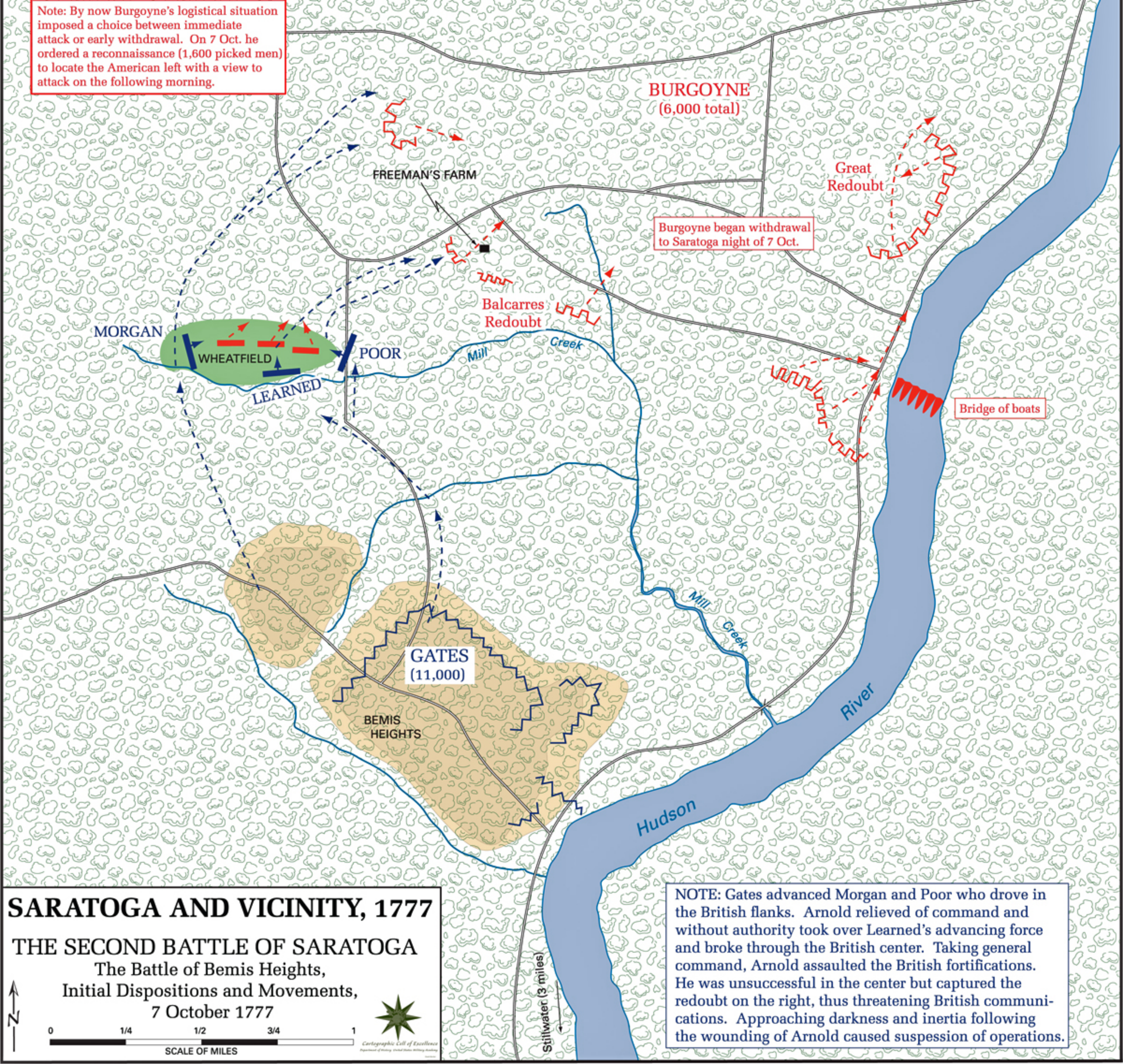


Note: By now Burgoyne's logistical situation imposed a choice between immediate attack or early withdrawal. On 7 Oct. he ordered a reconnaissance (1,600 picked men) to locate the American left with a view to attack on the following morning.



**BURGOYNE**  
(6,000 total)

Great Redoubt

Burgoyne began withdrawal to Saratoga night of 7 Oct.

Balcarres Redoubt

MORGAN

WHEATFIELD

POOR

LEARNED

Mill Creek

Bridge of boats

**GATES**  
(11,000)

BEMIS HEIGHTS

Mill Creek

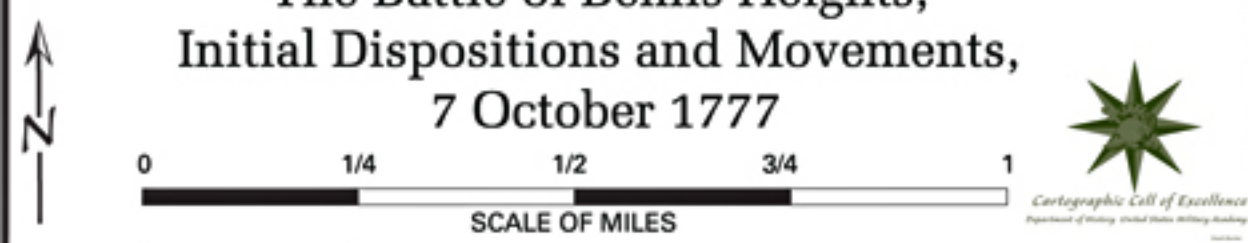
Hudson River

Stillwater (3 miles)

# SARATOGA AND VICINITY, 1777

## THE SECOND BATTLE OF SARATOGA

The Battle of Bemis Heights,  
Initial Dispositions and Movements,  
7 October 1777



NOTE: Gates advanced Morgan and Poor who drove in the British flanks. Arnold relieved of command and without authority took over Learned's advancing force and broke through the British center. Taking general command, Arnold assaulted the British fortifications. He was unsuccessful in the center but captured the redoubt on the right, thus threatening British communications. Approaching darkness and inertia following the wounding of Arnold caused suspension of operations.