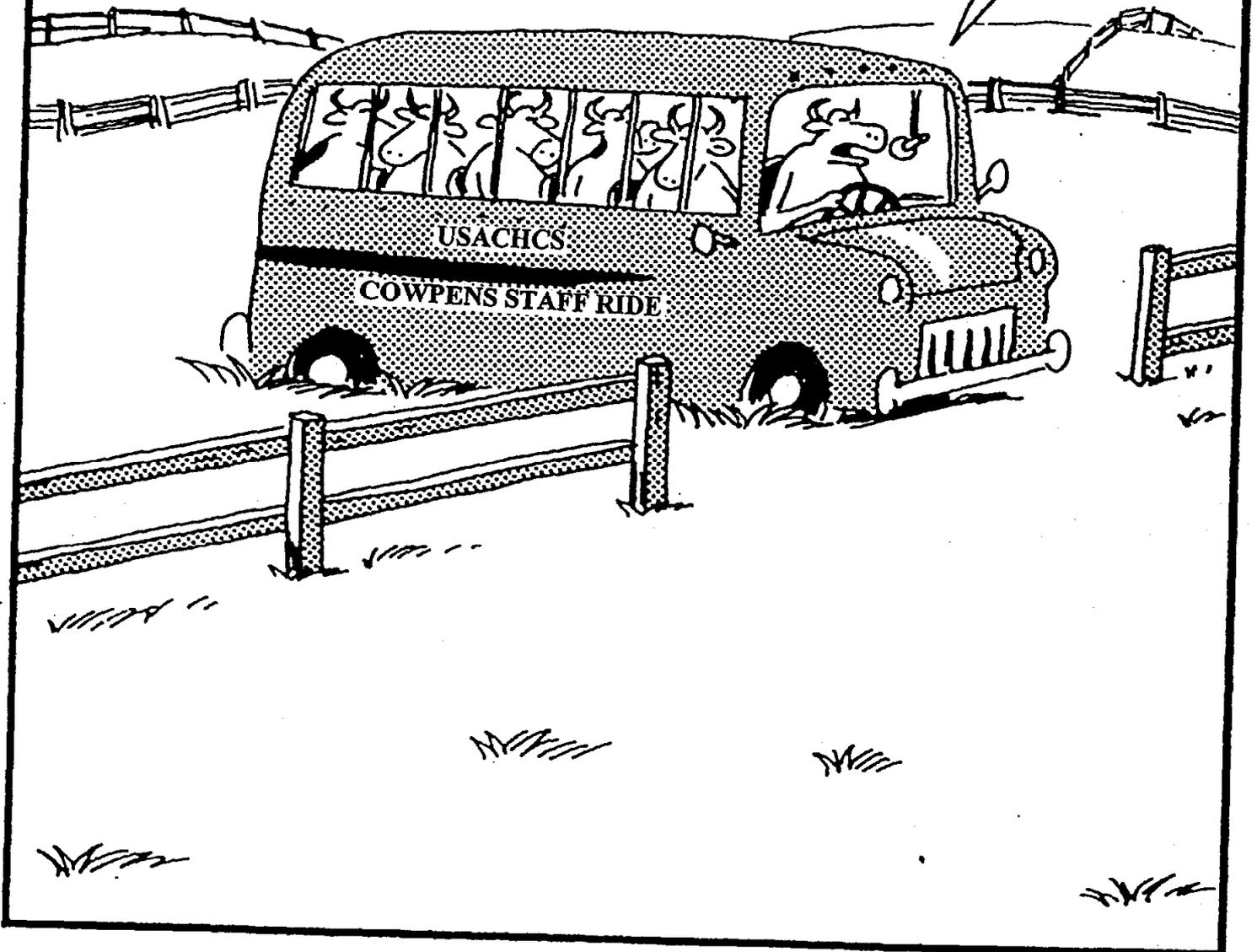


THE BATTLE OF
COWPENS

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Now we're coming into the north pasture... It may look like dried stubble now, but next spring this will all be green and lush.



