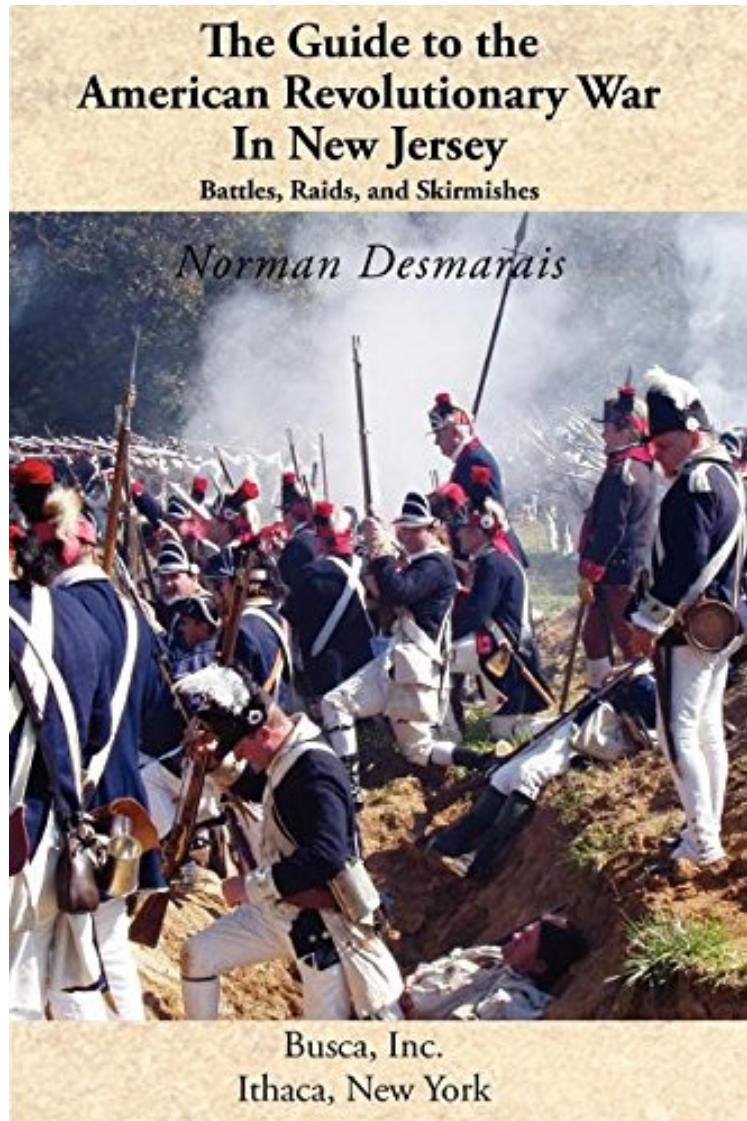


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As a re-enactor, I have been studying the American War of Independence for near 35 years. Reading Desmarais's manuscript, I made discoveries both near and far. Being brought up and currently residing in my hometown of Springfield, NJ, I knew of the famous Battle of Springfield, June 23rd, 1780. Norman's research uncovered the following precursor, among many other actions there: "The militia killed and wounded 8 or 10 Waldeckers near Springfield on Sunday morning, January 19, 1777. They captured the rest of the party, 39 or 40, including 2 officers without suffering any casualties." (The Pennsylvania Evening Post, January 23, 1777) Meanwhile he found, west of the Mississippi, "St. Louis, Missouri - A small marker at 4th Walnut Streets in downtown St. Louis which commemorates the action that occurred on May 26, 1780." Desmarais' detailed entry then illuminates this unique action. Then at the end of the War for Independence, Savage Point, GA (Savage Point is located at a bend in the Ogeechee River at Richmond Hill State Park.): "Gen. Wayne suffered 5 men and horses killed and 8 wounded. He captured a British standard, 127 horses, and a number of packs." (The Pennsylvania Packet or the General Advertiser. 11:924(August 15, 1782) p. 3) I hope that readers can use this guide to find for themselves that history truly "happened here" as they travel the breadth of America and Canada. Mark Hurwitz, Commander, Brigade of the American Revolution "...future generations will continue that long-held tradition of traveling from historic site to historic site, using this guide to enlighten them in their journeys." --Paul Ackermann, Past Commander, Brigade of the American Revolution. "a truly monumental undertaking." Norman Fuss, Corps of Engineers, King's Army in America. "...promises to be the closest thing we will ever see to a comprehensive catalog of the sites touched by the War of Independence." Gregory Urwin, Professor of History, Temple University. From the Author This volume covers 1013 battles, raids and skirmishes of the Revolutionary War in New Jersey, many of which do not get covered, even in the most detailed history books. The work also covers engagements between French or Spanish troops and Crown forces as well as raids by Native Americans instigated or led either by British officers and agents or by Congressional forces. It provides comprehensive, if not exhaustive, coverage of the military engagements of the American War of Independence. It also aims to serve as a guide to the sites and the military engagements. From the Back Cover Norman Desmarais carefully lays out the geographic and strategic contexts of each struggle and develops the human dimensions with anecdotes and stories. Conveniently organized by geographic location Maps and photos help retrace each battle in detail Websites noted for numerous historical organizations Abundant references to visitor centers, museums, and actual battleground sites