



“The Fox” Story

The year is 1780 in the English Colonies in America. The Colonies have demanded independence and are involved in a revolution against England. The Colonists have had some minor wins, some disastrous losses, and lots of discouragement. A new flag will only motivate the army so far! Many people are leaning toward suing for peace and taking their punishment.

Some of the most vicious fighting occurs when Loyalist or Tory units are met in battle by Colonists -- and this is happening too often to be a coincidence.

General Washington's Headquarters suspects that there is a spy (known as the Fox), passing secrets to the British Forces. The last two troop movements have developed into battles. The British have known when Colonists are moving along roads that are not normally patrolled. The General suspects everyone. He is afraid the Fox may even be one of his staff.

The Fox apparently has the ability to travel widely and is able to obtain information about the Colonial situation with ease -- and is wrecking havoc for the fledgling Colonials.

Colonial troops are deserting faster than they can be recruited. Supplies are harder to get as the British always seem to seize or requisition any and all stockpiles before the Colonists armies are able. Consequently, farmers now want gold or silver, not paper money.

Washington's Chief of Staff, Colonel Hathaway, has called a meeting in Fairfax, Virginia. He doesn't want to meet around his other headquarters personnel -- where he suspects there may be a leak of information. With luck we should be able to uncover the spy tonight.

You are at an inn near Fairfax, Virginia and have just completed dinner and are waiting to see a play, followed by dancing. The conversation turned to rumors that the Fox is in the vicinity. Col. Hathaway, has stated that he feels sure that the Fox will be caught soon - perhaps even tonight. Then after a fair trial, the Fox will be hung in the morning. Everyone is suspicious of everyone else at this point. Everyone in the room is under suspicion of being the Fox and you are being asked to spend the night until things are cleared up.

Don't make plans for tomorrow afternoon!

Remember to look for motive, opportunity, method and if you can catch someone in a lie.