

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE

TRENTON, NJ

JANUARY 2, 1777

SECOND BATTLE

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1

At 1:00 p.m., the Americans were on the South bank of Shabakunk Run and an engagement ensues. British are forced to halt and form line of battle in order to lap Hand's flanks which costs them time. This engagement lasts for close to an hour.

2

Fighting and skirmishing is almost continuous from that point on as the Americans contest the entire way back to the small earthworks at Stockton Hollow, less than 1.3 mile from the confluence of King and Queen Sts. about 4:00 p.m. The Hollow was where a small ravine led down toward the Assumpink. Much of the fighting was down Queen Street.

3

Heavy fighting in the streets of Trenton. Hitchcock's Brigade brought up to allow Hand's brigade to fall back over the bridge over the Assumpink.

4

British Light Infantry, Highlanders, and Hessians assault the bridge three times and are continuously repulsed. Scattered attempts are made to ford the Creek just west of the bridge which also fail. Cornwallis draws off his infantry to Northern part of town for the night. Artillery on both sides continue cannonade until well after dark.

5

Leaving some New Jersey militia along the lines as a ruse, at midnight Washington moves his whole army via 14 miles of back roads to fall on the British rear guard at Princeton by 8:00 a.m. the next morning.

CORNWALLIS

(~7,500 troops)

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Forrest (2 guns)

HAND

(~1,000 troops)

LEGEND

TROOP MOVEMENTS

British	American

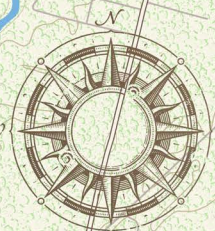
LAND FEATURES & PRESERVATION

	18th-Century Woodline
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Mercer

Mifflin

Stockton Hollow

HAND

(~1,000 troops)

Assumpink Creek

WASHINGTON

(~6,000 troops)

Hessians

British Light Infantry

River Road

Trenton Barracks

Hitchcock

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St. Clair

Cadwalader

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