



Molly Pitcher at the Battle of Monmouth

Primary Maker

Unknown Artist

Medium

Oil on copper plaque

Description

A round copper plaque decorated with a view of Molly Pitcher at a cannon during the Battle of Monmouth. The cannon point to the left. A male naked to the waist is posed at the breach, another with a hat over his head near the mouth, and Molly Pitcher to his immediate left. A dead soldier in an American uniform lies on the ground in

front of the cannon. This figure presumably represents Pitcher's husband, who was shot during the battle. The figure on a white horse in the distance behind the cannon may represent George Washington. Other officers in uniform are behind him. A fife and drum duo appear to the left of Pitcher, with the American army behind them. The British army is depicted retreating to the left of the American army. Molly Pitcher's bucket is tipped over on the ground to her left, beside a soldier seated on the ground with a wounded male in his lap. Another soldier sits back to the viewer on a rock on the left hand edge of the plaque. The smoke of battle darkens the sky, especially on the right hand side of the image.