

the lake, till they were relieved by canoes, which obliged us to retreat towards our encampment at Lake George where we arrived the 10th of October.” Rogers †

1755 October 15

“...I embarked with forty men in five boats. Our design was to discover the strength of the enemy's advanced guard, and, if possible, to decoy the whole, or part of them, into an ambush; but tho' we were indefatigable in our endeavours for several days, yet all our attempts of this kind proved abortive.” Rogers †

1755 October 19

“We returned safe to our encampment at Lake George...” Rogers †

1755 October 21

“...I had orders...to embark for Crown Point, with a party of four men, in quest of a prisoner [a valuable source of information]. At night we landed on the west-side of Lake George, twenty-five miles from the English camp.” Rogers †

1755 October 26

“...came in sight of the fort. In the evening we approached nearer, and next morning found ourselves within about 300 yards of it. My men lay concealed in a thicket of willows, while I crept something nearer, to a large pine log, where I concealed myself by holding bushes in my hand. Soon after sun-rise the soldiers issued out in such numbers, that my men and I could not possibly join each other without a discovery. About 10 o'clock a single man marched out directly towards our ambush. When I perceived him within ten yards of me, I sprung over the log, and met him, and offered him quarters, which he refused and made a pass at me with a dirk, which I avoided, and presented my fusee to his breast; but notwithstanding, he still pushed on with resolution, and obliged me to dispatch him. This gave an alarm to the enemy, and made it necessary for us to hasten to the mountain.” Rogers †

1755 October 30

“...I arrived safe at our camp [Fort William Henry]...with all my party.” Rogers †

1755 November 1755

Work is completed on Fort William Henry. This log and earthen fort with four bastions, is built upon soil the French consider to be truly part of New France. With this British encroachment upon the Lake, the stage is set for a long and bloody war.