

**THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION,
CHAPTER 7 NOTES,
PART 2**

War Effort and Continental Army

- ◎ How did we beat Britain?
 - Army got more disciplined
 - Alliance with France= troops + navy
 - “Jericho” reading indicated difficulties with getting people to serve after the initial “Rage Militaire” of 1775
 - Washington’s strategy:
 - To win, the Continental Army had to survive
 - Britain had to operate with supply lines across the Ocean—very expensive
 - Britain had to destroy the Continental Army to win

Tactics

- In the South, tactics were often “hit and run”
- We could not reliably win face to face with the British
- Cornwallis: “I am quite tired of marching about the country in quest of adventures”

Demobilization

- 1781-1783: during this period, the Continental Army was basically waiting for a peace treaty
- 10,000 men and 1,000 women in a permanent camp at Newburgh, NY
- Officers were promised life pensions by Congress
 - A group threatened Congress with “fatal effects” in 1783

Mutiny?

- General Horatio Gates and a group of officers called a meeting
- Washington condemned the meeting as “disorderly” and called his own meeting in March of 1783
- Washington talked the officers out of mutiny, and convinced Congress to give them bonuses

The West

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