THE EARLY ORIGINS OF THE USACHCS STAFF RIDE



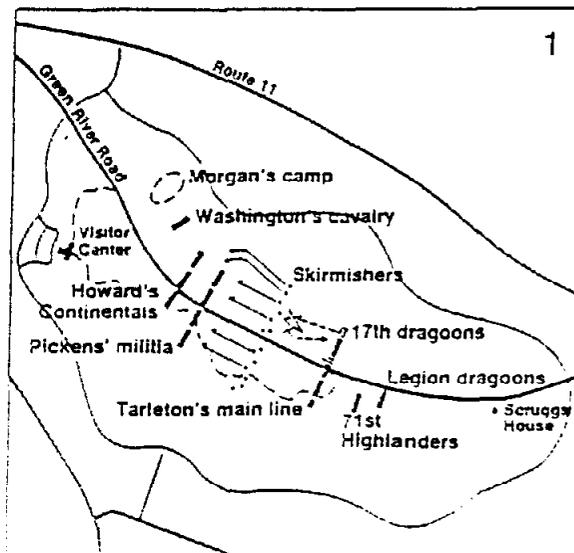
Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775: An unfortunate twist of fate for one young Redcoat, Charles "Bugeyed" Bingham; was not knowing that the opposing American general had just uttered the historic command, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."

This is a collection of tactical maps relating to the battle of Cowpens. Also included in the collection are the Order of Battle for both the American and British forces, as well as a Bibliography of works relating to Cowpens and the Southern Campaign of 1779-1781.

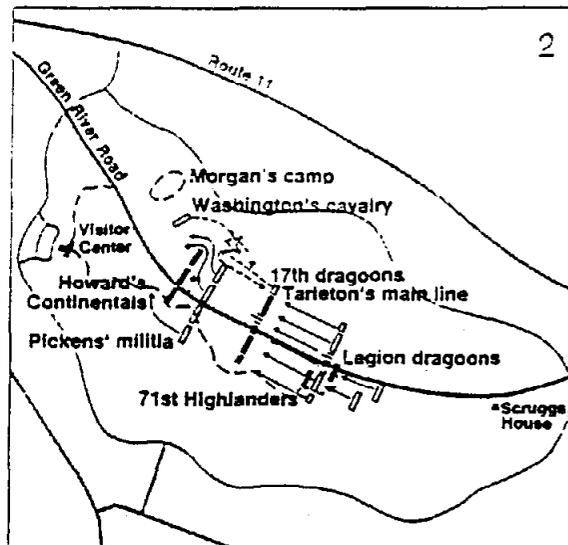
Stages of the Battle

Because the battle was a continuous flow of action from the opening skirmish to the pell-mell flight of the Legion dragoons at the end, the important maneuvers cannot all be shown on a single map. This sequence of maps diagrams the main stages of the battle.

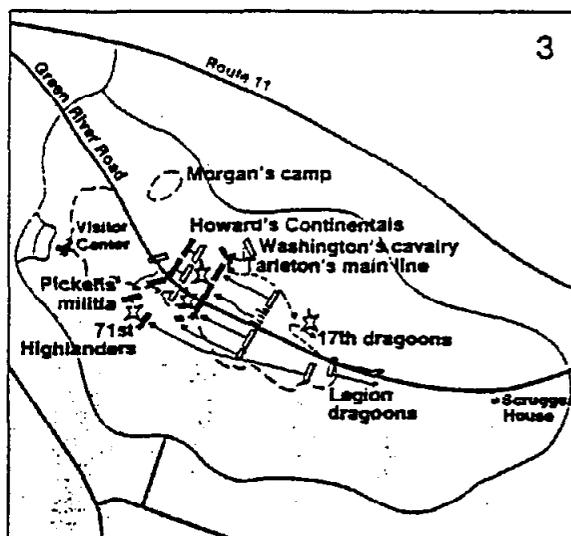
1. Skirmishers drive back Tarleton's cavalry, sent forward to examine the enemy's lines, and then withdraw into Pickens' line of militia. Without pausing, Tarleton forms his line of battle.



