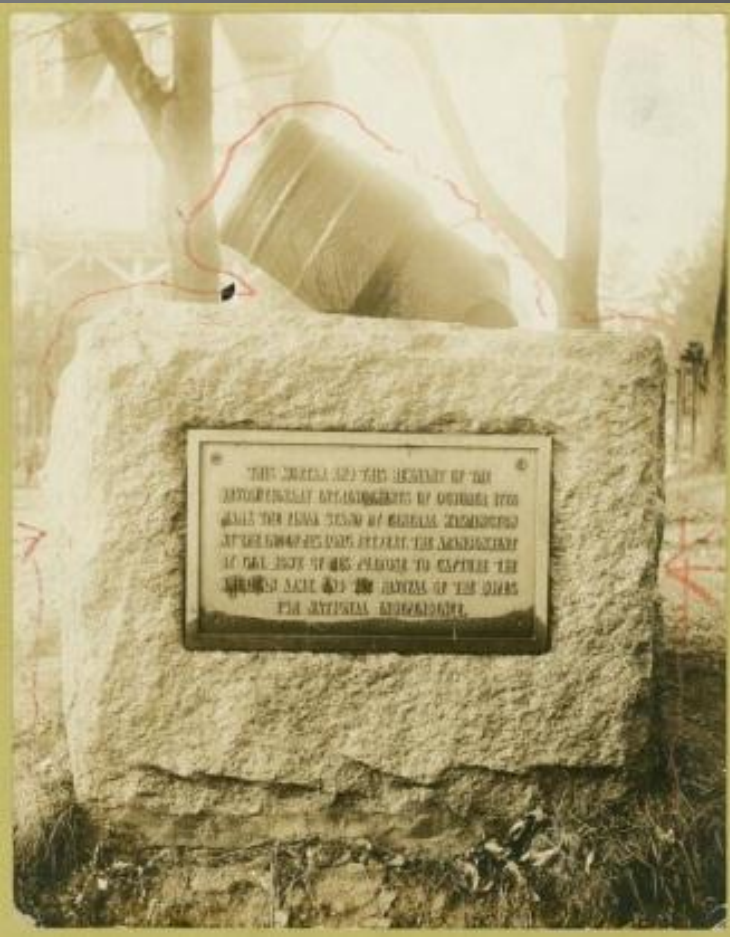


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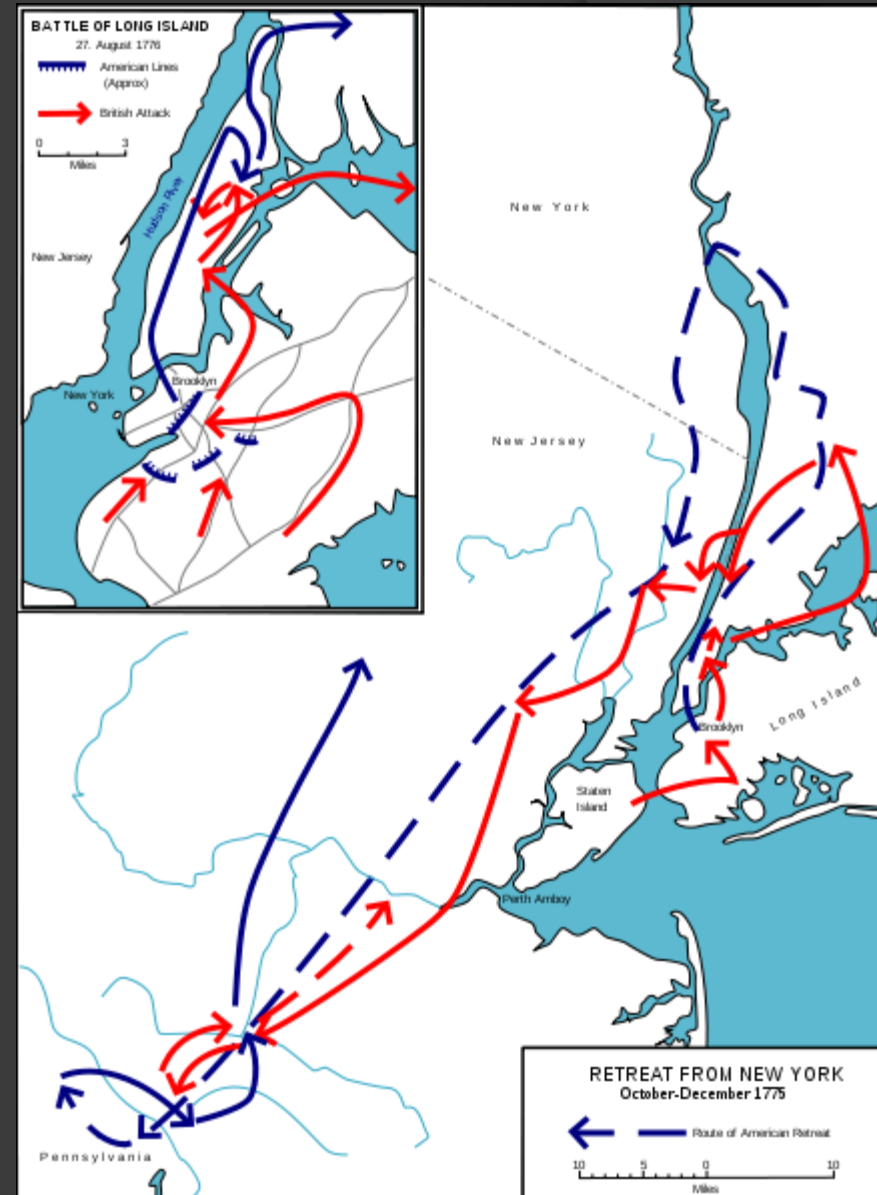
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BATTLE OF WHITE PLAINS

