill is scarce credible: It was very steep in its ascent, and high, and had no path where two could go a-breast; but they were obliged to pull themselves up by the stumps and boughs of trees, that covered the declivity.

Immediately after our victory over their troops, I sent up all the boats in the fleet with artillery, and ammunition; and on the 17th went up with the men of war, in a disposition to attack the lower town as soon as general Townshend should be ready to
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