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**America's Revolution (123) – Disastrous
Invasion of Canada – III**

Lead: In the 1700s the United States broke from England. No colony in history had done that before. This series examines America's Revolution.

Intro: *A Moment in Time with Dan Roberts*

Content: On the last day of 1775 an outnumbered force of American troops attempted to capture the City of Quebec and solidify Yankee control of Canada. Led by Colonel Benedict Arnold and General

Richard Montgomery, about 1000 troops attacked from two directions. Their object was Lower Town at the borders of which the British had erected two rough barricades. The main part of the city was surrounded by a high wall and cliffs such as Diamond Point which soared high above the St. Lawrence River.

In the pre-dawn hours of December 31st Arnold attacked from the north, Montgomery attacked from the south. Arnold's troops made some progress but were stopped at the second barricade. At that point Arnold was seriously wounded in the leg and had to be evacuated from the field. Montgomery was almost immediately killed. Despite heroic efforts by Virginian Daniel Morgan to rally the rest of Arnold's men, the attack on Quebec collapsed. Arnold withdrew from the town and when expected re-enforcements did not materialized,

withdrew toward Montreal and eventually Americans left Canada completely.

The American invasion of Canada was over. It gave evidence of remarkable leadership from Montgomery and Arnold and moments of heroic sacrifice, but failed to achieve its objective to win Canada to the cause of independence.

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