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Prologue

- Continental Army stationed around Harlem Heights/Lower Westchester following retreat from New York City in the summer of 1776
- British occupied New York City and sought to push the remainder of the Continental Army out of New York.



American Response

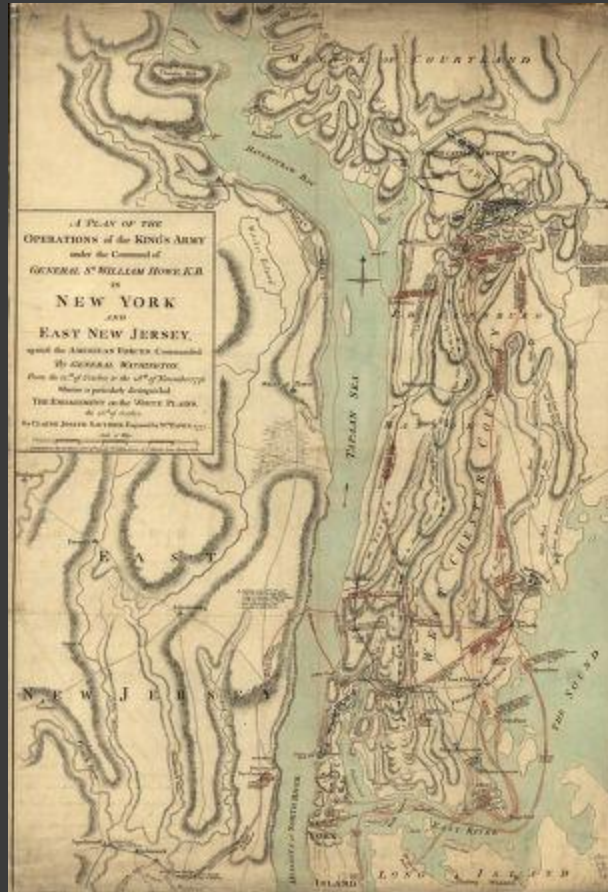
- ◎ British amphibious invasion at Throgs Neck met by Continental troops diverted by General Washington
 - British troops forced withdraw back to boats
- ◎ British relaunched the attack at Pell's Point
 - General Washington diverts army to White Plains
- ◎ British and Hessians troops follow Continental Army through New Rochelle



