



The Battle of Monmouth, 1778

Primary Maker

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Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

A battle scene of the Battle of Monmouth showing George Washington on a white horse in the center of the canvas,

with Marquis de Lafayette and Baron von Steuben immediately behind him. Two soldiers dressed in Continental uniforms are approaching Washington from the left. One holds a red flag on a carrying pole with a red, white and blue canton in its upper corner. The other has a sword hanging from his arm, which is upraised and holding his hat. A small pool of water is depicted in the foreground, with five soldiers beside it. One is laying on a cot and is injured. He is being bled from his foot. A medical box appears close to the water's edge. Cannon smoke obscures a blue sky. A vignette in the upper right distance depicts Molly Pitcher and a group of men actively firing a cannon. Trees and bushes, some defoliated, frame the composition on the left, foreground, and right.

Dimensions

33.25 × 49.5 in. (84.5 × 125.7 cm)