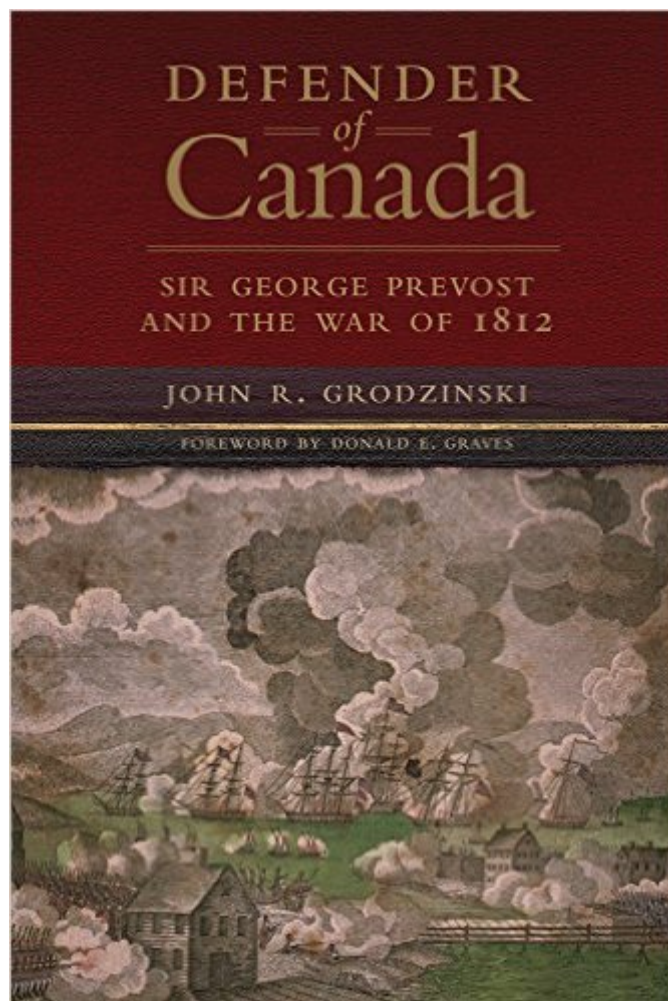


The book was found

Defender Of Canada: Sir George Prevost And The War Of 1812 (Campaigns And Commanders Series)



Synopsis

When war broke out between Great Britain and the United States in 1812, Sir George Prevost, captain general and governor in chief of British North America, was responsible for defending a group of North American colonies that stretched as far as the distance from Paris to Moscow. He also commanded one of the largest British overseas forces during the Napoleonic Wars. *Defender of Canada*, the first book-length examination of Prevost's career, offers a reinterpretation of the general's military leadership in the War of 1812. Historian John R. Grodzinski shows that Prevost deserves far greater credit for the successful defense of Canada than he has heretofore received. Earlier accounts portrayed Prevost as overly cautious and attributed the preservation of Canada to other officers, but Grodzinski challenges these assumptions and restores the general to his rightful place as British North America's key military figure during the War of 1812. Grodzinski shows that Prevost's strategic insight enabled him to enact a practicable defense despite scarce resources and to ably integrate naval power into his defensive plans. Prevost's range of responsibilities in British North America were daunting. They included overseeing joint endeavors with Indian allies, managing logistical matters, monitoring naval construction and personnel needs, supervising colonial governments, and commanding the defense of Canada. Tasked with protecting an extensive and complex territory, Prevost employed a mix of soldiers, sailors, locally raised forces, and indigenous people in taking advantage of the American military's weaknesses to defeat most of its plans. Following his recall to Britain in 1815 after the defeat at the Battle of Plattsburgh, Prevost would have been court-martialed had he not died unexpectedly. In carefully examining the charges leveled against Prevost, Grodzinski shows the general to have preserved the integrity of Canada, allowing diplomats to ensure its continued existence.

