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Social Studies

Fort de la Presentation

I have been at this fort for three years now and the fight finally found us. My name is Pierre Curare—this is my story. I joined the military three years ago and they sent me to Fort de la Presentation. The fort worked for awhile until the British started to show up. Then we started to disassemble to build Fort Levis. Fort de la presentation was just not strong enough for what was ahead.

Over the next year we slowly realized that our fate had been sealed. After the fall of Fort Frontinac, Crown Point, Ticonderoga, and Fort William Henry we were to be the last stand for the French before the British reached Quebec from the south. We started to disassemble Fort de la Presentation and started to build Fort Levis in 1759. Then on August 18, 1760 General Amherst and his troops showed up and bombarded us for three days before we finally ran out of ammunition and food. On August 25, 1760 we gave them the fort. They rebuilt the fort and named it Fort William Augustus and used it as an outpost.

As for me, I made it out alive. When they came to the fort they told me that I wasn't needed and should leave at once. We fought for our lives those seven days. This is something I will never forget. I hope you will remember my story so it is not lost forever, even though it is a disappointment that the French lost.