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The 250th Anniversary of the Quebec Battles A look behind the battle scenes

Quebec City, July 16, 2009 – As part of the commemorations surrounding the 250th anniversary of the battles, the National Battlefields Commission invites the population to get ***Behind the battle scenes*** to learn about and understand the military strategies adopted by the British and French commands in 1759-1760. This free activity is offered from next July 18 to September 7 at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham.

Two officers of the period present an interactive face-off illustrating some of the elements behind the scenes of the two major Quebec confrontations: the battle of the Plains of Abraham (September 13, 1759) and the battle of Sainte-Foy (April 28, 1760). This historic presentation lasting approximately thirty minutes, offers visitors and their families an opportunity to closely follow, on a wall layout, the explanations given concerning military strategy and discover certain aspects of smoothbore gun operation and basic care to the wounded.

The Quebec battles are known as genuine European style battles, whereas raids and ambush wars characterized conflicts in America. The strategies adopted on the battlefield and the use of smoothbore weaponry had bloody consequences for the soldiers.

To make sure these historic landmark events are not forgotten, commemorative activities for the 250th anniversary of the battles will be held throughout the year in the Greater Québec City area.

Behind the battle scenes:

Presented daily from July 18 to September 7, 2009,
in English at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.
and in French at 2:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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