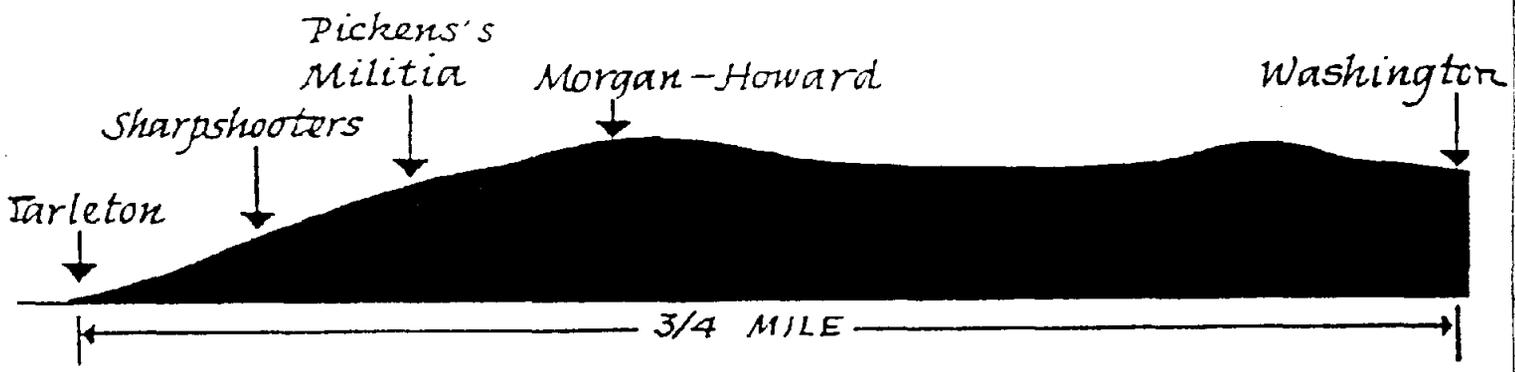
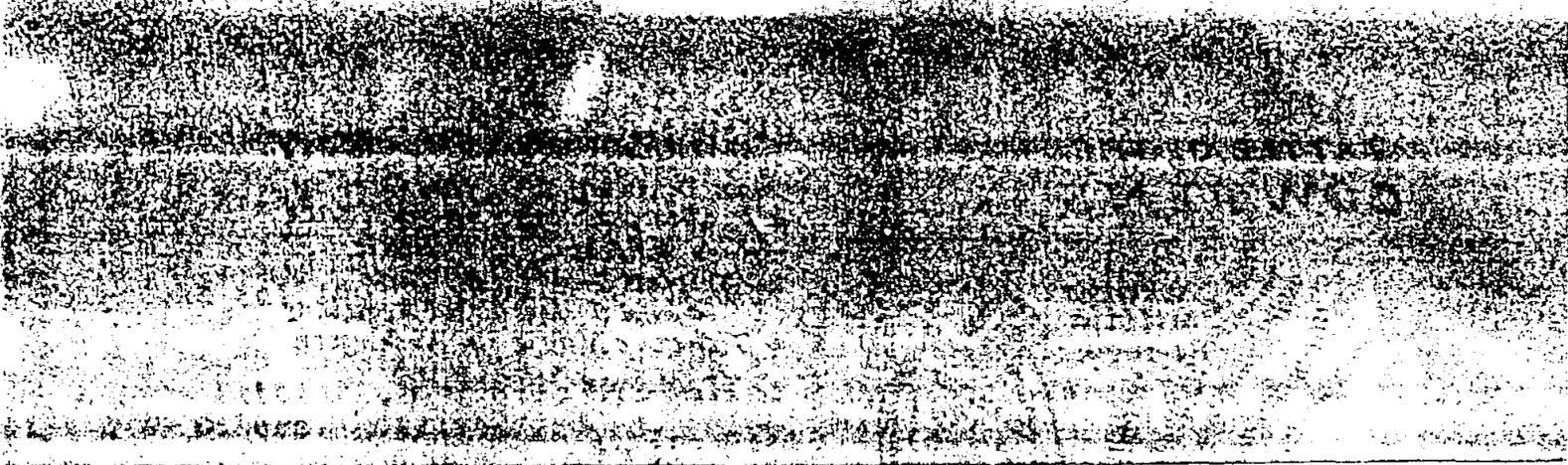
2. The British advance on Pickens' militia, who deliver the promised two shots each and fall back on the flanks. When they are pursued by British dragoons, Washington's cavalry charges into action and drives them off.



