

The War of 1812

During the War of 1812, a British regiment known as the Glengarry Light Infantry was stationed at Presqu'île. This area required a military presence as it was of strategic importance due to the sheltered harbour and its location on the supply route between York (Toronto) and Kingston.

In 1814, Presqu'île bay was being used for the construction of a British gunboat by a local shipbuilder. When the Americans discovered this, they immediately sent troops to the area and burned the ship.

A sample of the uniform worn by a member of the Glengarry regiment in 1812.



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Due to its location on the supply line between Toronto and Kingston, the Presqu'île harbour was of major strategic importance during the war of 1812.



The gunboat that was being constructed would have been a valuable addition to the British fleet.

