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# **250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of Québec** **The Internet in support of history**

Québec City, August 28, 2009 – Beginning today, Internet users can benefit from an improved reference site on the Battle of the Plains of Abraham and the Battle of Sainte-Foy. It is in the context of the commemorations surrounding the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these confrontations that the National Battlefields Commission launches on its Web site a new section, more elaborate and thoroughly documented, to help us be better informed on the significant events of the Seven Years' War in America. An evolutionary site which allows for further information to be added over the years.

Lots of information can already be found at [www.theplainsofabraham.ca](http://www.theplainsofabraham.ca), on the great battles of Québec and on the Seven Years' War, generally considered as the first world-wide conflict. The confrontations occurred in Europe, America and Asia from 1756 to 1763.

Writings, well supported by archive documents, were drafted with the highest precision by the Commission's team of historians. The battles of the siege of Québec, namely those of Montmorency (July 31, 1759), of the Plains of Abraham (September 13, 1759) and of Sainte-Foy (April 28, 1760), are dealt with at length. From a quest for domination between superpowers to the Treaty of Paris, many aspects of this decisive episode are presented on the Internet: the daily life during the siege, the tactics and strategies, the opposing armies, the course and end result, the surrender of Québec and Montréal, the repercussions, and more. British, French, Canadians, Amerindians, Americans, all witnessed this chapter of history and contributed towards it by risking their lives.

This addition to the Web site of the National Battlefields Commission is closely linked to its mandate, which is to ensure the preservation of the great historic battlefields of Québec and to develop this heritage so that the population can benefit from it. Every month, nearly 35,000 Internet users surf on the main site of the Commission and over 5,600 on the site of the virtual exhibition *1759: From the Warpath to the Plains of Abraham*. Created in 2005 jointly with the Virtual Museum of Canada, the *1759* exhibition lets us achieve an interactive look back on the critical stages of this war: the preparations, the siege of Québec and the battle, from four different angles.

Two sizeable tools available to all ages:

- battle section: [www.theplainsofabraham.ca](http://www.theplainsofabraham.ca)
- virtual exhibition *1759*: <http://1759.ccbn-nbc.gc.ca>

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BATTLES OF THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM  
1759 – 1760

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