

## Fog in the Forest

The Indians attacked Uncas, Chingachgook and Hawkeye with their knives and tomahawks. One of the Indians tried to escape with Cora.

"No! No!"

When Uncas heard her screams, he threw his tomahawk and killed the Indian. He took Cora by the hand and led her away from the fighting.

"Save my sister, Alice. You've done enough for me."

Uncas looked into her eyes and touched her face, then he ran back to the fighting.

They were able to kill all the Huron Indians except Magua. He escaped again. Chingachgook was not happy.

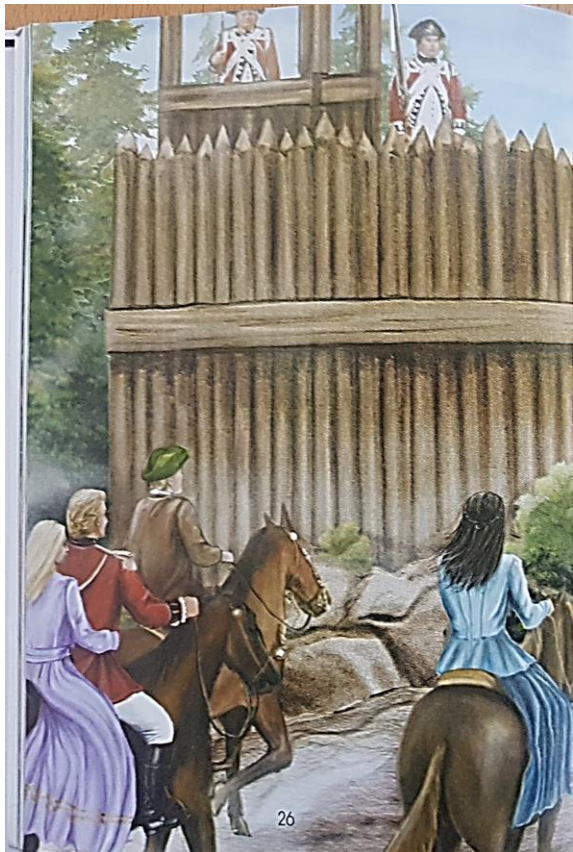
"He is the clever fox, but if the clever fox is not killed, he will return to kill."

The sun had risen and it was time for them to ride to Fort Henry. Hawkeye, Uncas, and Chingachgook walked, as they could move faster that way, through the forest they knew so well.

They reached an open area near a green hill with an old stone house on top of it. The party stopped and Uncas and Chingachgook walked quietly towards the hill. There were long sticks in the ground and it was deserted. Heyward spoke to Hawkeye quietly.

"What's going on?"

"This is the Mohicans' burial ground. The last of their tribe



were killed here. Uncas and Chingachgook are the only two left."

Everyone watched in silence as Uncas and Chingachgook walked over this sacred ground.

It began to get foggy as they got close to Fort Henry. They stopped on a mountain where they could see the top of the fort. They heard gunfire and the sound of troops moving through the forest. They had to move quickly, but they could only see ten feet in front of them.

They heard a great 'boom!' which came from Fort Henry, and cannonballs began to break the trees down. They could hear gunshots, and Uncas, Chingachgook and Hawkeye ran ahead of the horses. They wanted to reach the fort safely and quickly.

They saw some shadows and they realised they were soldiers.

"Are they English troops or French?"

"Shhh!"

The Indians were no longer sure which way to move. They were walking slowly and carefully forward.

"I think I see Fort Henry!"

They heard two rifle shots. French troops surrounded them. The Indians yelled out, and the horses got scared and began to run away.

"Cora, I'm falling! I'm falling!"

"Hang on, dear. We're almost there."

"I can't! I can't!"

Colonel Munro was standing on top of the fortress walls. He heard his daughters' voices.

"Lower the drawbridge! My daughters are out there!"

