Women as spies

Women hired as cooks and maids

Had unrestricted access to the campsites

Eavesdropped on conversations and reported back

Some reported directly to Washington who called them “agents in place”

Women viewed as innocent and nonthreatening and paid no regard to them even though THEY were using women as spies themselves

Both the British and American’s used spies

Most of the info we know about spies if from the letters of Sir Henry Clinton,

Benedict Arnold was a double agent spy

Men thought women were too simple to understand military strategy and spoke freely in front of them

Pretended to be peddlers or searching for their father or brother

Miss Jenny-, who paid dearly for infomation she extracted from the French camp

French spy for the British

On the way to New York to report to the British she was captured by the French General Marquis De Lafayette

She was beaten and raped to force her to reveal her true story

She stuck to the story that she was looking for her father who left for war f years before

Sent to Washington’s camp where she was questioned further

She stuck to her story

Sent back to the French where she was humiliated with having her hair cut off

Made it to the British in New York and was rewarded and released

Never seen from again

Ann Bates-, a school teacher that even infiltrated George Washington's camp

Loyalist spy who worked for Clinton

Started spy career in 1778 because her husband was in the British army

She was familiar with Military equipment and reported type of equipment and numbers to the British

Took the name Mrs. Barnes and became a peddler who sold to the Americans

Lydia Darragh-, a Quaker and pacifist who nonetheless seized an opportunity when it appeared in her living room