3. Howard's Continentals rout the British in the center, supported by cavalry on the left and militia on the right.



How to read these battle diagrams
 British positions are shown in RED, American in BLUE. Open boxes show former positions, arrows movement. Clashes are shown by stars. Modern features, included for orientation, appear in gray.



AMERICANS: FIRST POSITIONS
FINAL POSITIONS

BRITISH [Symbol]

[Symbol] HORSES

THE COWPENS

MILITIA REFORMING

WASHINGTON AND McCALL'S DRAGOONS

MORGAN

HOWARD

RIFLEMEN CON'TINENTALS GA. MILITIA

CUNNINGHAM

PICKENS

McDOWELL

DRAGOONS 7TH LEGION. LT. INF. DRAGOONS

71ST

LEGION DRAGOONS

TARLETON

FLIGHT OF THE DRAGOONS

FLIGHT OF MILITIA

FLIGHT OF MILITIA

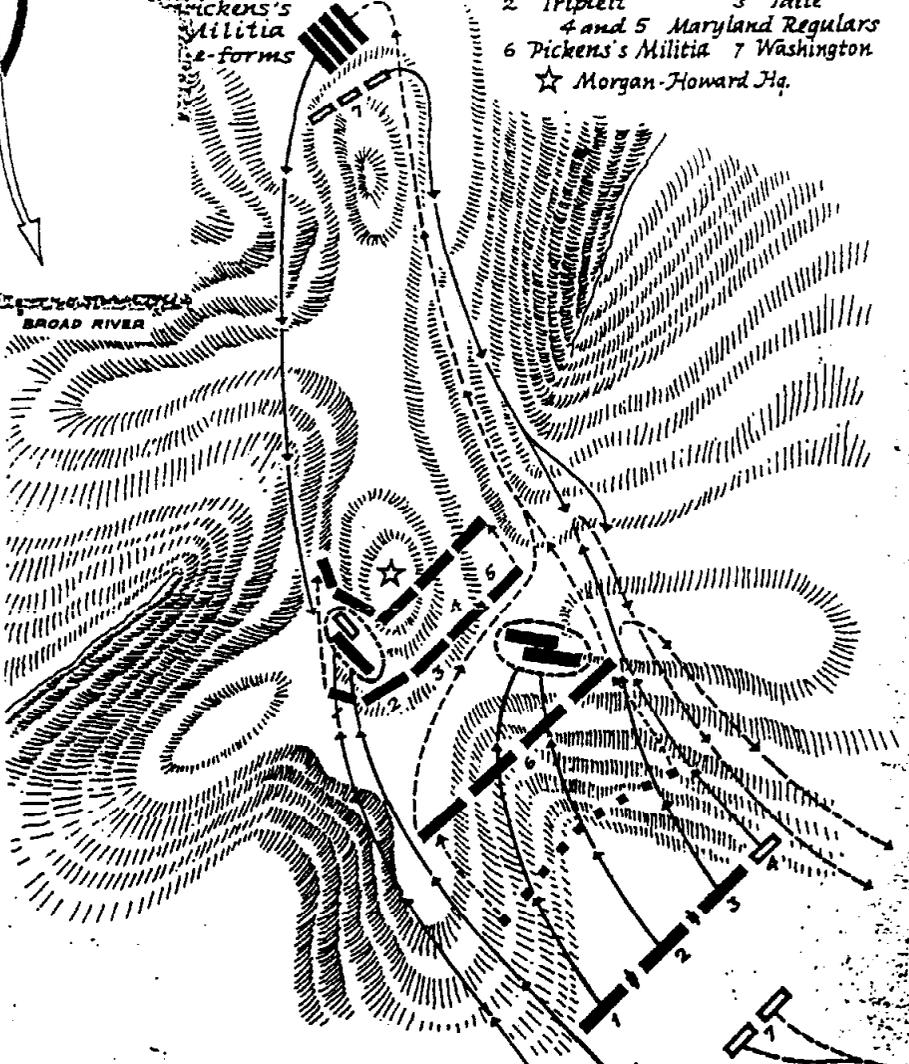
OF THE COWPENS

Pickens's Militia reforms

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- [Symbol] Infantry
- [Symbol] Sharpshooters
- [Symbol] Cavalry
- [Symbol] Attack
- [Symbol] Retreat
- 1 Beale
- 2 Triplett
- 3 Taite
- 4 and 5 Maryland Regulars
- 6 Pickens's Militia
- 7 Washington
- ★ Morgan-Howard Hq.

