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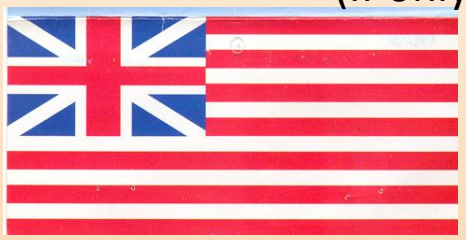


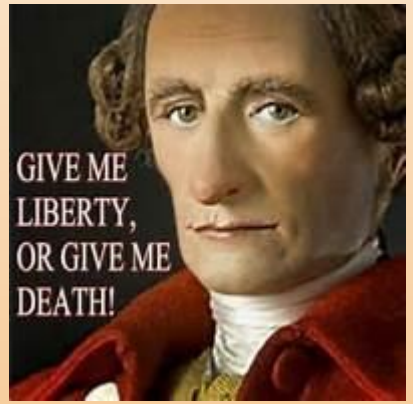
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CONTINUES

FROM MORRISTOWN TO VALLEY FORGE

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO WASHINGTON? (WINTER IN MORRISTOWN)

"THE BATTLE, SIR, IS NOT TO THE STRONG ALONE, IT IS TO THE VIGILANT, THE ACTIVE, THE BRAVE."

- PATRICK HENRY



- **ARMY WASTES AWAY TO NOTHING**
  - **ENLISTMENTS UP**
  - **TROOPS GO HOME**
- **WASHINGTON'S PROBLEMS**
  - **HIS GENERALS: ARGUE AMONG SELVES ABOUT WHO COULD DO A BETTER JOB.**
  - **THE CONGRESS: DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED WITH REQUESTS**
  - **THE COLONIES: HUSBANDED SUPPLIES FOR THEIR OWN MILITIAS**

"ON THE JOB TRAINEE ARMY"

GENERAL WASHINGTON'S ARMY, THE CONGRESS, AND THE COLONIES

WASHINGTON GROWS AS A GENERAL

- **CAN'T GIVE SUBORDINATE GENERALS TOO MUCH FREEDOM**
- **LEARNED TO BE A COMMANDER**
- **BATTLE STRATEGY**
  - **HIT AND RUN**
  - **TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL**
    - **SAVED LIVES**
    - **SAVED RESOURCES**
    - **MORE COSTLY TO BRITISH AND HESSIANS**
      - **WEAR THEM DOWN**
      - **IMMOBILIZE**
      - **CONTAIN**

- **FOREIGN FORCES COME FORWARD TO ASSIST**
  - **DECLARATION OF WAR DIVERTS BRITISH ATTENTION**
  - **FRENCH AND SPANISH LOGISTICAL SUPPORT LET WASHINGTON CONTINUE TO FIGHT ON HIS OWN TERMS**
  - **POLICY: AMERICAN TROOPS UNDER AMERICAN COMMAND (200+ YEARS)**

GENERAL WASHINGTON'S ARMY, THE CONGRESS, AND THE COLONIES (CONT'D)

WASHINGTON AND THE CONGRESS

- **CONGRESS FEARS AN OCCUPATION ARMY (SEE CONSTITUTION WHEN WE GET THERE).**
- **GIVE WASHINGTON A FREE HAND.**
- **EXPECTATIONS:**
  - **LIVE OFF THE LAND**
  - **STOP PESTERING THEM**
  - **HOPE HE'LL DO AS THE BRITISH DO**
- **WASHINGTON REFUSES TO ABUSE LOYALISTS (TORIES) AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN OUT OF THE FIGHT**
  - **TURNS THOSE WHO REFUSE OVER TO THE BRITISH**
  - **REFUSES TO USE "QUARTERING ACT" TACTICS (UNTIL UNAVOIDABLE)**
  - **REFUSES TO TAKE THEIR FOOD, CLOTHING, HOMES**

GENERAL WASHINGTON'S ARMY, THE CONGRESS, AND THE COLONIES (CONT'D)

WASHINGTON AND THE COLONIES

- **WASHINGTON REFERRED TO "THE UNITED STATES"**
  - **COLONIES THOUGHT OF THEMSELVES AS SEPARATE STATES**
  - **COLONIES WERE "HELPING" THE CAUSE BUT WERE STILL CONCERNED WITH OWN ISSUES.**
- **COLONIES IRRITATED BY WASHINGTON'S ACTIONS:**
  - **MELDED ALL MEN FROM ALL COLONIES INTO ONE ARMY**
  - **USED SUPPLIES FROM COLONIES FOR ALL HIS MEN**
- **COLONIES BELIEVED THEY WERE SOVEREIGN IN A CONFEDERATION**
  - **MY STUFF IS FOR MY PEOPLE**

  OR
  - **FAILED TO PROVIDE ANY SUPPLIES WHEN ASKED**

MORRISTOWN WINTER OF 1777

(start at 2:15:35)

- MORALE IS AT LOWEST POINT
- ARMY IS DEPLETED
  - TOO FEW TO MAN DEFENSES
  - NEED TIME TO REBUILD
- CONCERNED ABOUT THE BRITISH
  - GENERAL HOWE CONTENT TO STAY WARM
  - EUROPEAN ARMIES DON'T FIGHT IN WINTER
  - WAITING FOR SUPPLIES FROM ENGLAND AND CANADA
- LOCAL MILITIAS
  - HIT AND RUN ON THE BRITISH
  - RELIEVE PRESSURE ON WASHINGTON

GIVES IT TO HIM

GENRAL HOWE

- ✓ KNOWS WASHINGTON IS **THE REVOLUTION**
  - ✓ REMOVE HIM= OVER
  - ✓ COULD HAVE DONE IT IN MORRISTOWN
- ✓ CATCH THE "GRAY FOX" IN THE SPRING

MORRISTOWN WINTER OF 1777 (CONT'D)

MONEY IS THE MOTHER'S MILK OF POLITICS
COURAGE AND LOYALTY IS THE MOTHER'S MILK OF ARMIES

THE SITUATION AS SPRING COMES

- LAST YEAR'S FORCE STAYS HOME
  - REBUILD LIVES
  - TAKE CARE OF FAMILY
    - "AGRICULTURAL NATION" NEEDED TO TEND TO THE FARMS
  - FIGHT ON AS LOCAL MILITIA
- ENLISTMENTS GO UP
  - FRESH OUTLOOK
    - HAD NOT BEEN THROUGH A SWELTERING SUMMER
    - SPARED THE HARSH WINTER FIGHT
    - STATES OFFER ENLISTMENT BOUNTIES
    - STATES OFFER ENLISTMENT V. JAIL
      - VAGRANTS
      - CRIMINALS
- TRAINED BY A VETERAN CORE FORCE
  - DISADVANTAGED BY THE ECONOMY
  - FOUND A HOME IN THE ARMY: NO TIES, NO FAMILY TO HOLD THEM BACK
  - REENLISTMENT SOARS
  - PRODUCES A VETERAN ARMY
    - DISCIPLINED
    - EXPERIENCED

CONGRESS AS THE FIGHT CONTINUES

- NO POWER OVER THE STATES
- CANNOT PROVIDE ITS PROMISE
- CANNOT OFFER INCENTIVES
  - STATES BUILD THEIR OWN MILITIAS

BEN FRANKLIN TO THE RESCUE

GAINS SUPPORT FROM EUROPE

- PUTS WASHINGTON IN GOOD SHAPE
- BYPASSES STATES

MORRISTOWN SPRING OF 1777

GENERAL WASHINGTON CONCERNED

- **WHAT IS GENERAL HOWE DOING?**
  - NO ORDERS FROM LONDON
  - CONTEMPT FOR AMERICANS AS FIGHTERS
  - WASHINGTON STRIKES AND DISAPPEARS
    - "UNGENTLEMANLY"
    - "UNSOLDIERLY"

