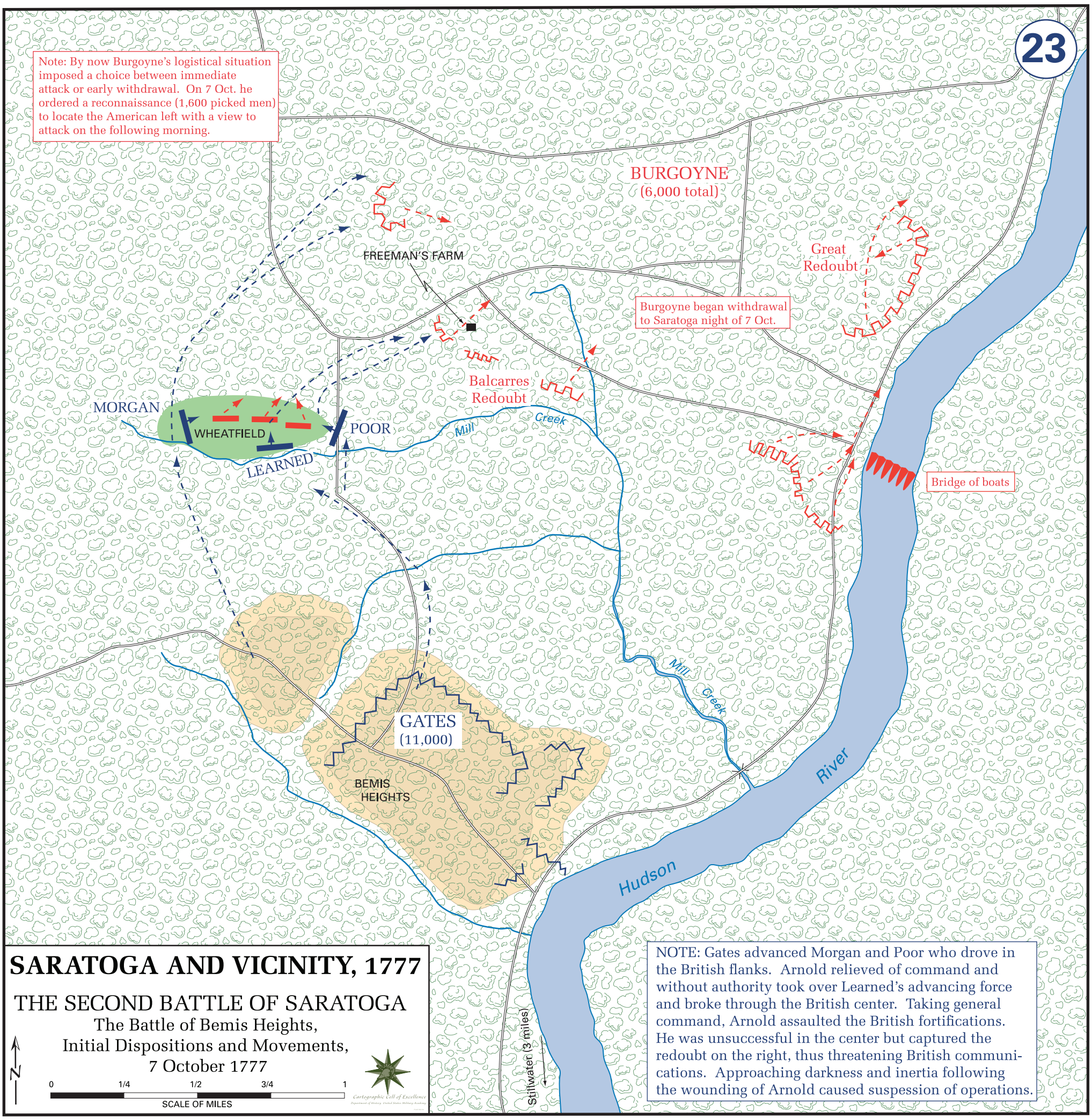
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Note: By now Burgoyne's logistical situation imposed a choice between immediate attack or early withdrawal. On 7 Oct. he ordered a reconnaissance (1,600 picked men) to locate the American left with a view to attack on the following morning.
BURGOYNE
(6,000 total)
FREEMAN'S FARM
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)
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.
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THE SECOND BATTLE OF SARATOGA
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