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The four-battalion (later increased to six) Royal American Regiment (60th Regiment of foot) was recruited in Germany and among the Swiss and German settlers in Pennsylvania and Maryland shortly after Braddock's defeat in 1755. Elements of the unit later participated in the siege of Fort Niagara (1759), the conquest of Quebec (1763), the Battle of Bushy Run (1763), and Colonel Henry Bouquet's expedition into central Ohio during Pontiac's War (1764). See:

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