- **GENERAL LEE (CAPTURED BEFORE TRENTON) GAVE HOWE A PLAN TO DEFEAT WASHINGTON**
  - AFRAID HE WAS TO BE EXECUTED AS A DESERTER FROM BRITISH ARMY
  - IN CUSTODY FOR 16 MONTHS

- **HOWE WANTS STRONG FORCE AND SECURE SUPPLY LINES**
  - WON'T MOVE WITHOUT IT.
  - CONTENT TO SIT IN NEW YORK CITY

THE SITUATION IN GREAT BRITIAN

- **KING**
  - **STILL THINKS THE COLONISTS LOVE HIM**
  - **TREASURY IS DRAINED**
  - **THOUGHT COLONIES COULD NOT GOVERN SELVES AND WOULD FALL IN LINE OVER TIME.**

- **NOT A POPULAR WAR AT HOME**
  - **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SIDE WITH COLONIES**
  - **MEMBERS ARE TIRED OF THE COSTS**

- **KING WANTS TO TAKE HIS TIME**
  - **EASIER NOT TO FIGHT WITH PARLIAMENT**
  - **THOUGHT COLONIES MIGHT GET TIRED OF THE FIGHT AND JUST GO AWAY**

ALL THIS WORKS FOR HOWE: NOT EAGER TO FIGHT

WHAT DOES WASHINGTON THINK OF ALL THIS?

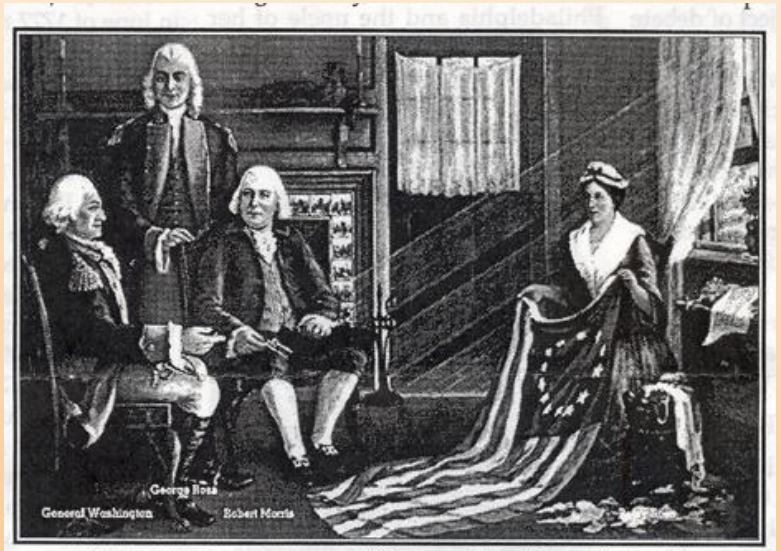
HE HAS TO ACT

- **FIGHT WHILE HIS TROOPS ARE EAGER AND FIT.**
- **IDLE ARMY GETS IN TROUBLE**

- **THERE IS A COST TO MEN AND MATERIEL**
  - **MORE MEN DIE IN CAMP THAN IN BATTLE**

- **DRILLING AND MARCHING LEADS TO BOREDOM**
  - **DISCIPLE PROBLEMS**
  - **DESERTION**

JUNE 1777 SEES SOME BIG AND LITTLE CHANGES



CASPER WEISGERBER PAINTING *"BIRTH OF OUR NATION'S FLAG"* DEPICTING BETSY ROSS SHOWING THE COMPLETED FLAG TO GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, COLONEL GEORGE ROSS AND ROBERT MORRIS

- NEW FLAG ADOPTED BY CONGRESS: JUNE 14

- HOWE TRIES TO BRING WASHINGTON ON TO THE FIELD, BUT SPIES FOREWARN THE "GRAY FOX" AND HE ESCAPES BACK INTO THE HILLS

- HOWE QUITS THE COLONY OF NEW JERSEY BY THE END OF THE MONTH
  - KNOWS HOW DEADLY WASHINGTON'S SHARPSHOOTERS CAN BE.
  - DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT IN THE DENSE WOODS.

- GENERAL BURGOYNE HAS ENTERED CANADA AND IS MOVING SOUTH
  - HUDSON VALLEY
  - ALBANY

- WASHINGTON STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HOWE WILL GO!

AMERICAN FORCE DIVIDES TO COVER COLONIES

WASHINGTON CONCERNED ABOUT GENERAL HOWE

SPLITS HIS FORCES

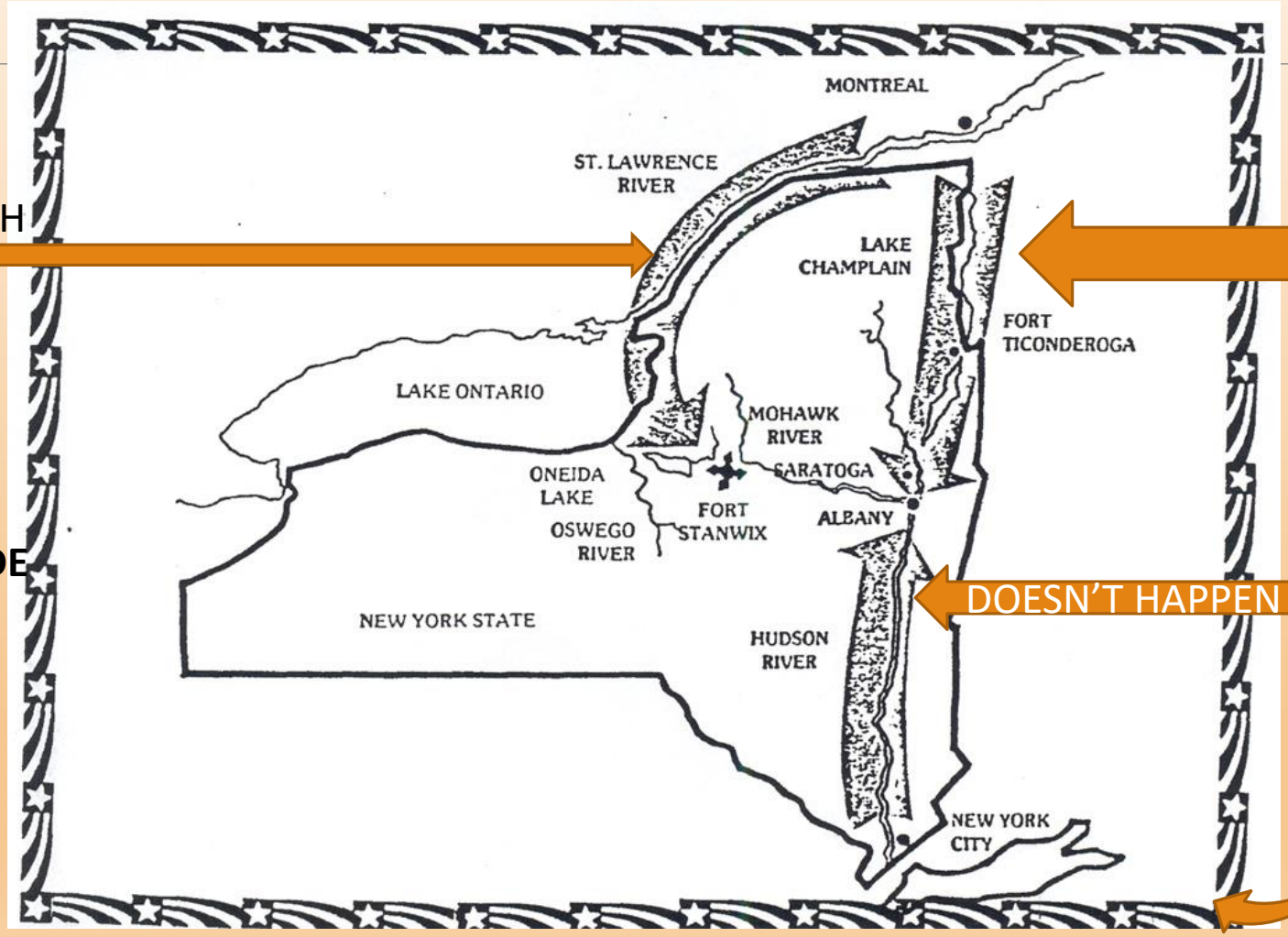
- SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT GENERALS
  - WASHINGTON (COMMANDING)
  - GREENE
  - LAFAYETTE
  - PULASKI
  - SULLIVAN
  - WAYNE
  - CONWAY
- NORTHERN DEPARTMENT GENERALS
  - GATES (COMMANDING)
  - ARNOLD
  - SCHUYLER (FIRED AS COMMANDER OF THE NORTH AFTER TICONDEROGA FELL)
  - STARK
  - MORGAN

