

# SONS OF THE MOUNTAINS

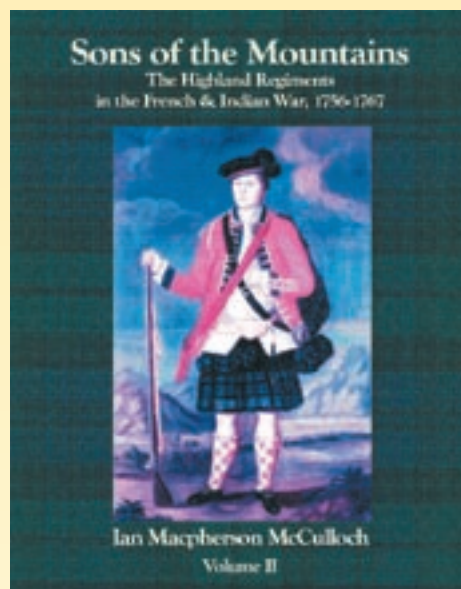
The Highland Regiments in the French and Indian War, 1756-1767

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Three proud Highland regiments fought in North America during the Seven Years' War – the 77th Foot (Montgomery's Highlanders), the 78th Foot (Fraser's Highlanders) and the famous Black Watch, more correctly known at the time as the Royal Highland Regiment. Undoubtedly, the exploits of the 42nd, 77th and 78th Highlanders in some of the most bloody and desperate battles on the North American continent were a critical factor in transforming the overall image of Highlanders from Jacobite rebels to Imperial heroes in the latter half of the 18th century. But the everyday story of these regiments – how they trained, worked, played, fought and died – has never been seriously told.

*Sons of the Mountains: A History of the Highland Regiments in North America During the French & Indian War, 1756-1767*, is a two-volume set due to be co-published spring 2006 by Purple Mountain Press and the Fort Ticonderoga Museum in New York State and by Robin Brass Studio in Canada. It chronicles the Highland regiments' fighting performance and experiences from the time they were raised in the Highlands and stepped ashore in North America, to their disbandment in 1763; or, as in the case of the 42nd, reduced in establishment and left on lonely garrison duty in the American wilderness until their recall and return to Ireland in 1767.

**Volume 1** of *Sons of the Mountains* follows all three regiments on their vari-



ous campaigns in the different theatres of war. As they range from the wilderness of the Ohio Forks to the wind-swept crags of Signal Hill in Newfoundland, and from the waters of the

Great Lakes to the torrid swamps and cane fields of the "Sugar Islands," the reader will be exposed to all the major conflicts and actions of the "Great War for Empire" as seen through the eyes of the Highland soldier.

**Volume 2** will appeal to all families of Scottish descent and serious genealogists. It features comprehensive biographical histories of all regimental officers from all the major clans (over 350 entries) who served in the regiments. Also included in the glossaries are regimental muster rolls and land petitions of discharged Highlanders.

The work is lavishly illustrated with artwork by Robert Griffing, Steve Noon, Peter Rindlisbacher, Gary Zaboly, Charles Stolz and John Buxton, as well as with contemporary prints, maps and portraits from the collections of the Black Watch Museums of Scotland and Canada, the Fort Ticonderoga Museum, the Fort Ligonier Museum, the William L. Clements Library, the National Army Museum, Chelsea, the David M. Stewart Museum, Montreal, the National Archives of Canada and the Library of Congress.

Without a doubt, *Sons of the Mountains* is the most complete and informative work on the history of early Highland regiments of the British army in North America to date.

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**Cluny, the 27th Hereditary Chief of Clan Macpherson**, writes from Blairgowrie, Scotland: "As a direct descendant of a Clansman who was present on the Heights of Carillon and at Fort Ticonderoga in July 1758 I feel that I understand now far better how my forebear and his fellow Highlanders must have felt and lived and fought, and relate much more closely to those 'Sons of the Mountains' of long ago. I warmly commend Lt Colonel McCulloch's book to readers across the Atlantic and here in Scotland. He has done a great service to the memory of those who fought and died with these distinguished Regiments."

**Marie Fraser, editor of Canadian Explorer**, newsletter of the Clan Fraser Society of Canada, writes: "Besides being compelling Highland history, SOTM is a valuable genealogical resource for all of Scottish heritage. With over 350 officers' biographies, career details and genealogical notes in the annexes, McCulloch has identified the complex ties of kinship, marriage and friendship that bound the most prominent Scottish families of the day together during the Seven Years War between Britain and France fought in North America, known to some as the French & Indian War."