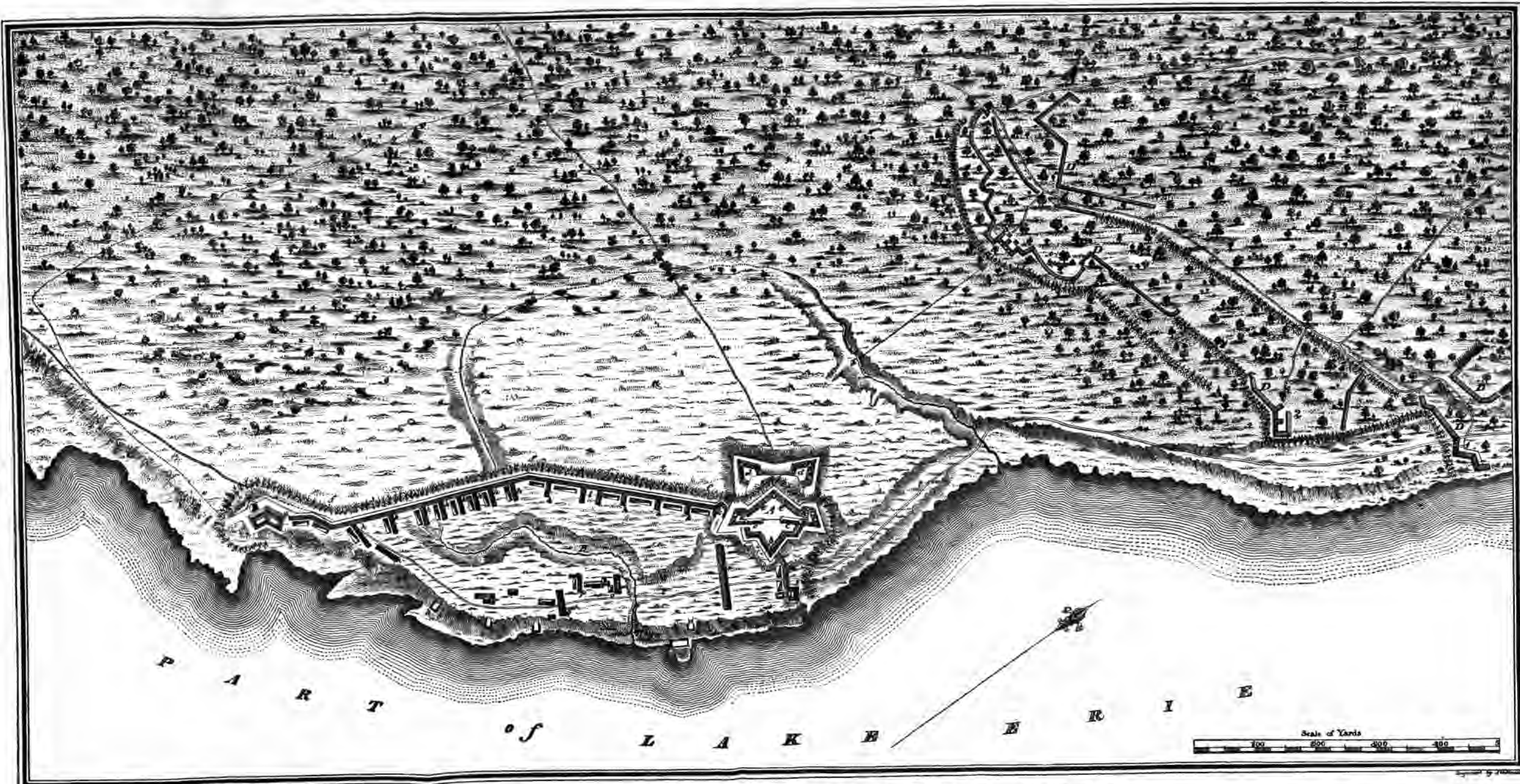


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| <p>A Fort Erie.
 B Camp.
 C Where Porter's volunteers encamped who arrived September tenth.
 D British works.
 a Bastions built by British.</p> | <p>b Ravelin.
 c c Blockhouses built by British.
 d d Bastions constructed by Brown's forces.
 e e Redoubt constructed by Brown's forces to replace line of pickets.</p> | <p>f f f Entrenchments.
 g Douglass's battery.
 h h h Camp traverses.
 k Fontaine's battery.
 l Biddle's battery.</p> | <p>m Towson's battery.
 n Main traverse.
 o Magazine traverse.
 p Hospital traverse.
 q Grand parade traverse.</p> | <p>r Brown's headquarters.
 s Drain.
 t Road from Chippewa up the lake.
 u Buck's Road.
 v Route taken by Porter's forces in sortie.</p> | <p>w Route of right column.
 x Ravine.
 y y Blockhouses.
 z a Roads to British camp.
 1, 2, 3 British first, second, and third batteries.</p> |
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(This plan is a copy of one made by the United States engineer corps.)

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An Episode of the War of 1812

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The campaign of 1814 on the Niagara frontier fully determined that American citizens furnished the choicest materials for an army ; that when well disciplined, instructed in the art of war, and led by brave and enterprising generals, they were fully able to meet on equal ground the best English troops.

— *Perkins.*

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Preface.

One of the most brilliant events of the War of 1812 was the successful defense of Fort Erie by the Americans against the veteran troops of the British. Yet, I dare say, very few residents along the Niagara frontier are aware that within an hour's journey of the city of Buffalo occurred some of the most severe fighting the nation has ever seen, or that the ruined and tottering wall of the old fort, still to be seen, marks the spot where several hundred brave men gave up their lives in desperate struggle.

A period of enforced leisure gave me an opportunity to examine the various authorities bearing upon the siege of Fort Erie, and this sketch grew out of the notes I then made. Undoubtedly errors exist, although considerable pains has been taken to carefully verify each statement. I trust that they will be pardoned and that this sketch may serve to stimulate among a few, at least, the study of the history of the Niagara frontier during this period, than which nothing could be more interesting.

Bufalo, July 10, 1899.

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