DIVIDE AND CONQUER (10:28-)

ST. LEGER AND JOSEPH BRANT

IDEA: ISOLATE NEW ENGLAND (1/3 OF THE POPULATION) AND DIVIDE THE COLONIES

WAR OVER!



GEN BURGOYNE

DOESN'T HAPPEN

GEN HOWE

GOES SOUTH

GEN JOHN BURGOYNE “GENTLEMAN JOHNNY”

- **POLTICIAN**
- **DRAMATIST**
- **BEST CAVALRYMAN IN THE ARMY**

- HAD A PLAN TO SPLIT THE AMERICAN FORCES IN NEW YORK **BUT! (2:18:01)**
  - CAPTURED TICONDEROGA THEN HAD A PARTY!
    - GAVE AMERICANS TIME TO BLOCK THE ROADS
    - ALTERNATE ROUTE TOOK HIM INTO A SWAMP
  - GEN HOWE WENT TO PHILADELPHIA INSTEAD OF GOING NORTH TO SUPPORT HIM
  - LTC ST. LEGER WAS FOOLED INTO THINKING HE WAS GOING TO FACE A MUCH LARGER FORCE SO HE RETREATED.

LTC BARRY ST. LEGER

- BORN IN IRELAND
- FOUGHT IN FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR
  - LEARNED TACTICS OF THE NATIVE AMERICANS
- PARTICIPATED IN BATTLE OF QUEBEC
- DEFEATED AMERICANS AT BATTLE OF ORISKANY
- FORCES ROUTED BY AMERICANS AT FORT STANWIX
- NEVER ADVANCED TO SUPPORT BURGOYNE AT SARATOGA
- REMAINS IN CANADA UNTIL 1785 AND THEN DISAPPEARS FROM HISTORY.

"As a commander St. Leger was neither inspiring or inspired."

SIX NATIONS OF THE IROQUOIS

BRITISH ALLIES

MOHAWK

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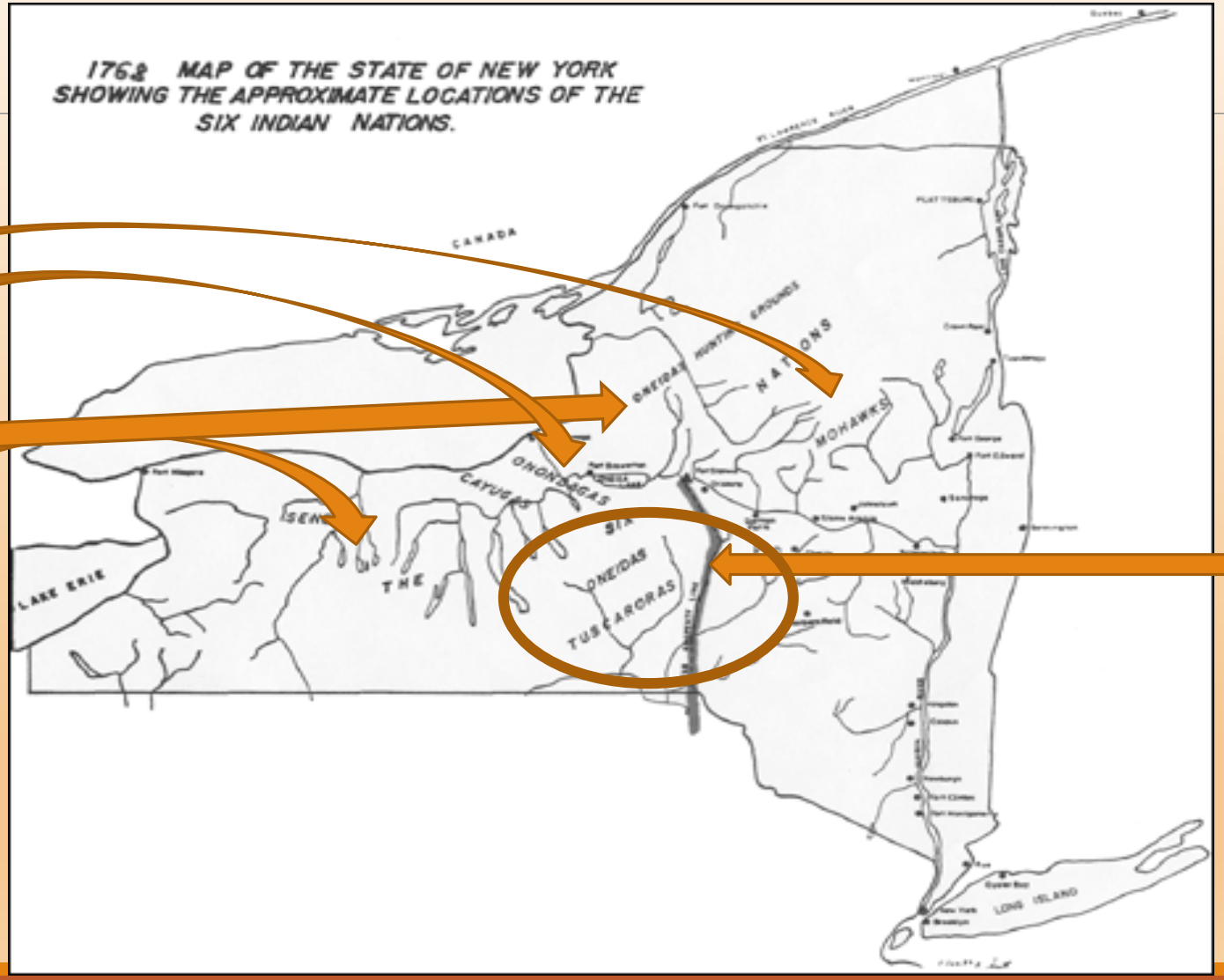

