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1749-55: SERVICES OF THE YOUNGER MARIN

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*Extract from the Memoir of Monsieur Marin fils, captain and chevalier of the military order of St. Louis.*⁹⁷

I was detailed in 1749 by Monsieur de La Galissonnière in order to go and command at la Pointe de Chegouamigon, an Indian post 500 leagues from Montreal, in order to have peace made, and secure tranquility among the nations, who were at war among themselves, and who even made war upon the French. I rendered these regions open to commerce in two years time.

In 1751, I went to perform service at Québec.

In 1752, I was detailed by Monsieur le marquis de La Jonquière, governor general of Canada, to go and relieve my father, who was commandant at that time on the upper part of the Mississippi. I had an order from this general to make discoveries among the nations, who were as yet unknown. This I did during two years, covering on foot more than two thousand leagues sometimes in snow, sometimes amid ice, running a thousand dangers among barbarous nations and wearied by fatigues of every sort. I conquered, in these two years, more than twenty nations, that I made submissive to France, and these have since waged war for us. I had peace made between the Renards, Sakis, Puans, Sioux of the Lakes, Sioux of the Prairies, and Folles Avoines and the Illinois. This peace was of the greatest consequence, for if these nations had not been reconciled, the French of the colony established at the Cahau [Cahokia] at the forts of Chartres and the Cas [Kaskaskia] would have been obliged to abandon their settlements.

In 1754 I went to perform my service at Québec.

In 1755, I was detailed by Monsieur Duquesne, then governor general of Canada to return to the upper Mississippi in order to restrain the nations who occupy these regions.

⁹⁷ Additional details of the career of Joseph la Malgue, Sieur Marin, are found in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 315; and *Canada Roy. Soc. Proc.*, 2nd series, x, pp. 25-35.—ED.