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In his first volume, on the Saratoga campaign, the author described how Burgoyne's main thrust was first stalled and then obliterated during its advance down the Hudson River. Burgoyne had hoped to be met by a corresponding British thrust from New York City, but this never materialized, Lord Howe opting to attack Philadelphia instead. But the British had indeed launched a third thrust from the west, embarking from Lake Ontario at Oswego and thence forging its way down the Mohawk Valley.

This third British thrust, under General Barry St. Leger, was perhaps the most terrifying of all, as it overran a sparsely populated wilderness where every man and boy had long needed to bear arms to protect against the ravages of the Iroquois Federation. Yet now the British?imitating the French before them?had made common cause with those same Indians, who now roamed across the frontier as the warpainted spearhead of the Empire's new attack.

At Fort Stanwix in upstate New York a Patriot (former British) fort held fast, though surrounded by St. Leger's forces and his Mohawk and Loyalist auxiliaries. A relief column some 800 strong under Nicholas Herkimer attempted to relieve the fort, but it was ambushed en route with most of its men?including the entire male population of several nearby communities?killed or wounded. At this Battle of Oriskany, the basis for the movie "Drums Along the Mohawk," Herkimer himself was mortally wounded. Fortunately a sally from Fort Stanwix raided the Indian camp during the battle, compelling many of the warriors to desist from annihilating the entire column.

In the end, Fort Stanwix was relieved only when Benedict Arnold?soon to excel at Saratoga, just as he had done at Valcour Island and elsewhere throughout the Revolution?marched his troops through and forced the British to give up their western onslaught.

In this book, as in his highly acclaimed first volume, the author captures the terrain, tactics and terror of this brutal, multifaceted wilderness war as few writers have done before. It was neighbor against neighbor, native Americans on both sides, and European professionals against Colonial Patriots, in a desperate campaign that helped determine America's fate.

REVIEWS

"Using colorful storytelling techniques, Logusz captures the personalities of those individuals who played a pivotal role in the outcome of the Mohawk Valley Campaign...breathes dramatic life into a depiction of the long standing alliances and rivalries that fueled Patriot and Loyalist causes in the region, while describing how neighbors, families, friends and foes were caught up in Burgoyne's doomed play."

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"Logusz does an excellent job outlining the Battle of Oriskany, where an initial Patriot relief force coming to the aid of Fort Stanwix was ambushed and almost wiped out. . . . fascinating, well documented, and occasionally thought provoking."?The Journal of America's Military Past

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