

Six Nations Legacy Consortium

War of 1812

The Last Taste of War - General McArthur's Raid



On November 5, 1814 over 700 mounted American raiders from Kentucky and Ohio along with a handful of Nations allies pushed their way from Ft. Detroit to the banks of the Grand River destroying everything along the way. Led by General Duncan McArthur, it was the deepest attack made during the entire war.

McArthur traveled east down the flat and gentle slope for several miles. Only a few kilometers from the Grand River, the angle of descent became steeper. Coming to the edge of the Grand River and D'Aubigny Creek McArthur faced with a steep river bank along with high water that made terrain very tricky. Before he could cross a contingent of militia, regulars and Six Nations warriors put up a stiff defense at Brant's Ford.

McArthur's forces turned south towards Mount Pleasant. Moving parallel to the river, they were sniped at by the militia and warriors from the Mohawk Village. Norton was alerted to the attack and sped to the scene with his contingent of warriors but arrived after the battle took place.

McArthur continued south burning mills, homes, barns at Malcolm's Mills and stealing provisions before he reached Port Dover, then turning northwest he headed back across the border. It was only a few short weeks after this campaign that the War of 1812 was declared officially over.