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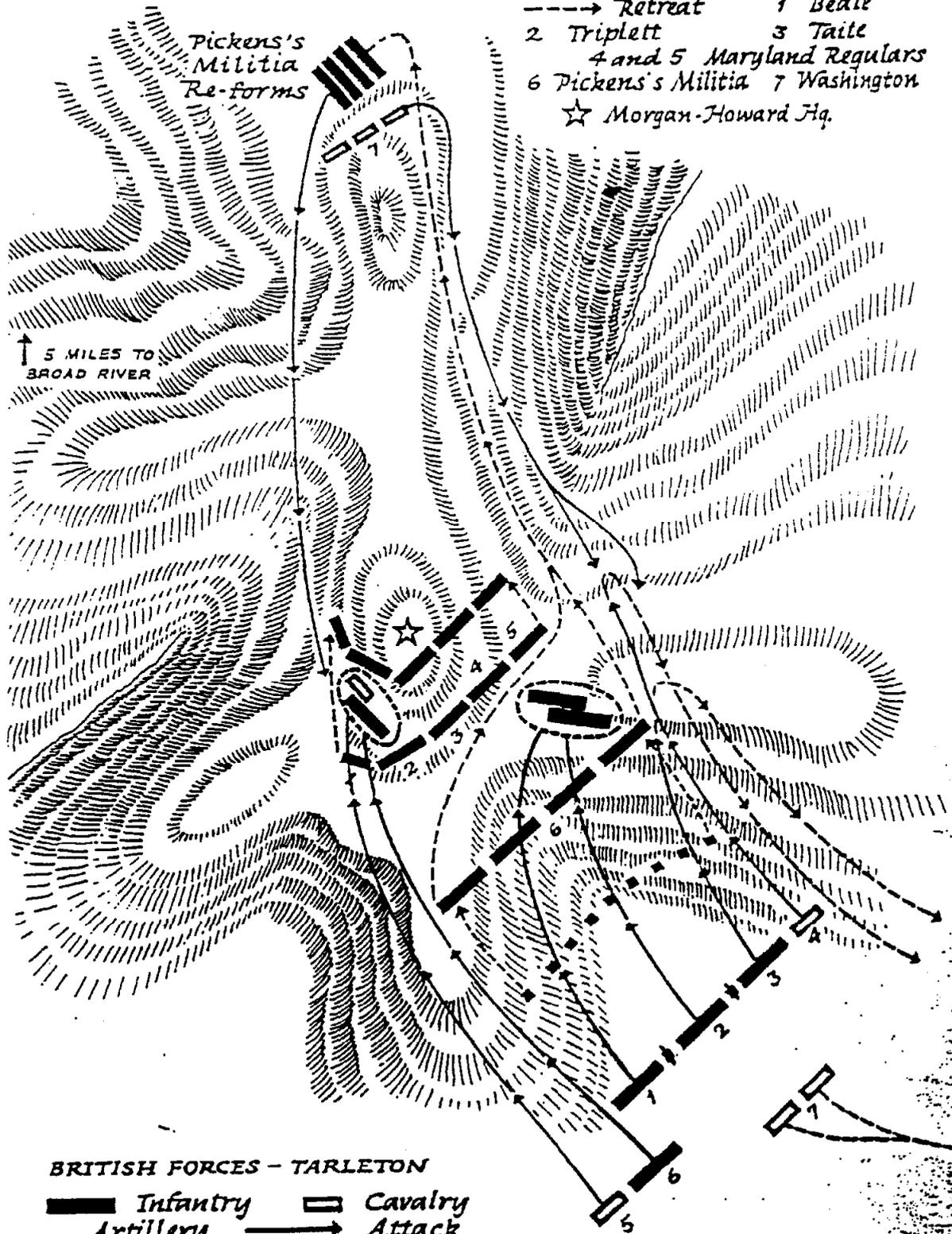
BRITISH FORCES - TARLETON

- [Symbol] Infantry
- [Symbol] Cavalry
- [Symbol] Artillery
- [Symbol] Attack
- [Symbol] Retreat
- 1 7th Regiment
- 2 Legion Infantry
- 3 Light Infantry

BATTLE OF THE COWPENS

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| —■— | Infantry | □ | Cavalry |
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| | | 7 | Washington |
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BRITISH FORCES - TARLETON

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| | | 2 | Legion Infantry |
| | | 3 | Light Infantry |
| | | 4 | Dragoons |
| | | 5 | Fraser's Highlanders |
| | | 6 | 71st Regiment |
| | | 7 | Tarleton |

○ British Surrender

Scale in yards
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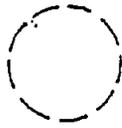
THE BATTLE OF THE COWPENS

(Schematic)

JANUARY 17, 1781

AMERICANS: FIRST POSITIONS 
FINAL POSITIONS 

BRITISH 

 HORSES

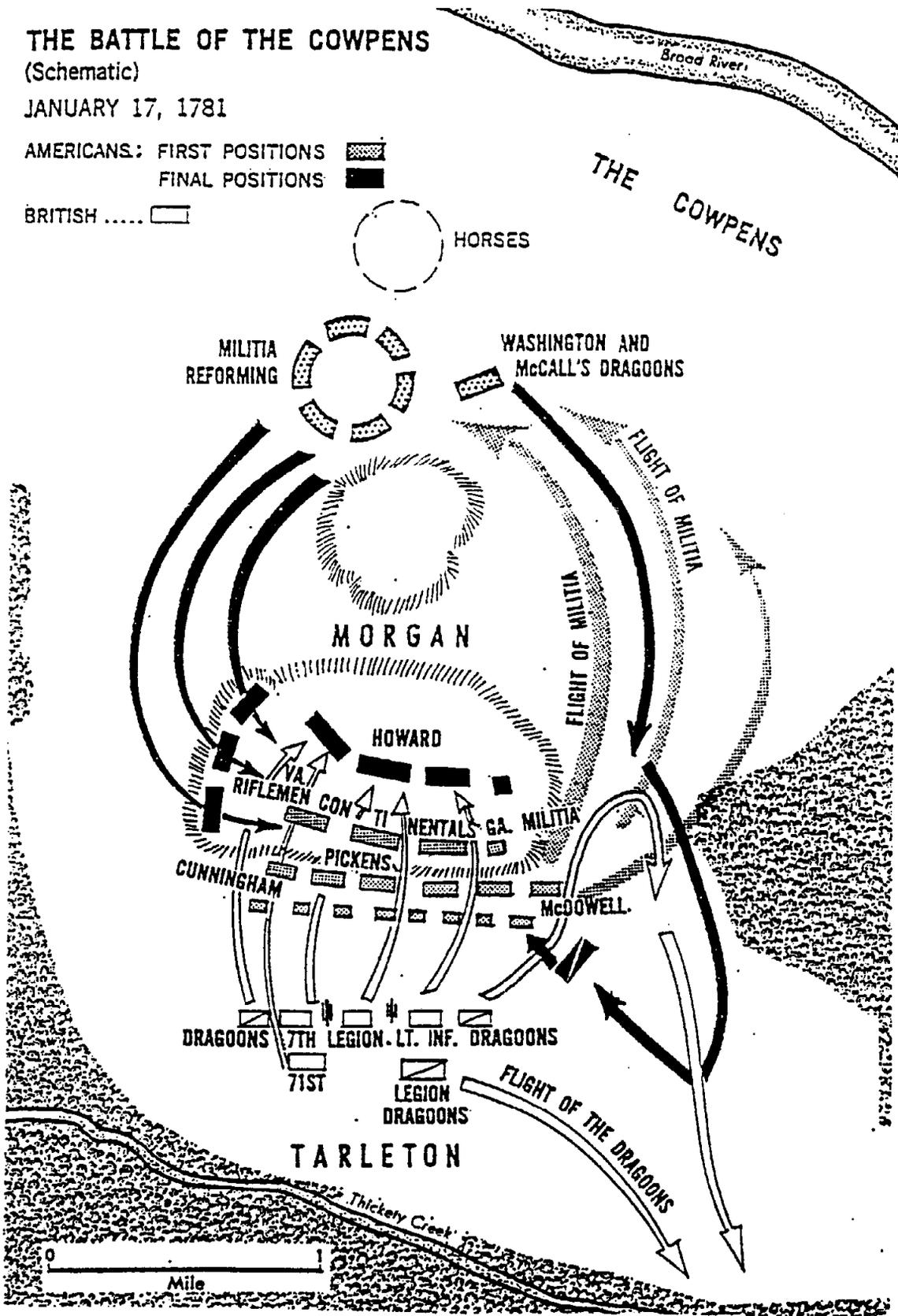


Table of Organization — American Forces

The Flying Army - Brigadier General Daniel Morgan

Headquarters - Flying Army

Brigade Major - Captain Benjamin Brookes

Aide de Camp - Major Edward Giles

Baron de Glaubeck

Commissary - Captain Edward Chitty

Morgan's Life Guard (ca 10 men)

"Regular" Infantry - Lieutenant Colonel John Eager Howard

Continental Infantry

Delaware Company - Captain Robert Kirkwood (60 men)

1/7 Maryland Company - Captain Richard Anderson (60 men)

3/5 Maryland Company - Lieutenant Nicholas Mangers (60 men)

2/4/6 Maryland Company - Captain Henry Dobson (60 men)

Virginia Company - Captain Andrew Wallace (60 men)

North Carolina Company - Captain Henry Connelly (30? men)

Virginia State Company - Captain John Lawson (50 men)

South Carolina State Troops - Major Samuel Hammond (ca 60 men)

Virginia Militia - Major Francis Triplett

Fauquier Company - Captain John Combs (40+ men)

Augusta Company - Captain James Tate (40+ men)

Rockbridge Company - Captain James Gilmore (45 men)

Burke County, NC, Company - ? (ca 25 men)

Militia - General Andrew Pickens

Brigade Major - James Jackson

1st Spartan Regiment

1st Bn - Col John Thomas (ca 150 men)

2nd Bn - LtC Benjamin Roebuck (ca 150 men)

2nd Spartan Regiment

1st Bn - Col Thomas Brandon (ca 100 men)

2nd Bn - Lt Col William Farr (ca 100 men)

Little River Regiment - Lt Col Joseph Hayes (ca 180 men)

North Carolina Battalion - Lt Col Joseph McDowell (ca 180 men)

Georgia Refugees - Major John Cunningham (ca 75 men)

Virginia Militia - Major Thomas Posey (?) (ca 100 men)

Cavalry

Continental Light Dragoons - Lt Col William Washington (82 men)

South Carolina State Troops - Major James McCall (45 men)

Virginia State Dragoons - ? (ca 15 men)

North Carolina State Dragoons - ? (ca 15 men)

South Carolina "Guides" - ? (ca 15 men)

Militia Volunteers - Benjamin Jolly

North Carolina - Captain Mordecai Clark (ca 20 men)

South Carolina - Thomas Young (ca 25 men)

Table of Organization — British Forces

Lieutenant Colonel Banstre Tarleton

Infantry

7th Regiment of Foot - Major Timothy Newmarsh (ca 170 men)

71st Regiment of Foot - Major Arthur MacArthur (ca 249 men)

British Legion Infantry - ? (ca 250 men)

Light Infantry

16th Foot Regiment (41 men)

1st Battalion 71st Regiment (35 men)

2nd Battalion 71st Regiment (34 men)

Prince of Wales American Regiment (ca 40 men)

Strength: 150 men

Cavairy

17th Light Dragoons - 1 Troop Lieutenant Nettles (50 men)

British Legion Dragoons - Major Ogilivy (250 men)

Tory Scouts/Guides - Alexander Chesnee (?) (ca 50 men)

Artillery

2 - 3 pounder field pieces (ca 36 men)

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