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Major General Nathanael Greene defended the ground at Guilford Courthouse with an army of almost 4,500 American militia and soldiers of the Continental Army. The British army under Lord Charles Cornwallis had only about 1,900 veteran soldiers and German allies. Although Cornwallis was outnumbered by more than two to one, he decided to engage the Americans in battle. Here, soldiers (possibly Hessian mercenaries, fighting for Britain) discuss battle plans as an officer looks on.



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