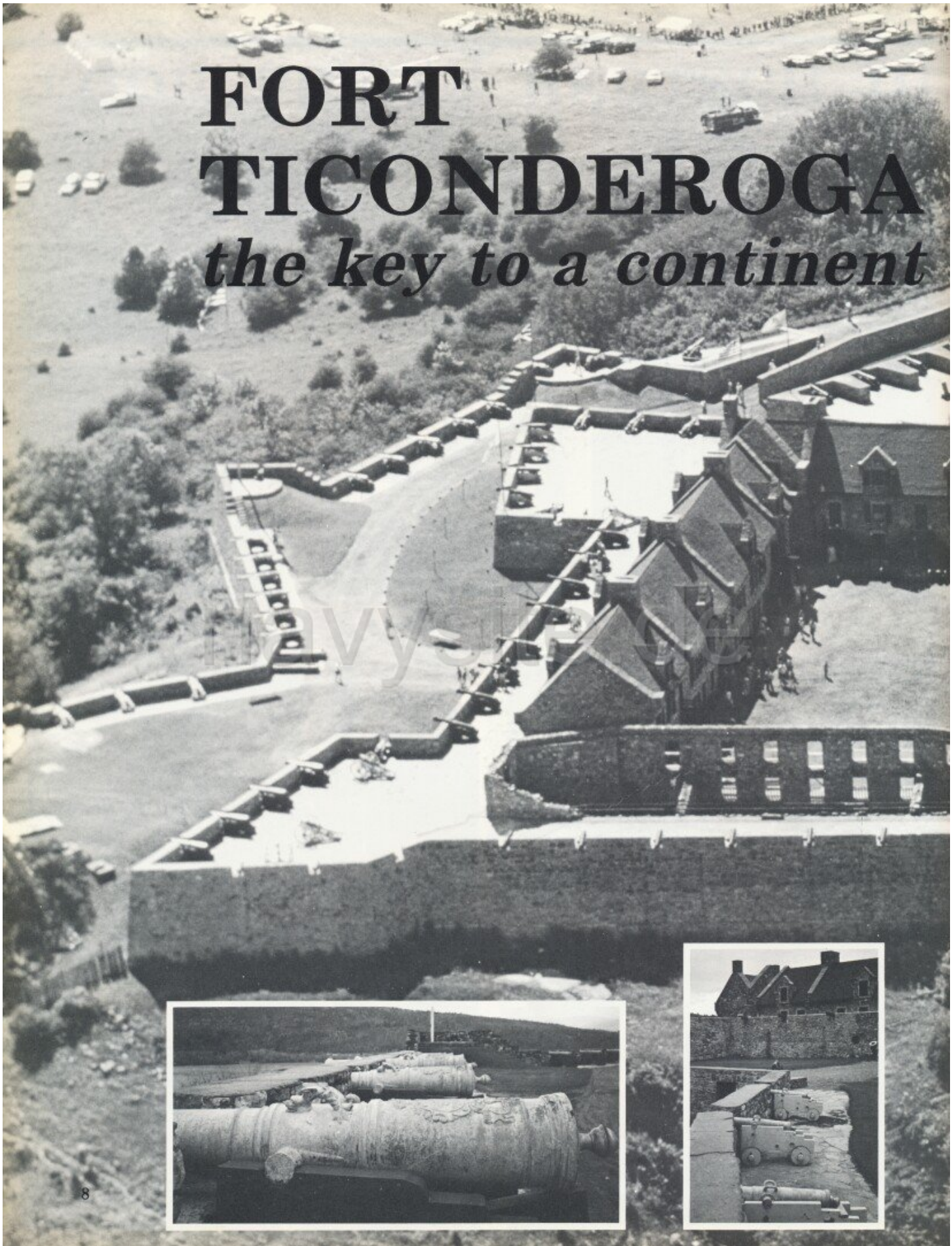


FORT TICONDEROGA

the key to a continent



The name **TICONDEROGA** is richly steeped in American history. Long before the American Revolutionary War, French and English pioneers penetrated the wilderness of what is now upper New York state. They discovered the excellent portage between Lake George and Lake Champlain. Iroquois Indians had named the spot **TICONDEROGA**, which means "between the waters." French forces in 1775 built a fort there because it offered an ideal strategic spot from which to control the surrounding waterways. They named it Carillon, which in French meant 'Chime of Bells.'

The most bitter period for **TICONDEROGA** followed its construction. Called the French and Indian War, in the middle 1750's the French and English each sought 'their' piece of the New World. The French were in command at Crown Point, 9 miles north of Ti, and the English had their foundations rooted at Lake George, 32 miles south of Ti. In the middle was a wilderness area called **TICONDEROGA**. Pictured 15,000 English troops sailing down a crystal clear lake 32 miles long. On July 5, 1758, with bagpipes echoing through the Adirondack mountains, the English flotilla was 6 miles long and ahead were 4,000 Frenchmen waiting at "Carillon." On this day the blood ran heavy as France's brilliant General Marquis de Montcalm put the run to the English's fumbling General Abercrombie. The following year, Montcalm having departed back to Quebec, assisting the defense of Montreal — General Jeffery Amherst and his 11,000 Englishmen pounced on the 2,000 Frenchmen left behind.

