



BATTLE OF ORISKANY — August 6, 1777

Oriskany, N. Y.

Gen. Nicholas Herkimer (1728-1777) leading a force of 800 militiamen to the relief of besieged Ft. Stanwix, was ambushed by British and Indian forces at Oriskany. Seriously wounded in one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolution, Herkimer continued to direct his men. The British withdrawal crippled their campaign in the strategic Mohawk Valley. Herkimer died of his wounds on Aug. 17, 1777.

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