



General Winfield Scott and his gray-clad regulars at the Battle of Chippewa, 5 July 1814. The Battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane (on 25 July 1814) during the War of 1812 were the proving grounds of a professionalized U.S. soldiery. Scott trained his troops for 10 hours a day to prepare them to stand in battle against the best British infantry, which included veteran officers with much experience in the peninsular campaign against Napoleon. These battles showed that the American Army had become a professional fighting force.