AMERICAN ALLIES

ONEIDA

TUSCARORA

THE GUESSING GAME

BURGOYNE

- MOVED SOUTH ON FORT TICONDEROGA
  - INDIANS CAPTURE THE FORT
  - TAKES FORT WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT
- EXPECTS HOWE TO ASSIST
- HOWE WENT SOUTH INSTEAD
- YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN SON!
  - ST. LEGER
  - JOSEPH BRANT (IROQUOIS ALLY)

WASHINGTON WAITED ON HOWE

- HOWE LEFT NEW YORK WITH 13,000 TROOPS
- SET OUT TO BLOCK HIM MOVING NORTH
- OOPS, HOWE WENT SOUTH (2:24:30)
- 7000 MEN LEFT IN NEW YORK
- WASHINGTON MOVED SOUTH
  - **COASTWATCHERS KEEP HIM AWARE.**

2:17 Ticonderoga

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMANDERS

CHIEF JOSEPH BRANT (THAYENDANEGEA)

- **MOHAWK MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADER**
- **CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY**

- **LED MOHAWK AND COLONIAL LOYALISTS**

- **LED 4 OF THE 6 IROQUOIS NATIONS**

SIX NATIONS AND THEIR POSITION ON THE REVOLUTION

"We are unwilling to join either side of such a contest, for we love you both, Old England and New. Should the Great King of England apply us for aid, we should deny him - and should the colonies apply, we shall refuse. We Indians cannot find or recollect from the traditions of our ancestors any like case."

- NEUTRALITY DID NOT LAST LONG
- PRESSURED FROM BOTH SIDES
  - ENGLISH: KEEP YOUR WORD
  - AMERICANS: WE NEED YOUR HELP
- SIX NATIONS SPLIT BOTH BETWEEN AND WITHIN:RAIDED EACH OTHER'S VILLAGES ALSO:
  - JOSEPH AND MOLLY BRANT LED IROQUOIS ON RAIDS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA
  - ONEIDA AND TUSCARORA
    - SCOUTS AND GUIDES FOR CONTINENTALS
    - PROVIDED SOLDIERS

GENERAL HOWE'S OPTIONS

- MOVE SOUTH ON PHILADELPHIA
  - THREATEN CONGRESS
  - BRING WASHINGTON OUT ON TO THE FIELD TO FIGHT
- INVADE NEW ENGLAND TO DIVIDE THE COLONIES
  - INVADE THE HUDSON VALLEY

WASHINGTON DECIDES: HOWE WILL GO SOUTH

- ARRAYS PARTS OF THE ARMY TO COUNTER OTHER MOVES
- DRAW HOWE SOUTH QUICKLY TO EXPOSE SUPPLY LINES
- MOVES OUT OF MORRISTOWN IN MAY 1777

(2:27:05-2:28:10)

NORTHERN DEPARTMENT

ACTIONS

BATTLE OF ORISKANY

6 AUGUST 1777

BRITISH SUCCESS AT FORT TICONDEROGA

MARCH ON FORT STANWIX

ORISKANY: MOST VIOLENT BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR!!!

BRITISH UNDER ST. LEGER WITH JOSEPH BRANT'S IROQUOIS: 1500 MEN

- LAY SIEGE TO FORT STANWIX
  - AMERICANS UNDER GEN. HERKIMER TRY TO SAVE THE MEN IN THE FORT (750)
  - PLANS AN ASSAULT FROM THE FORT AND HIMSELF TO SURPRISE BRITISH
- ST. LEGER: AMBUSH 800 MILITIA UNDER GEN. HERKIMER (MOSTLY GERMAN AND DUTCH)
- HERKIMER ACCUSED OF BEING A TRAITOR FOR NOT MOVING ON FORT STANWIX FAST ENOUGH (SIGNAL NOT HEARD: 3 cannon shots)
  - FAMILY MEMBERS FOUGHT FOR THE BRITISH (BROTHER)
  - CHARGES FORWARD INTO AMBUSH (SCOUTS MISS IT)
  - WOUNDED- DIRECTS BATTLE FROM UNDER A TREE
    - DIES OF WOUNDS AFTER AMPUTATION OF LEG
  - HAND TO HAND
  - TOMAHAWKS
  - BRUTAL FIGHT: ½ AMERICAN FORCE KILLED OR WOUNDED BUT HOLD
  - INDIANS FLEE (THINK ST. LEGER'S MEN WANT THEM DEAD SO THEY ALSO FIRE ON THEIR BRITISH ALLIES)

[NOTE: ORISKANY COMES FROM THE NAME OF THE ONEIDA VILLAGE ORISKA NEAR THE AMBUSH SITE]

ORISKANY CONT'D

- EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF
  - COULDN'T SEE 30 FEET IN FRONT OF YOU (WOODS)
  - AMERICANS FIGHT IN PAIRS TO KEEP INDIANS FROM CHARGING WITH TOMAHAWKS
  - HEAVY RAIN STOPS THE FIGHT
  - AMERICANS RE-GROUP IN A CIRCLE
  - ONEIDA CHIEF'S DAUGHTER FIGHTS (15)
  - SIX HOURS OF HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING!

- BENEDICT ARNOLD ROUTS ST. LEGER'S FORCE AND THEY QUIT THEIR SIEGE ON STANWIX. (BLUFF WITH A BUFFOON: Gave a spy, Han Yost Schuyler, A chance to save himself if he would spread rumors of a larger force)
  - ST. LEGER RETREATS
    - THINKS THE FORCE IS GREATER THAN IT IS.
    - CAN'T LINK UP WITH BURGOYNE
- FORT STANWIX IS SAVED
- INDIANS NEVER AGAIN AN EFFECTIVE FORCE FOR BRITISH (LOST TOO MANY MEN)
- BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY BUT!!
  - AMERICANS LOST AT LEAST 400
  - BRITISH STOPPED RE-SUPPLY OF FORT STANWIX

BATTLE OF BENNINGTON
16 AUGUST 1777

A REALLY BIG DEAL OF A BATTLE THAT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT!

AMERICANS

- **GEN. JOHN STARK: 2000 MEN**
- **GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS (COL. SETH WARNER—ETHAN ALLEN A PRISONER)**

BRITISH

- **LTC BAUM (HESSIAN): 700 MEN**
  - **CANADIANS**
  - **HESSIAN DRAGOONS (CAVALRY- DISMOUNTED)**
  - **LOYALISTS**
  - **INDIANS**

BRITISH SENT TO RAID BENNINGTON FOR HORSES, DRAFT ANIMALS, AND WHATEVER THEY COULD FIND OF USE.

ST. LEGER WAS ROUTED

HOWE DECIDED TO GO TO PHILADELPHIA

BURGOYNE WAS ON HIS OWN. NEEDED STUFF TO CONTINUE HIS PLAN

BENNINGTON (CONT'D)

- BAUM ENTERS BENNINGTON------- THINKS THERE'S FEW REBELS THERE OOPS!!!!
- AMERICANS UNDER STARK 1500 STRONG SITTING THERE WAITING
- RAIN CAUSES A DELAY FOR A DAY AND A HALF (DAMPENS POWDER, MAKES MUSKETS USELESS)
- AMERICANS CIRCLE THE BRITISH: KILL BAUM, TAKE MOST PRISONER
- BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE AFTER THE BATTLE: RESTART
- BRITISH DRIVEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSSES

- SO, WHY DO WE CARE?
  - REDUCED BURGOYNE'S ARMY BY 1000 MEN
  - INDIANS LEAVE HIM
  - LOSES VALUABLE SUPPLIES

ALL THESE FACTORS LEAD TO BURGOYNE'S DEFEAT AT SARATOGA!!!!

