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New Englanders Take Louisbourg, 1745 French soldiers at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Park. (Photo by Jocelyne Marchand The first siege of Louisbourg in 1745 had its immediate origins in the events of the previous year. On 18 March 1744, France had declared war on Britain and in early May this news reached Louisbourg. This gave the French an advantage as the English colonies still did not know war had been declared. Boston Evening-Post, London, July 8. 1744" X BOSTON. 's the Surrender of the City of Louisburgh or' Cape Breton, is at present the Subject of my Conversations, we hope the following Draught will be acceptable to our Readers, as it may serve to give them an Idea of the Situation and Strength of the Place, and render the News from thence more Intelligible. (1.) The Round Battery, at the Harbour's Mouth. 28 Guns, 24 Pounders. (2.) The Town North East Battery, 18 Four pounders on two faces. (3.) Three Bunkers, with two Guns each, eighteen pounders. (4.) A small Battery of Eight Guns, Nine Pounders. (5.) Demi Lune, or Circular Battery, of 16 Guns, 14 pounders. (6.) The Magazine. (7.) The Fort or Citadel, fortified distinctly from the Town, in which the Governor lived. (8.) Three Facing Batteries, erected by our People against the West Gate, Ut. (9.) The Grand Battery, of 36 Guns. 42 pounders, right against the Harbour's Mouth, Ut. (10.) A small Battery erected by the English near the Light House, cp;ts