

## The Battle of Bennington Shot List and Props

Burgoyne's party gear, white paper in hats as deception, telescopes, maps, British army uniforms, including Burgoyne, axes, fortifications, and supplies to loot.

1. [British and Hessian marchby]
2. [Burgoyne's army march by, cannons and loaded wagons are pushed and pulled by hand]
3. [Americans chopping down trees]
4. Kid} Burgoyne's attitude about this was, "They can slow me down, but they can't stop me."
5. [British march by outtake?]
6. [Burgoyne partying]
7. [Brunswick Dragoons struggle by]
8. [Burgoyne issues orders in English, through an interpreter, to Hessian officer, Lt. Col. Baum]
9. [militia sees British army through the trees, fall back to report to officers]
10. [American officers get reports, look at maps]
11. [British army marching through the woods]
12. [lots of militia gathering in the town]
13. [militia with "green mountain boys" flag]
14. [Hessian force, marching. Show each group as described-loyalist militia look like American militia except that they have white pieces of paper pinned to their hats]
15. [US officers look at maps, get reports]
16. [Am. Colonel Stark received reports]
17. [Am. Kid officer} Sir, we have reports that Burgoyne's Indians are tearing up the countryside!
18. [Stark issues orders]
19. [US militia marching]
20. [small skirmish, Americans fire only one volley, then retreat]  
L} Baum's force soon encountered a small detachment of Americans, who were guarding some stockpiles of food in a mill. Baum's superior force quickly drove off the Americans and captured the supplies.
21. L} Baum sent word to Burgoyne about this action and told the British commander that there was supposed to be a small enemy force at Bennington, but these were expected to flee with the approach of the Hessens.
22. [Through telescope, Baum encounters Starks' main force]
23. [Baum sends a messenger to Burgoyne for help, Hessen army marches by]
24. L} In response to Baum's plea for reinforcements, Burgoyne sent Lt. Col. Heinrich Breymann, with about 650 Hessens. Breymann's force consisted of

330 Brunswick Grenadiers and 280 Light Infantry. The Hesse-Hanau Artillery brought two cannons that fired six pound balls, and 30 men to operate them.

25. [Baum falls back to a hill and entrenches]
26. [Tories with white pieces of paper in their hats, arrive to reinforce Baum]
27. [Stark surveys the Hessian position with a telescope, pan Hessian position]
28. [Col. Stark points to the enemy]  
D or kid} Stark said, "there are your enemies, the redcoats and the Tories and they are ours, or this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow!"
29. [Americans melt back into the trees]
30. [Baum pans Americans at the bottom of the hill with trees behind them, sees the Americans disappear into the trees]
31. [militia in 3 groups, one going to the right, one to the left and one staying in the center]
32. L} The Americans approached both flanks of the Hessen lines.
33. [Militia put white paper in their hats]  
. [Baum's troops do not fire on the approaching American militia, supposing they are Tories. Militia infiltrates Tory and Hessian lines]
35. D} [Americans frontally advance on the Hessen fort]
36. D} which was the cue for the American militia to remove their white pieces of paper from their hats and start shooting the Hessens from behind!
37. [Baum's militia, etc., runs away]
38. [dragoons defend the fort]
39. [Dragoons attempt to break out, using their swords, Baum is shot]
40. L} At about 5 p.m., the Dragoons, led by their commander, attempted to cut their way out with swords. But soon, Lt. Col. Baum, was killed.
41. [Hessans surrender –eechh egaben meechn!]
42. L} With the death of their commander, the desperate Hessans finally surrendered.
43. [Arrival of Hessian reinforcements]
44. L} They were too late to save Baum's detachment, yet the Hessian reinforcements came at an opportune moment. The Americans were looting the supply wagons, corralling prisoners and chasing the fugitives of Baum's command.
45. [The Hessans charge]  
L} The Hessans charged and were beginning to drive the disorganized Americans back.
46. [Green Mountain Boys arrive]  
D} But just in the nick of time, Seth Warner and his Green Mountain boys appeared.
47. [Green Mountain boys attack, shooting and driving the Hessans back, while re-organized Americans join the attack--- shooting and fighting]
48. [Cut to Breymann directing his men in battle]
49. [dead and wounded scene and Hessen prisoners]

The Hessen officers should know these 12 phonetically spelled commands in German:

Links, oom! [left, face]  
Rychhs, oom! [right, face]  
Kom-pany, on-tray-ten! [form ranks, toes in rows, etc.]  
Achh-toong! [listen up!]  
Stillgestanden [Attention, company!]  
Guh-veer, oober! [shoulder your firelocks]  
Forvarts, marsh! [forward, march]  
Marsh, marsh! [double-quick, charge, or run, in ranks, in step]  
Kom-pany, hallt! [company, halt]  
Fertig, mucken! [make ready]  
Onlaygen! [take aim]  
Foya! [Fire]  
By-o-net, in-for-hall-tay! [charge bayonets]  
lahdin [load]  
  
roychh [at ease]  
  
lick-tray-din [dismissed]  
  
hend-e-hauchh [you surrender]  
  
Ergaben seechh neechht [don't surrender]

Some of the Hessen soldiers could say some of these:

Ya-voll [Yes, sir]  
Der find! [The enemy!]  
Der Ameri-conna! [the Americans!]  
Ollymon, her-ows! [every man, wake up!]  
Shnell! [hurry!]  
Eechh ergaben meechn! [I surrender!]  
  
Hair Oberst Loytnent [Lt. Colonel]  
Hair Mayor [Major]  
Hair Hoptmann [Captain]  
Hair Loytnent [Lieutenant]