- PLUS!!!
  - HELPED BRING FRANCE INTO THE WAR WITH THE AMERICANS
  - SOLIDIFIED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AMONG THE COLONISTS

BENNINGTON (CONT'D)

STARK RALLIES HIS MEN: " THERE ARE YOUR ENEMIES, THE RED COATS AND THE TORIES. THEY ARE OURS OR THIS NIGHT MOLLY STARK SLEEPS A WIDOW."

HESSIANS (DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH) WERE TOLD THAT TORIES HAD BITS OF WHITE PAPER IN THEIR HATS: DON'T FIRE ON THEM!

STARK ORDERS HIS MEN TO PUT WHITE PAPER IN THEIR HATS AS WELL.

GERMAN AND BRITISH LOSSES: 207 DEAD, 700 CAPTURED

AMERICAN LOSSES: 30 DEAD, 40 WOUNDED.

INDIANS HOLD COUNCIL: GO HOME

BURGOYNE HAS NO SUPPLIES: LEADS TO HIS DECISION TO SURRENDER AT SARATOGA

FRENCH ENTER THE WAR AFTER SARATOGA!!

THE AMERICANS AT SARATOGA

(2:37: 50- 2:38:17)

SLOWDOWN OF BURGOYNE'S FORCES ALLOWED TIME FOR WASHINGTON AND HIS GENERALS

- **GATHER MILITIA**
- **TRANSFER FORCES FROM THE SOUTH**
- **BLOCKED BURGOYNE'S ADVANCE**
  - **BURGOYNE HAD TO FIGHT TO GET THROUGH!!**

- **GENERAL GATES (SAME GUY KICKED OUT BEFORE TRENTON)**
- **GENERAL SCHUYLER (FIRED AS NORTHERN COMMANDER AFTER THE LOSS OF TICONDEROGA)**
- **GENERAL MORGAN'S SHARPSHOOTERS (FROM THE SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT).**
- **GENERAL LINCOLN**
- **GENERAL KOSCIUSKO (POLISH GENERAL VOLUNTEER)**

MEANWHILE, UP NORTH

BATTLE OF SARATOGA (FREEMAN'S FARM)

(2:39:50- 2:42:20)

SEPTEMBER 19, 1777

GENERAL BURGOYNE

- **7200 MEN (BRITISH AND HESSIANS)**
- **MOVED DOWN FROM CANADA**
  - **LAKE CHAMPLAIN**
    - **TOOK FORT TICONDEROGA**
    - **TOOK TWO OTHER STRONGHOLDS FROM AMERICANS**
    - **CARRIED OVER 30 WAGONS OF PROVISIONS**
    - **2000 WOMEN AND SERVANTS**
  - **LAKE GEORGE (DIDN'T USE IT—BIG MISTAKE)**
  - **THERE WAS A STRAIGHT ROAD AVAILABLE!**
- **LOST MEN AND PROVISIONS AT BENNINGTON**
- **LOST ST. LEGER'S FORCE AT ORISKANY AND FORT STANWIX**
- **EXPECTS GENERAL CLINTON TO AID FROM NEW YORK BY TRAVELING UP THE HUDSON TO MEET HIM IN ALBANY.**

DECIDED TO GO OVERLAND INSTEAD

- **SPENT 3 WEEKS CUTTING DOWN TREES**
- **BUILT BRIDGES**

THE BATTLE COMMENCES

BURGOYNE'S RIGHT WING CLASHES WITH GATES IN THE AFTERNOON

- BATTLE LASTS UNTIL SUNSET
- EACH SIDE LOSES 500-600 MEN!
- AMERICANS ARE PUMPED! THEY HELD BACK BRITAIN'S BEST SOLDIERS
- GENERAL ARNOLD SAVES THE DAY FOR THE AMERICANS
- GENERAL GATES FAILS TO USE 4000 MEN TO CAPTURE BURGOYNE'S SUPPLIES
- GENERAL GATES FAILS TO SUPPORT ARNOLD
- GATES GIVES ARNOLD NO CREDIT FOR HIS ACTIONS

EACH SIDE STRENGTHENS ITS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OVERNIGHT

- REMAIN CLOSE TO EACH OTHER (JUST OUTSIDE CANNON RANGE)
- BURGOYNE IS HOPING FOR CLINTON'S FORCE TO ARRIVE TO PRESS THE ATTACK
  - CLINTON ATTACKING FORTS ON THE HUDSON THAT PREVENT MOVEMENT.
  - INDIANS AND CANADIANS DESERT (NEWS OF ORISKANY AND BENNINGTON FINALLY MAKE IT TO THEM)
- GATE'S ARMY IS CONTINUING TO BE REINFORCED BY MILITIA
  - ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE TICONDEROGA (FAIL)
  - MURDER OF JANE McCREA IN JULY SPARKED ANGER AND REINFORCEMENTS (2:36:30-2:38:16)

BURGOYNE MAKES HIS DECISION

BRITISH FORCE NOW LESS THAN 6000 MEN

WATCHES GATES' FORCE GROW DAILY

DECIDES TO ATTACK

- **LOSING SUPPLIES**
- **TROOPS COOPED UP, CAUSES TENSIONS, MORALE DOWN**
- **HOLDS THE HIGH GROUND**
- **HAS HESSIANS AVAILABLE TO HOLD THE RIGHT FLANK**
- **AMERICANS STRENGTHENED**
  - **GEN. LINCOLN AND 2000 MEN**
  - **GEN KOSCIUSKO STRENGTHEN THE ENTIRE LINE OF DEFENSE**
- **BURGOYNE TAKES 1500 MEN AND CANNON AND HEADS INTO THE AMERICAN LINE.**

BATTLE OF SARATOGA (BEMIS HEIGHTS) (2:44:20-2:50:30)

BRITISH (BURGOYNE)

- 6600 MEN IN TOTAL
  - 670 KILLED OR WOUNDED
  - 5900 CAPTURED

AMERICANS (GATES)

- 6600 MEN
  - 130 KILLED OR WOUNDED

GEN. CLINTON WAS SUCCESSFUL ON THE HUDSON

- DESTROYED TWO AMERICAN FORTS
- HAD SHIPS TO RE-SUPPLY BURGOYNE
- SENT A DETACHMENT OF 1700 MEN TOWARDS BURGOYNE
- HOWEVER!!!!!
  - NO IDEA WHAT BURGOYNE WAS DOING
  - RETIRED BACK TO NEW YORK

WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED??????????????????

