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Major Ferguson's Riflemen—The American Volunteers.

The Story of a Loyalist Corps.



IN the time-stained muster-rolls and records that the Loyalists brought with them to these provinces, at the close of the American revolution, are to be found brief references to "Major Ferguson's corps," and the briefness of these references becomes perplexing in the absence of all explanatory text. It was adequate when written opposite the names of the Loyalist soldiers of 1779 and 1780, but an inquisitive generation have possession of these muster-rolls now, and time has cast around the name the glamour of romance, for "Major Ferguson's corps" had an honourable existence, and for a short period played an important part in the revolutionary struggle in the Carolinas.

More than a century has passed since Major Ferguson's corps disappeared, and now, for the first time, a complete list of the names of the officers and men who followed their chivalrous leader to death and defeat, in the mountains of the Carolinas, is given in print, collected from the old muster-rolls of the Loyalist corps that furnished the intrepid volunteers.