Book Information

Series: Campaigns and Commanders Series (Book 40)

Hardcover: 400 pages

Publisher: University of Oklahoma Press; First Edition edition (November 4, 2013)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0806143878

ISBN-13: 978-0806143873

Product Dimensions: 6 x 1.1 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,449,513 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #22 in Â Books > History >

Americas > Canada > War of 1812 #38 in Â Books > History > Americas > Canada > 19th Century

#156 in Â Books > History > Americas > Canada > Pre-Confederation

Customer Reviews

DEFENDER OF CANADA: SIR GEORGE PREVOST AND THE WAR OF 1812 JOHN R.

GRODZINSKI UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA PRESS, 2013 HARDCOVER, \$34.95, 360 PAGES,

ILLUSTRATIONS, MAPS, TABLES, APPENDICES, NOTES, BIBLIOGRAPHY, INDEX Sir George

Prevost was born at Hackensack, New Jersey, under the British flag on 19 May 1767. He was

raised in Britain and attended the Lochee Academy in London and then another military academy in

Colmar, France. Prevost received his first commission in the 60th Regiment of Foot in the British

Army. After transfers back and forth, he was severely wounded at St. Vincent's and went to England

to recover. On 1 January 1798, he was promoted to colonel and then to brigadier general on 8

March 1798. At the same time of his promotion, he was nominated as military governor of St. Lucia

but ill health caused him to return to England. He was made a baronet in 1805 and promoted to

major general later. In 1808, Prevost was promoted to lieutenant general and in 1811, he was made

lieutenant governor of Lower Canada and appointed as commander-in-chief in Nova Scotia. The

prospect of war was viewed with apprehension by the population north of the St. Lawrence River.

They were in a weak position and they knew it. Few British regular troops were available for the

defense (Great Britain was heavily engaged against Napoleon in Europe at this time) and the militia

was too few in number, and in some cases too unreliable, to defend successfully a frontier

extending from Maine to Michigan. Sir George Prevost therefore felt that the best strategy he could

adopt would be to concentrate his principal strength in Lower Canada, leaving the outer fringes of

the country to get along as best they could.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Defender of Canada: Sir George Prevost and the War of 1812 (Campaigns and Commanders

Series) Staff Ride Handbook for the Niagara Campaigns, 1812-1814 - War of 1812 - New York and

Canada Settlements, Queenston Heights, Stoney Creek, Chippawa, Lundy's Lane, Fort Erie,

President Madison Into the Breach at Pusan: The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade in the Korean War

(Campaigns and Commanders Series) I Am Canada: A Call to Battle: The War of 1812, Alexander

MacKay, Upper Canada, 1812 The Call to Arms: The 1812 Invasions of Upper Canada (Upper

Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) Presidential Campaigns: From George Washington to George

W. Bush The Tide of War: The 1814 Invasions of Upper Canada (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Flames of War: The Fight for Upper Canada, July_December 1813 (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Pendulum of War: The Fight for Upper Canada, January_June 1813 (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Ashes of War: The Fight for Upper Canada, August 1814_March 1815 (Upper Canada Preserved _ War of 1812) The Canadian Theater, 1813 (U.S. Army Campaigns of the War of 1812) Panzer Aces III: German Tank Commanders in Combat in World War II (Stackpole Military History) Upper Canada Preserved - War of 1812 6-Book Bundle: The Ashes of War / A Crucible of Fire / and four more... Sir Gawain and the Green Knight; Pearl; [and] Sir Orfeo Vietnam War: The Vietnam War in 50 Events: From the First Indochina War to the Fall of Saigon (War Books, Vietnam War Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 6) 1812: The War of 1812 World War 2 History's 10 Most Incredible Women: World War II True Accounts Of Remarkable Women Heroes (WWII history, WW2, War books, world war 2 books, war history, World war 2 women) Ghost Stories of the War of 1812: Haunted Spirits of Canada and the U.S. Plunder, Profit, and Paroles: A Social History of the War of 1812 in Upper Canada Searching for the Forgotten War - 1812 Canada

[Dmca](#)