THIS

BRITISH

- **BURGOYNE CHARGES FORWARD WITH HIS 1500 MAN UNIT**
  - **ENGLISH AND HESSIAN**
  - **LINED UP AGAINST GATES**

AMERICANS

- **GATES DOESN'T WAIT TO BE ATTACKED**
  - **SENDS FORCES OUT TO PUSH AGAINST THE RIGHT OF THE BRITISH (2400)**
  - **ISOLATES THE HESSIANS SO THEY CAN'T SUPPORT THE CENTER OF THE BRITISH LINE**
  - **CAN'T BREAK THE BRITISH LINES**
- **ARNOLD ARRIVES ON THE SCENE!**
  - **FIRED BY GATES FOR COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING SNUBBED FOR HIS ACTIONS IN THE EARLIER FIGHT**
  - **COULDN'T JUST SIT AND WATCH FAILURE**
    - **TOOK COMMAND OF HIS OLD UNIT AGAINST GATES' COMMANDS**
    - **RODE INTO THE CENTER OF THE BRITISH LINES.**

ARNOLD TAKES THE FIELD

ARNOLD DRIVES HIS MEN FORWARD AGAINST GATES' COMMANDS

- **CLOSED THE ATTACK ON THE BRITISH LINE**
- **ORDERS MORGAN'S SHARPSHOOTERS TO KILL THE LEADING BRITISH COMMANDER (FRASER)**
  - **WHEN TOLD HE IS BEING TARGETED, FRASER RESPONDS, "MY DUTY FORBIDS ME TO FLY FROM DANGER"**
- **BRITISH RETREAT BACK TO THEIR CAMP WITH ARNOLD ON THEIR HEELS**
  - **ARNOLD IS WOUNDED IN THE SAME LEG THAT WAS STRUCK IN QUEBEC**
  - **CARRIED OFF THE FIELD**
- **AMERICANS CONTINUE THE ATTACK INTO THE HESSIAN CAMP**
- **BURGOYNE RETIRES TO HIGH GROUND NEAR THE HUDSON RIVER WAITING FOR AN ATTACK THE NEXT DAY**
  - **GATES HELD BACK**
  - **BLOCKS ANY RETREAT**
  - **BRITISH ABANDON SUPPLIES AND WOUNDED TO THE AMERICANS (YOU NEVER DO THAT!!!)**

THE END

(2:50:34-2:51:50)

BRITISH FORCED TO SURRENDER (OUTMANNED 18-20,000 TO 5900)

- SIGNS THE SARATOGA CONVENTION (Devised by General Gates)
  - BURGOYNE AND HIS ARMY WILL BE RETURNED TO ENGLAND--- NEVER PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR AGAIN
- **WASHINGTON IS FURIOUS**
  - DOESN'T RULE OUT REPLACEMENT UNITS FROM COMING TO AMERICA
  - BURGOYNE'S FORCE COULD GO ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE
  - CONGRESS NULLIFIED THE CONVENTION
    - LET OFFICERS GO HOME.
    - SOLDIERS IMPRISONED AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

********(BRITAIN CLASSIFIED THEM AS DESERTERS AND KEPT THEM ON THE BOOKS)**********

BURGOYNE NEVER COMMANDED AGAIN!

TURNING POINT IN THE ENTIRE WAR!!!

FRANCE AND SPAIN OPENLY ALLY WITH AMERICA AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN

SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT

ACTIONS

OUTSIDE PHILADELPHIA, BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE (2:28:30-2:32:05)

- **THE FIRST SEPTEMBER 11TH!**

LARGEST BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTION!

15000+ BRITISH UNDER GEN. HOWE VS. 14000+ AMERICANS UNDER GEN. WASHINGTON

CRITICAL TIME FOR WASHINGTON

- **DEFEATED IN NEW YORK**
- **MORALE LOW**
- **VICTORY WOULD GIVE SOLDIERS HOPE**

WASHINGTON SETS UP DEFENSE TO COVER 8 FORDS ACROSS BRANDYWINE

- **CHADD'S FORD STRONGHOLD**
  - **ACROSS FROM HOWE'S MAIN FORCE**
  - **CONGRESS SENDS OBSERVERS TO APPROVE POSITIONS: FAIL HERE AND PHILADELPHIA FALLS**

WASHINGTON'S THOUGHTS

- **THIS WAS GOING TO BE BIG! ACTUALLY HUGE!**
- **EVERYTHING IS AT STAKE ON THIS ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA**
- **THE BRITISH ARE PUTTING EVERYTHING INTO THIS ONE BATTLE**
- **BEAT THEM HERE AND THEY ARE DONE**
- **WE WIN-FREEDOM IS OURS**

HOWE'S THOUGHTS

- MAKE WASHINGTION THINK THE MAIN FORCE IS GOING WHERE HE THINKS
- USES THE HESSIANS
  - KEEP HIM BUSY
  - SLOW THE ADVANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF MEN (300) TO KEEP WASHINGTON IN PLACE
  - MARCH MEN IN AND OUT OF THE WOODS TO CONFUSE WASHINGTON AS TO EXACT NUMBER OF MEN
  - PUT SUPPLY TRAIN IN PLAIN VIEW TO SIMULATE THE ENTIRE ARMY
- SEND CORNWALLIS AROUND TO FLANK WASHINGTON AT JEFFRIE'S FORD
  - WASHINGTON GETS CONFLICTING REPORTS
  - FIGURES IT OUT AROUND NOON!

THE CLASH

WASHINGTON

- **UNIT SENT NORTH REPORTS NO ENEMY AND RETURNS**
- **SETS UP DEFENSE ON EAST SIDE OF THE CREEK**
- **REMOVES FORCES FROM NORTH TO STRENGTHEN THE CENTER (OOPS)**

HOWE

- **CROSSES THE BRANDYWINE 8 MILES NORTH OF WASHINGTON'S TROOPS**
- **SUCCESSFULLY HIDES 8000 MEN!**

---SQUIRE CHEYNEY (PATRIOT) RIDES 7 MILES & TELLS WASHINGTON THAT HOWE IS TO HIS REAR

---WASHINGTON REPOSITIONS TO MEET HOWE

AND HOWE DOES IT AGAIN!

- HOWE
  - MEN MARCH 17 MILES IN 11 HOURS **NOW** HE STOPS FOR TEA!
  - SENDS 8-PRONGED ATTACK AT WASHINGTON'S LINES
  - ROUTS THE LINE OF AMERICANS
    - LINE BREAKS AND REFORMS 5 TIMES ON THE HILL
    - OFFICERS RALLY THE TROOPS TO REGAIN THE LINE EACH TIME
- WASHINGTON
  - FINALLY REALIZES THE MAIN ATTACK IS NORTH AND TAKES HIS RESERVE UNDER GEN. GREENE INTO THE FIGHT
  - LAFAYETTE TRIES TO LEAD A BAYONET CHARGE: WOUNDED
- THEN: HESSIANS ATTACK ACROSS CHADD'S FORD (ORIGINAL SITE) AND PUSH AMERICANS BACK

FAMOUS PLAYERS IN THE BATTLE

AMERICANS

- GEN. LAFAYETTE: WOUNDED
- GEN PULASKI: LED A CAVALRY CHARGE AGAINST THE HESSIANS

BRITISH

- MAJ JOHN ANDRE: LATER CONSPIRED WITH BENEDICT ARNOLD IN HIS TREASON

FINAL TALLY

BRITISH: HOWE DECIDES NOT TO PRESS THE ATTACK INTO THE NIGHT

- MEN WERE EXHAUSTED
- 33 DIED OF HEAT STROKE
- 1,976 KILLED AND WOUNDED

AMERICAN: 1200 KILLED AND WOUNDED

CASUALTIES WERE STREWN ACROSS 10 MILES OF BATTLEFIELD

-PHILADELPHIA CAPTURED ON 26 SEPTEMBER 1777.

