

Battle of Trenton

Where – Trenton, New Jersey

When – December 25, 1776

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George Washington and 2,400 troops crossed the Delaware River at McKonkey's Ferry on December 25, 1776. They were heading to Trenton, New Jersey, to attack British allies, the German mercenaries.

George Washington and his troops marched for nine long miles until they finally reached Trenton at 8:00 in the morning.

The American troops were able to catch the Hessian mercenaries by surprise, and they were able to capture 1,000 of the enemy soldiers. No Americans were killed during the raid.

This major victory for the Americans was of vital importance in the war for independence. Most of the soldiers were going to be able to go home at the end of the year and this was just the boost they needed to continue the great fight for freedom.