May 10, 1775 is the day **TICONDEROGA** entered the American history books. "America's First Victory" occurred early that morning as Ethan Allen and 83 of his Green Mountain Boys surprised the defending British garrison and captured the fort "In the name of great Jehovah and Continental Congress!" The guns, ammunition and heavy cannon which they captured assisted the American Army at the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Boston. Although **TICONDEROGA** was virtually just a shell without the cannon, it was the name that English general Burgoyne placed at the head of his list. Burgoyne's determination to recapture **TICONDEROGA** was just enough to delay his campaign south towards the colonies. This allowed American troops to build up their strength and deal a decisive defeat to the British at Saratoga.

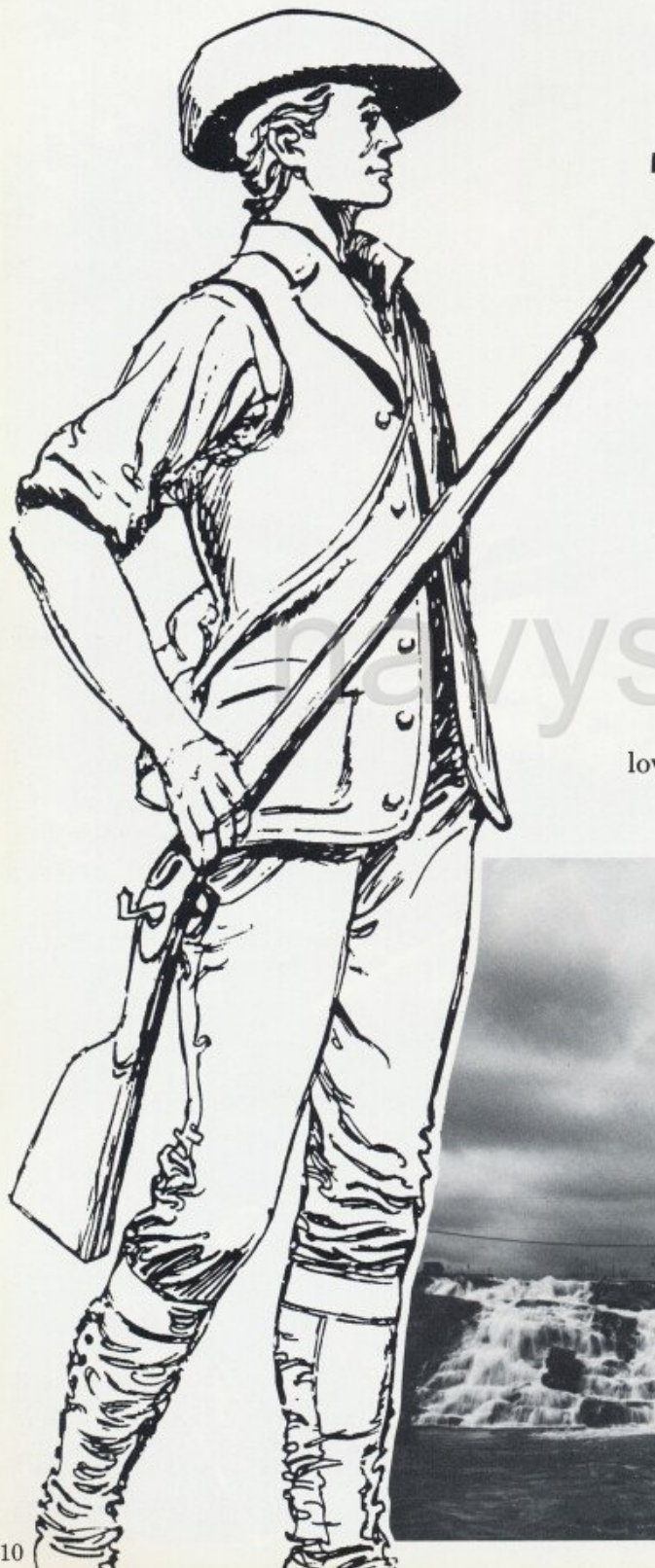
In September, 1820, a New York merchant, William Ferris Pell bought the fort and in 1908, Stephen Pell commenced restoration.



TICONDEROGA

HISTORIC PORTAGE

Dedicated to the People Of Ticonderoga, NY



The officers and crew of "TICO" take great pride in dedicating this cruisebook to the people of "Ti" New York. For it is their support, patriotism, and dedication that keeps alive the spirit that is the historic tradition of TICONDEROGA's past, present and future.

Thank you "Ti" for opening your hearts and your homes to us. We appreciate your letters, newspapers and words of encouragement during our deployments. We may be half way around the world, but you are always with us.

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