

of his relatives distinguished themselves in Britain's battles both by land and by sea.

Guernsey was a fitting spot to be the birthplace of a military hero. St. Peter's Port, the town in which Brock was born, was a quaint old place with many memories that could not but inspire a lad to valiant deeds. In ancient days the island had been a home of the Druids, and their cromlechs and sepulchral caves remained to thrill the imagination of the Guernsey boys. It had been the birthplace of many heroes. Valiantly the men of Guernsey had defended their homes from French invasion on many occasions, and in the days of the Commonwealth had nobly played their part. The island is rugged, storm-beaten; its very situation and character give its inhabitants strength and courage. Placed as it is in the English Channel, the hundreds of vessels, warships and merchantmen, constantly going forth to win great battles or to bring the riches of the East and the West to England, could not but impress young Brock with the feeling that he was a citizen of the greatest empire on earth. He was a robust boy, who