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British Plan

● Amphibious Landing at Throgs Neck



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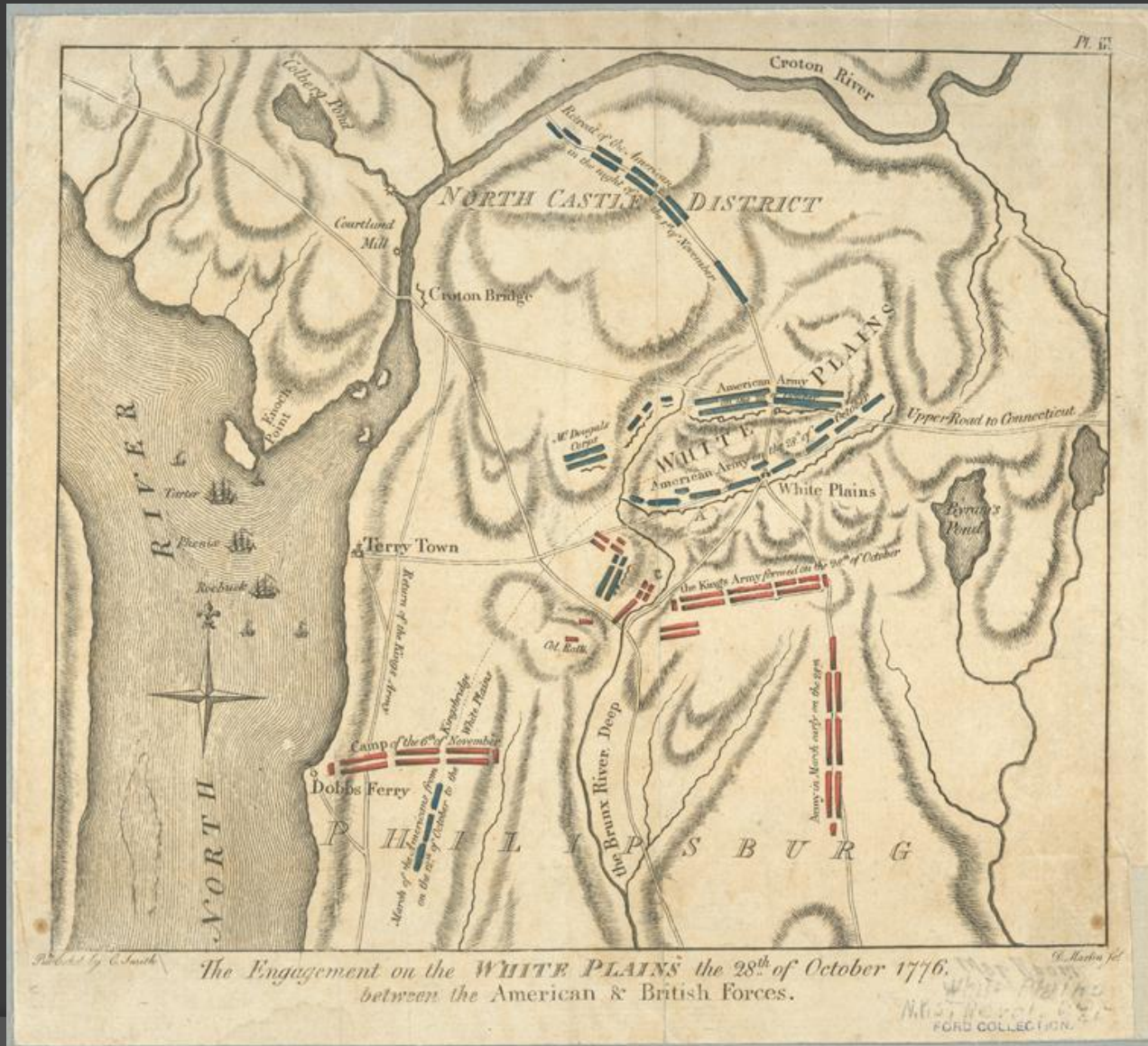
White Plains

- Portion of Continental Army fortifies between Bronx River and Croton River.
- British and Hessians attack Continental Army positions forcing a withdrawal
- Reinforcements requested by General Howe never sent as remainder of the Continental Army withdraws across the river.



Third New York Regiment 1775

Map of White Plains attack



Result

- ◉ Withdrawal of Continental Army left Fort Washington vulnerable as the garrison occupying the Fort lacked support
- ◉ British casualties: 42 killed, 182 wounded, 3 captured
- ◉ American casualties: 28 killed, 126 wounded, 16 captured.

Battle of White Plains Revisited

- Annual reenactment of battle held by [White Plains Historical Society](#) at the [Jacob Purdy House](#).
- [235th Commemoration of The Battle of White Plains](#)



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