

Willing to Go Anywhere for the King

The Provincials that fought here came from South Carolina, New York, and New Jersey. The Provincials from New York and New Jersey had been fighting for the King since 1776 the very beginning of the war. They sailed to South Carolina in 1780 with the rest of the British Army.



Can you label the three states on the map where the Provincial soldiers came from?

1

2

3

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Stay Loyal to Your King: Join the Loyalist Provincials



Did you know that everyone that fought here at the August 19, 1780 battle of Musgrove Mill was an American? The only difference being which side they fought for the Patriots or the Loyalists.

Of the 500 British soldiers that fought here 300 were Provincial soldiers, who were professional soldiers trained and equipped by the British government, but they came from the American Colonies. In this brochure you will discover what it was like to be part of the Loyalist Provincials here at the battle of Musgrove Mill.

Dressing for Battle

Since they were professionals Provincial soldiers were given the same uniforms, weapons, and gear by the King that British Regular soldiers got. This included their famous red coats, and 'Brown Bess' muskets.



How does your clothing compare to what the Provincial soldier is wearing in this image? How would you like to wear and carry all this while hiking this trail? (Remember this battle was fought during the summer in August)

Marching into Battle

Since they were trained as professional soldiers during battles Provincials had to stay together and move as one unit and they did this by marching. Staying in two lines shoulder to shoulder the soldiers would move and turn around the battlefield as one by marching in step together.

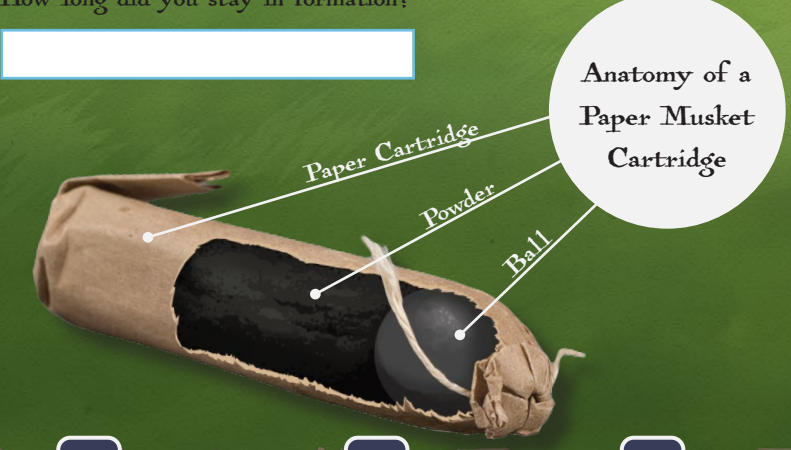


Have everyone in your group line up shoulder to shoulder and march in step down the trail. To help stay in step have someone shout out **LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT!** How long did you stay in formation?

Training Like a Provincial

Provincial Soldiers were trained just like British Regular soldiers and they carried military muskets. These muskets had barrels that were smooth so you could load them very quickly. Provincial soldiers were expected to load and fire their muskets 3-4 times every minute.

Imagine you are holding a musket and follow the picture instructions. See if you can load and fire your musket 3 times in a minute.



1

Hold musket on your right side.



2

Take out your paper cartridge and tear one end with your teeth



3

Put Musket on your left side and pour the cartridge down the barrel



4

Push the cartridge down the barrel with the ramrod



5

Pull the cock back and put musket up to your shoulder



6

Fire the musket by pulling the trigger and yelling BANG!

