

blade-bone of his shoulder, just as the *French* were giving way, which obliged him to quit the field. In the front of the opposite battalions fell also M. *Montcalm*, and his *Second* in command, who died of his wounds on board our fleet. When our troops were within 20 or 30 yards of closing, the whole *French* line turned their backs, from right to left, almost in the same instant; they were pursued within musquet shot of their walls, and scarce looked back till they had got within them. Part of the enemy made a second faint attack; part took to some thick copse wood, and seemed to make a stand. It was at this moment that each corps seemed in a manner to exert itself, with a view to its own peculiar character. The *Louisbourg grenadiers*, *Bragg's* and *Lascelles's*, pressed on with their bayonets; Brigadier *Murray* advancing briskly with the troops under his command, completed the route on this side; when the *Highlanders*, supported by *Anstruther's*, took to their broad-swords, and drove part into the town, and part to the works at their bridge on the river *St. Charles*.

The action on our left and rear was not so severe, though their irregulars made a smart attack upon our left flank during the action, but were soon repulsed. The houses, into which the light infantry were thrown, were well defended, being supported by Colonel *Howe*, who taking post with two companies behind a small copse, and frequently falling upon the flanks of the enemy during their attack, drove them often into heaps, against the front of which body General *Townshend* advanced platoons of *Amberst's* regiment, which totally prevented their right wing from executing their first intention. Before this, one of the *Royal American* battalions had been detached to preserve our communication with our boats, and the other being sent to occupy the ground which Brigadier *Murray's* movement had left open, General *Townshend* remained with *Amberst's* to support this disposition, and to keep the enemy's right, and a body of their savages, which waited still more towards our rear, opposite the posts of our light infantry, waiting for an opportunity to fall upon our rear.

In this situation of the battle the command fell on Brigadier-General *Townshend*, who immediately repaired to the centre; and finding that the pursuit had put part of the troops in disorder, he formed them as soon as possible: scarce was this effected, when M. *Bougainville*, with his corps from *Cape Rouge*, of two thousand men, appeared in our rear: The General advanced two pieces of artillery, and two battalions towards him; upon which he retired. We took a great number of *French* officers upon the field of battle, and one piece of cannon.