THE BATTLE PIECE BY PIECE

- THE LEAD UP TO THE BATTLE
- MORNING OF THE BATTLE
- WASHINGTON'S PROBLEM
- THE BATTLE GOT TO HAVE THAT TEA!!
- AFTERWARDS

WASHINGTON STILL HAS PROBLEMS

AFTER BRANDYWINE THERE WAS THE MASSACRE AT PAOLI

- **GEN. GREY AMBUSHED GEN. WAYNE'S LINE WITH BAYONET**
  - **STORIES SPREAD THAT THE BRITISH STABBED AND BURNED THE WOUNDED**
  - **WAYNE ACCUSED OF DERELICTION OF DUTY– REQUESTED COURTS MARTIAL TO CLEAR NAME**
  - **BRITISH LIVED IN FEAR THAT WAYNE'S MEN WOULD LOOK FOR REVENGE**
    - **"MAD ANTHONY" WAYNE**

AND THEN THERE WAS GERMANTOWN

- **GEN. HOWE DIVIDES FORCES**
  - **3500 MEN IN PHILADELPHIA**
  - **9700 MEN TO GERMANTOWN TO FIND THE AMERICAN FORCES**
- **GEN. WASHINGTON DECIDES TO ATTACK GERMANTOWN**
  - **LAST EFFORT BEFORE WINTER**
  - **ATTACK FROM FOUR DIRECTIONS**
  - **RECREATE THE SUCCESS AT TRENTON**

GERMANTOWN

WASHINGTON

- **MOVES HIS FORCES ON GERMANTOWN IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT**
- **ATTACK BEFORE DAWN**
  - **SOLDIERS PUT WHITE PAPER IN HAT**
  - **ATTACK DELAYED BY COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES BETWEEN COLUMNS AS THEY ADVANCED**
    - **ELEMENT OF SURPRISE LOST**
    - **ONE COLUMN REACHES HESSIAN LINE AND FIRES INTO CAMP, THEN WITHDRAWS**
    - **THREE OTHER COLUMNS CONTINUE ADVANCE**
- **BATTLE LINES ARE JOINED**
  - **FOG CLOUDS THE FIELD ALL DAY**
  - **AMERICAN FORCES ARE NOT ABLE TO OVERCOME PICKETS EASILY**

PROBLEMS OF COMMUNICATION

GEN. GREENE MOVES TOWARDS GERMANTOWN

- **FOG AND SMOKE CONFUSES THE FORCE**
- **ONE UNIT GOES THE WRONG WAY**
  - **COLLIDES WITH ANOTHER AMERICAN FORCE UNDER GEN. WAYNE**
  - **FIRE ON EACH OTHER**
  - **DISORGANIZED– FLEE**
  - **LEAVES THE FLANK OF GEN. CONWAY (AMERICAN) UNPROTECTED.**
- **GEN. CORNWALLIS ARRIVES FROM PHILADELPHIA WITH 2 BRIGADES**
- **GEN. GREENE HAS TO RETREAT**
- **WASHINGTON'S FORCE RETREATS**

AFTERMATH

AMERICANS

- 11000 MEN FOUGHT
  - 775 KILLED OR WOUNDED
  - 400 CAPTURED

BRITISH

- 9000 MEN ENGAGED
  - 520 KILLED OR WOUNDED
  - NONE CAPTURED

MOVE INTO VALLEY FORGE DECEMBER 1777

WASHINGTON HAS TWO ISSUES

- KEEP GENERAL HOWE NERVOUS WHILE IN PHILADELPHIA
- FIND SOMEPLACE FOR HIS ARMY TO SHELTER FOR THE WINTER

PROBLEMS

- LACK OF SUPPLIES FROM EUROPE
- CONGRESS FAILED TO SUPPLY THE ARMY
- MANY MEN WITHOUT SHOES

SOLUTIONS:

- CANCELLED POLICY AGAINST “FORAGING”
  - MAJORITY OF POPULATION UNSYMPATHETIC TO CAUSE (QUAKER INFLUENCE)
  - HOWE HAD TAKEN PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING FROM AREA.
- $10 REWARD FOR ANYONE WHO COULD COME UP WITH A SUBSTITUTE FOR SHOES

ARMY ON THE MOVE

HOWE TRIES TO ATTACK WASHINGTON IN EARLY DECEMBER BEFORE VALLEY FORGE

- **CPT MCLANE USES HIT AND RUN TACTICS ON BRITISH TO STALL ATTACK**
- **WASHINGTON CREATES A FALSE ARMY BY INCREASING CAMPFIRES**
  - **50,000 MEN????**
  - **MEMORIES OF BREED'S HILL CAUSE HOWE TO RETREAT TO PHILADELPHIA**

WASHINGTON'S CHOICES

- ❑ **MOVE TO WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**
  - ❑ **BETTER CLIMATE**
  - ❑ **CLEAN ENVIRONMENT**
  - ❑ **EASIER TO RE-SUPPLY**
  - ❑ **TOO FAR FROM HOWE'S FORCES** ← DROVE THE DECISION
- ❑ **MOVE TO VALLEY FORGE**
  - ❑ **PEOPLE WERE AFRAID THEY WOULD BE ABANDONNED TO THE MERCY OF HOWE**
  - ❑ **WASHINGTON: YOU AREN'T DOING YOUR PART BUT WHO SAID WE WERE ABANDONNING YOU?**

MOVE TO VALLEY FORGE

-SATISFIED THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY

-SATISFIED THE CONGRESS

BUT

CONDEMNED THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS

- **DEATH**
- **SICKNESS**
- **LACK OF FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING, AND SANITATION**
- **FROSTBITE**

SHOULD HAVE GONE TO WILMINGTON!

“NO MATTER HOW NOBLE THE CAUSE, HUMAN NATURE IS ALWAYS WITH US AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THOSE WHO PUT SELF FIRST”

OVERVIEW OF THE BATTLES

NEW JERSEY

CONWAY CABAL

- **AS IF WASHINGTON DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS! SEVERAL GENERALS PLOT HIS REMOVAL**
  - BRANDYWINE AND GERMANTOWN WERE LOW POINTS FOR GENERAL WASHINGTON
  - GENERAL GATES VICTORIOUS AT SARATOGA (STOLE THE GLORY FROM GENERAL ARNOLD)
  - CONGRESS AND MILITARY LEADERS QUESTIONED GENERAL WASHINGTON'S FITNESS TO COMMAND
- **CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL**
  - SAMUEL ADAMS
  - THOMAS MIFFLIN
  - RICHARD HENRY LEE
  - DR. BENJAMIN RUSH: MOST VOCAL CRITIC
    - FATHER OF AMERICAN MEDICINE
    - SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

DR. RUSH'S LETTER TO PATRICK HENRY

"THE NORTHERN ARMY HAS SHOWN US WHAT AMERICANS ARE CAPABLE OF DOING WITH A **GENERAL** AT THEIR HEAD. THE SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHERN ARMY IS NO WAYS INFERIOR TO THE SPIRIT OF THE NORTHERN. A GATES, A LEE, OR A CONWAY WOULD IN A FEW WEEKS RENDER THEM AN IRRESISTABLE BODY OF MEN."

------ UNSIGNED

IN A SEPARATE LETTER, DR. RUSH ALSO WROTE:

"THE PRESENT MANAGEMENT OF OUR ARMY WOULD DEPOPULATE AMERICA IF MEN GREW AMONG US AS SPEEDILY & SPONTANEOUSLY AS BLADES OF GRASS."

