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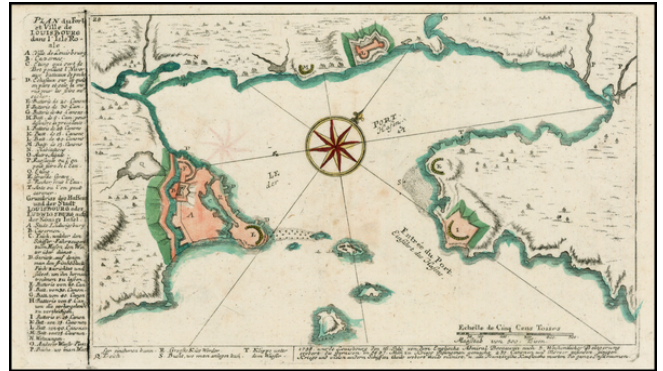
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Plan du Fort et Ville de Louisbourg dans L'Isle Ro=ale

Stock#: 27896
Map Maker: Heiden
Date: 1760
Place: Augsburg
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 12.5 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce plan of the Siege of Louisbourg and Isle Royale, from Heiden's *Americanische urquelle derer innerlichen kriege des bedrängten Teutschlands*. . .

Includes and extensive key locating approximately 20 points of interest.

In June 1758, The British navy was able to secure a landing area near the fortress. and James Wolfe led English whaleboats to the landing at Cormorandiere Cove on June 8 . They were surprised by a French ambush and the initial landing was repulsed. The winds changed, making it impossible to land, leaving the troops stuck offshore while being fired upon .

Wolfe ordered the boats to row further left and they were able to land and some 4,000 men within half an hour . Inside the fortress there were 4,000 French troops, 2,000 sailors and hundreds of Indians . Facing them were 14,000 regular British soldiers, colonial militia and sailors . The fortress suffered heavy bombardment for seven weeks, and the French commander Ducour was forced to surrender on July 27, 1758.

The French hoped to obtain the ' honors of war' after their defense, but Amherst refused, perhaps remembering the fate of those that surrendered at Fort Henry .Ducour and his officers resolved to die fighting, but agreed to Amherst's demands to prevent further suffering for the civilian population .The French reported 102 killed and the British reported 172 killed .It was too late to start an expedition against Quebec and would have to wait till the next year . The British, remembering that the fortress was handed back to the French after the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, reduced the fortress to rubble after the surrender of Quebec .

Detailed Condition: