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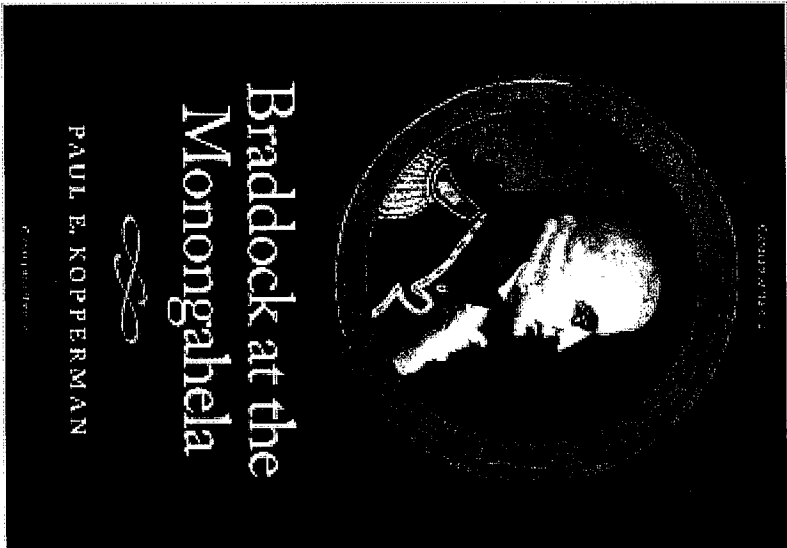


Braddock at the Monongahela
Bill Lake, Cohort 6

Leadership Book Review



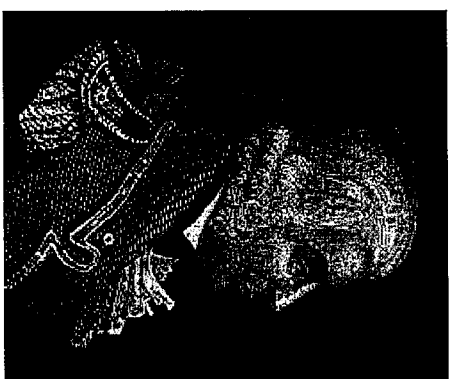
- General Edward Braddock
- Author: Kopperman





The Man

- Major General, British Army
- Coldstream Guards
- Commander in Chief of the British Army in America during the French and Indian War/Seven Year's War
- Top British Commander but had no previous Combat experience
- Died 13 July 1755 from wounds received at the Monongahela River

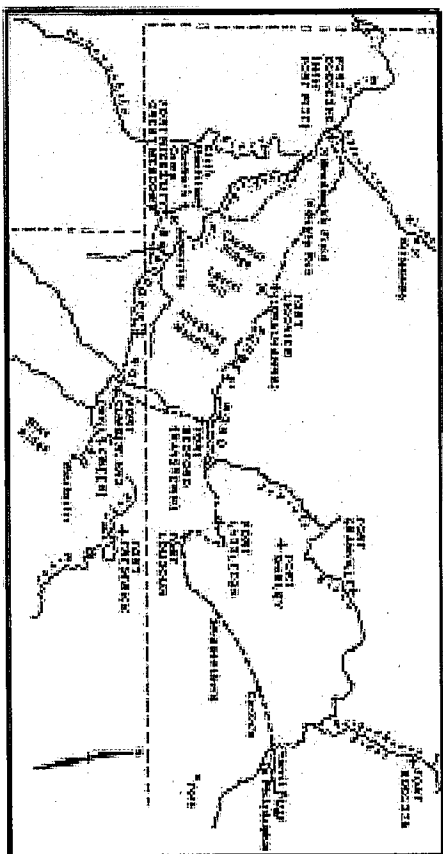




The Situation-1755

- Britain and France fighting over control of North America
- French Fort Duquesne at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela River was the key to control (site of present day Pittsburgh)
- Gen Braddock led 2,100 British troops to take Fort Duquesne
 - Massive Army for 1755 North America
 - Large contingent of wilderness fighters (Daniel Boone & George Washington)
 - Artillery and logistic support
- Built a road to get there
 - Winchester VA to Pittsburgh
 - Uncharted wilderness
 - Allegheny Mountains
 - Huge systems engineering effort
- Demonstrated
 - Leadership
 - Intelligence
 - Ability
 - Attention to detail

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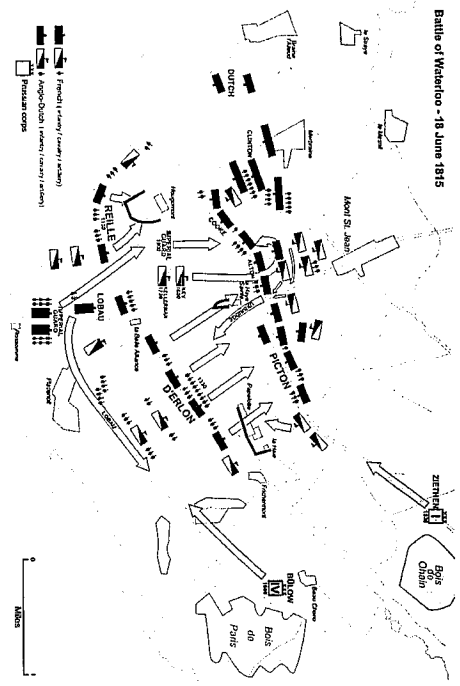




The Tactics

Classic European

Wilderness Fighting



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What Happened?

- Braddock crossed the Monongahela River and led his army to within 10 miles of Pittsburgh (site of present day Braddock PA)
- Discussed tactics the whole way
 - Wilderness fighters (Washington) urged wilderness tactics
 - Gen Braddock refused; fight the way he was trained
- Ambushed by 250 French and Indians
- Braddock's Army stood in the open and was destroyed
- Gen Braddock was killed
- The Army retreated back to Virginia





Lessons?

- Trust what your experienced people are telling you
- Don't be blinded by preconceived ideas