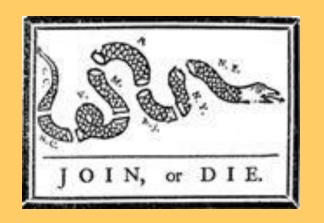
The American Military Experience The Continental Army, 1775-1783





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Why were the Americans willing to fight?

Taxation with out representation ???

French & Indian War (Seven Years War)

1763

Proclamation of 1763

Oct. 7, 1763

Rise of Liberalism and Republicanism

John Locke and Enlightenment writers

Stamp Act (1765), Townshend Acts (1767)

Boston Massacre

March 5, 1770

Boston Tea Party

May 10, 1773

First Continental Congress

Sept. 5, 1774



Protest, Rebellion, Civil War, Insurgency, or Treason? Lexington, Massachusetts, 19 April 1775



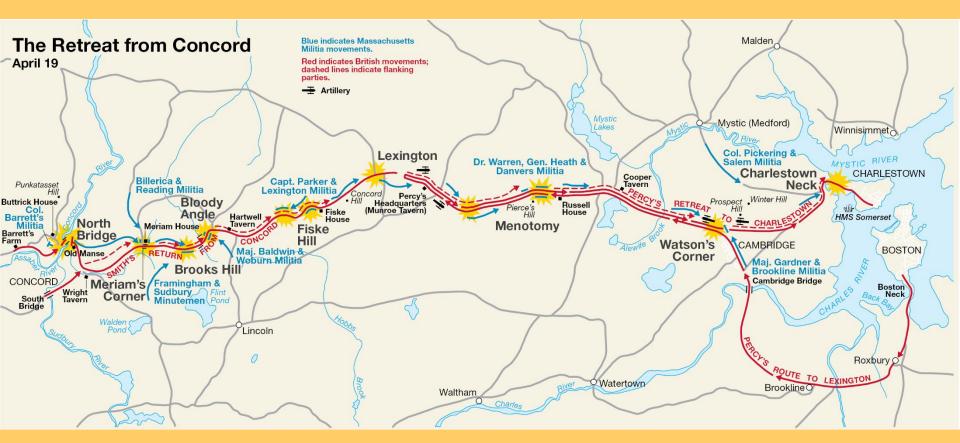
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Posse Comitatus – temporary, shires, (shire-reeve = sheriff)

Fyrd – local defense, permanent organization

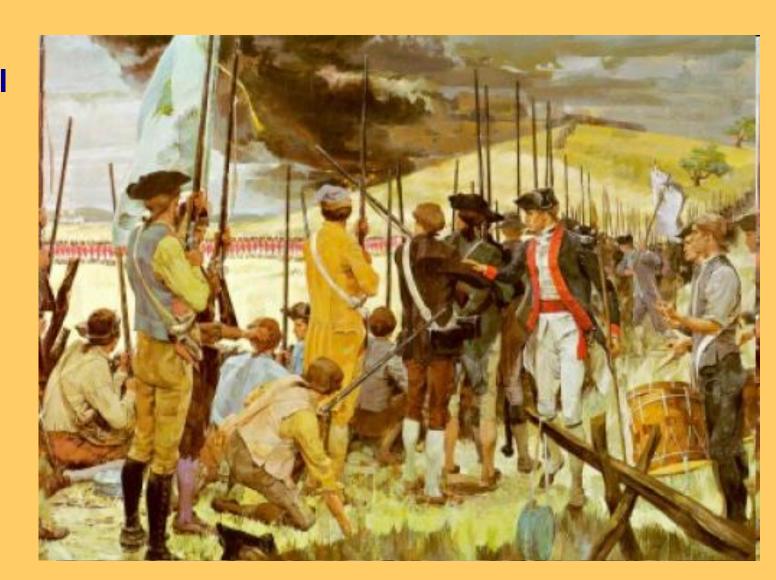


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Continental Line 27,000

Militia Forces 10,000



•1777: The Revolution Becomes a Wider War

•Unity of Command

•American: Washington, but Deferring to Congress

•British: Lord North, Prime Minister; Lord Germain, Secretary of State;

General Howe; General Burgoyne; General Clinton

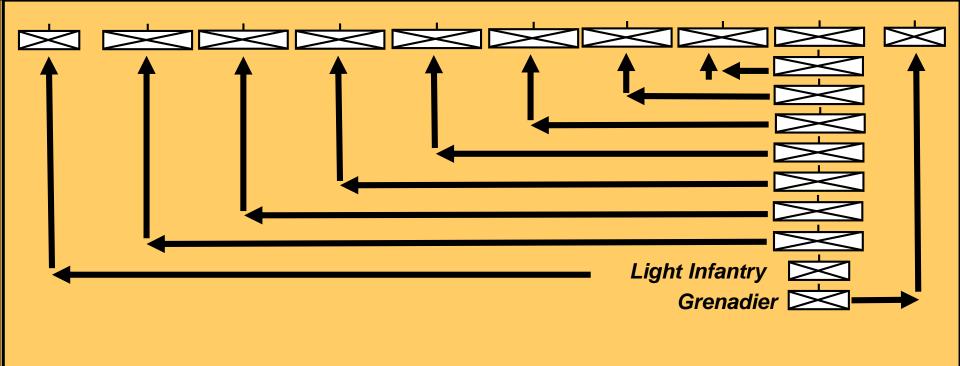
Burgoyne's ExpeditionBennington, 15 August 1777

•Saratoga, 17 October 1777

- •Treaties of Amity and Commerce, 6 February 1778
- •French War with Britain, June 1778; Spain Joins as French Ally, April 1779
- •Howe's Philadelphia Campaign
 - •Brandywine, 11 September 1777
 - •Germantown, 4 October 1777
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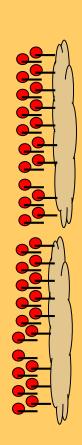


Ten-Company British Infantry Regiment Deploying from Column of March to Line of Battle (1764 Manual)



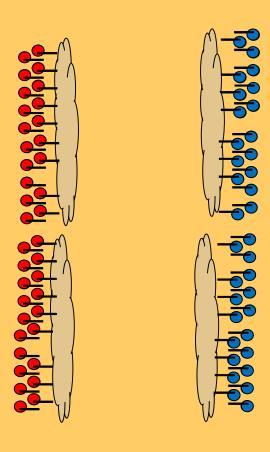


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LINEAR TACTICS, 1776-1783Post-1776 Halifax Training Camp