JOHN ADAMS AGREED WITH DR. RUSH'S OPINION

CONWAY CABAL

- MILITARY DISAPPROVAL (MAJOR PLAYERS)
  - GENERAL "GRANNY" GATES
  - GENERAL CONWAY (PERFORMED WELL AT BRANDYWINE AND CITED BY GENERAL SULLIVAN)
    - "… HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY MATTERS FAR EXCEEDS ANY OFFICER WE HAVE."
    - LAFAYETTE WAS WOUNDED WHILE RALLYING CONWAY'S BRIGADE.
    - ASKS CONGRESS FOR PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL BECAUSE "I'M GOOD"
    - DISSES WASHINGTON AS A POOR LEADER
  - WASHINGTON SQUASHES CONWAY'S PROMOTION
    - "GENERAL CONWAY'S MERIT, THEN, AS AN OFFICER, AND HIS IMPORTANCE IN THIS ARMY, EXIST MORE IN HIS OWN IMAGINATION THAN IN REALITY: FOR IT IS A MAXIM WITH HIM, TO LEAVE NO SERVICE OF HIS OWN UNTOLD…"
    - HIS PROMOTION WOULD HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF HIS LONGER-SERVING, MORE DEVOTED OFFICERS WHO MIGHT RESIGN.

WASHINGTON KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

WASHINGTON GETS THE DRIFT FROM ONE OF HIS OFFICERS: COLONEL JOHN LAURENS

- **HIS FATHER, HENRY, SENDS LETTERS ABOUT ANTI-WASHINGTON SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS.**
- **ENEMIES IN CONGRESS WRITE PAPERS CRITICAL OF HIS LEADERSHIP**
- **CONGRESS THINKS WASHINGTON IS BECOMING A CULT FIGURE, A GOD.**
- **JAMES LOVELL (DELEGATE FROM MASSACHUSETTS) THOUGHT HIS DEFENDERS REFUSED ANY CRITICISM AND DEFEND HIM WITH THEIR SWORD.**

LATE OCTOBER, 1777, CONWAY WRITES TO GATES

"HEAVEN HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO SAVE YOUR COUNTRY; OR A WEAK GENERAL AND BAD COUCELLORS (SP) WOULD HAVE RUINED IT."

- **WHY DOES HE DO THIS?**
  - **WANTS TO BE IN GATES' ARMY**
  - **WANTS TO PROMOTE HIMSELF AS A GREAT MAN WORTHY OF PROMOTION**
  - **WANTS TO KICK UP ANTI-WASHINGTON SENTIMENTS**

OOPS! WASHINGTON FINDS OUT

GENERAL WILKINSON (GATES AIDE) REVEALS THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER WRITTEN TO GATES TO FOLLOWERS OF WASHINGTON (WHILE DRUNK).

- **LORD STIRLING (ONE OF WASHINGTON'S OFFICERS) REPORTS THE CONTENTS TO WASHINGTON**

  MORTIFIED BY "SUCH WICKED DUPLICITY OF CONDUCT."

- **GENERAL WASHINGTON CALLS OUT CONWAY**
  - **CONWAY DENIES HE CALLED WASHINGTON A "WEAK GENERAL"**
  - **CONWAY SAYS WASHINGTON IS A "BRAVE MAN"**
  - **CONWAY SAID THAT WASHINGTON WAS "INFLUENCED BY MEN WHO WERE NOT EQUAL TO HIM IN POINT OF EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, OR JUDGMENT."**

CONWAY NOW, NOT ONLY DISRESPECTS WASHINGTON, BUT HIS STAFF AS WELL!

CONWAY GOES AWAY, BUT DOESN'T

- CONWAY OFFERS HIS RESIGNATION AFTER CONFRONTATION WITH WASHINGTON
  - UPSET THAT WASHINGTON CALLED HIM OUT
  - UPSET THAT HE WASN'T PROMOTED
  - UPSET THAT AN OFFICER OF LOWER RANK WAS PROMOTED OVER HIM.

- CONWAY'S LETTER WENT TO HIS BUDDY THOMAS MIFFLIN (BOARD OF WAR).
  - PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL AND MADE HIM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
    - THIS WAS A POSITION WASHINGTON HAD DEMANDED.
  - HAD TO WORK WITH WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE
  - REPORTED TO THE WAR BOARD, NOT WASHINGTON!
  - GATES PROMOTED TO PRESIDENT OF THE WAR BOARD (ESSENTIALLY OVER WASHINGTON) WOWSERS KIDDIES……

CONWAY WITH WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE

IF LOOKS COULD KILL, CONWAY WOULD BE DEAD AND BURIED

- WASHINGTON WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO
- CONWAY IS INTIMIDATED
  - IF YOU FIND MY SERVICE DISAGREEABLE, "I AM VERY READY TO RETURN TO FRANCE"
  - WASHINGTON EXPLAINS THE DISDAIN OF HIS OFFICERS TOWARDS HIM.

GIVE A GUY ENOUGH ROPE AND HE'LL HANG HIMSELF

- CONWAY SAYS HE DOESN'T THINK HE'LL GET SUPPORT FOR HIS JOB FROM WASHINGTON
- WASHINGTON SENDS THIS NONSENSE TO CONGRESS
  - I DON'T LIKE HIM, <u>BUT</u>
  - I SUPPORT HIM IN HIS JOB
  - I AM ABOVE HIS PETTINESS

NOW IT REALLY GETS MESSY

- ✓CONWAY FINDS OUT THAT IT WAS WILKINSON THAT TOLD WASHINGTON OF THE LETTER TO GATES
- ✓MIFFLIN SLAPPED GATES DOWN FOR BEING CARELESS WITH HIS LETTERS
- ✓GATES COMPLAINS TO WASHINGTON: HOW DID YOU GET MY LETTERS?
- ✓WASHINGTON EXPRESSES HIS DISDAIN FOR THE BACKSTABBING BY GATES AND CONWAY
  - ✓LOOKING FOR JUSTICE
  - ✓ONLY TOLD LAFAYETTE OF THE CONTENTS
  - ✓DID NOT WANT THIS NONSENSE TO AFFECT THE ARMY
  - ✓DID NOT WANT THE BRITISH TO KNOW
  - ✓THE PROBLEM IS WITH YOU AND CONWAY ALONE.
- ✓GATES CHALLENGES WILKINSON TO A DUEL: NOPE

WHAT DOES CONGRESS DO?

- HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE STUPIDITY OF GATES AND CONWAY
- LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM MOST OF WASHINGTON'S OFFICERS
- SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON FROM FRANCE

THE MOVEMENT TO UNSEAT WASHINGTON FELL APART

THE END AND THE FALLOUT

- CABAL COLLAPSES ON JANUARY 19, 1778
- GATES AND CONWAY GO TO CONGRESS TO CLEAR THEIR NAMES
- LAFAYETTE SPEAKS FOR THE FRENCH: ACCEPT NO OTHER THAN WASHINGTON
- WASHINGTON'S OFFICERS REMAIN LOYAL TO HIM
  - HAMILTON WRITES A SERIES OF LETTERS DENOUNCING THE PLOTTERS
  - CONWAY CONTINUED TO BAD MOUTH WASHINGTON SO GENERAL CADWALADER CHALLENGED HIM TO A DUEL
    - "STOPPED HIS LYING MOUTH" BY SHOOTING HIM IN THE MOUTH.
    - CONWAY THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE, SO APOLOGIED TO WASHINGTON.
- FATE OF OTHERS IN THE CABAL
  - MIFFLIN RESIGNED FROM THE BOARD OF WAR
  - WILKINSON RESIGNED AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF WAR
  - GATES RETURNED TO HIS TROOPS, DISGRACED

NEXT: VALLEY FORGE