


# MILITARY

PART 2

# HISTORY

Battle of Little Big Horn  
Centennial Campaign 1876



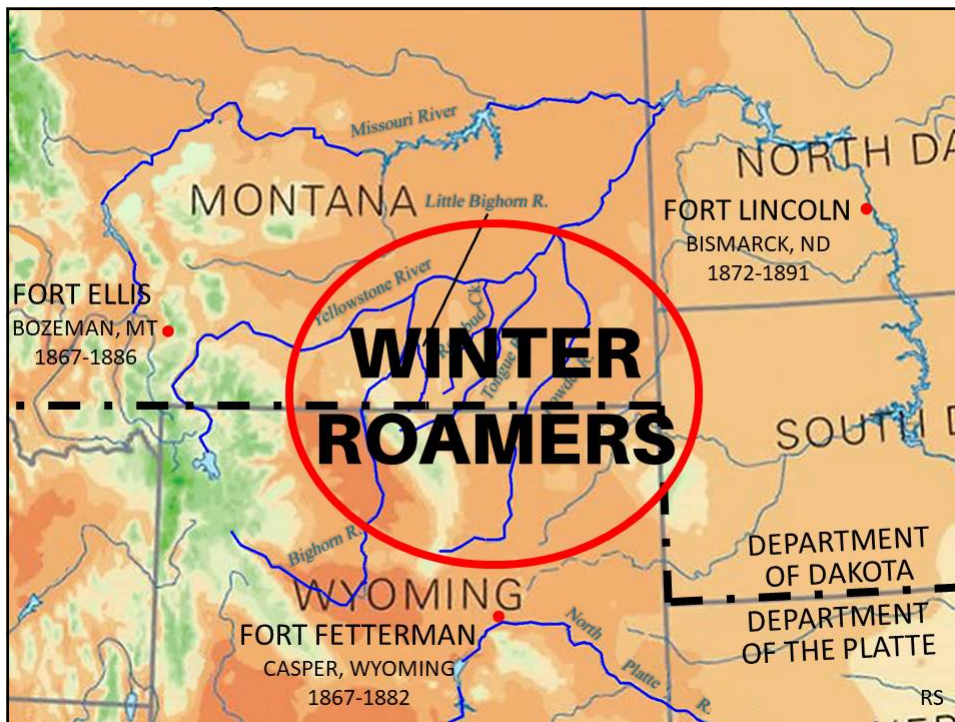


**Spotted Tail**

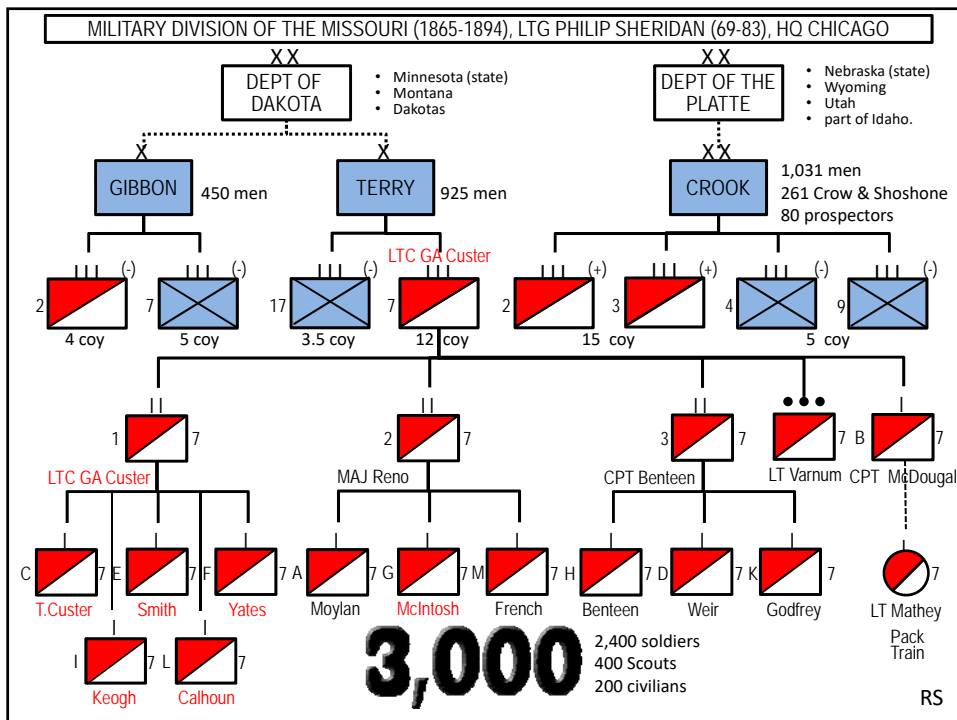
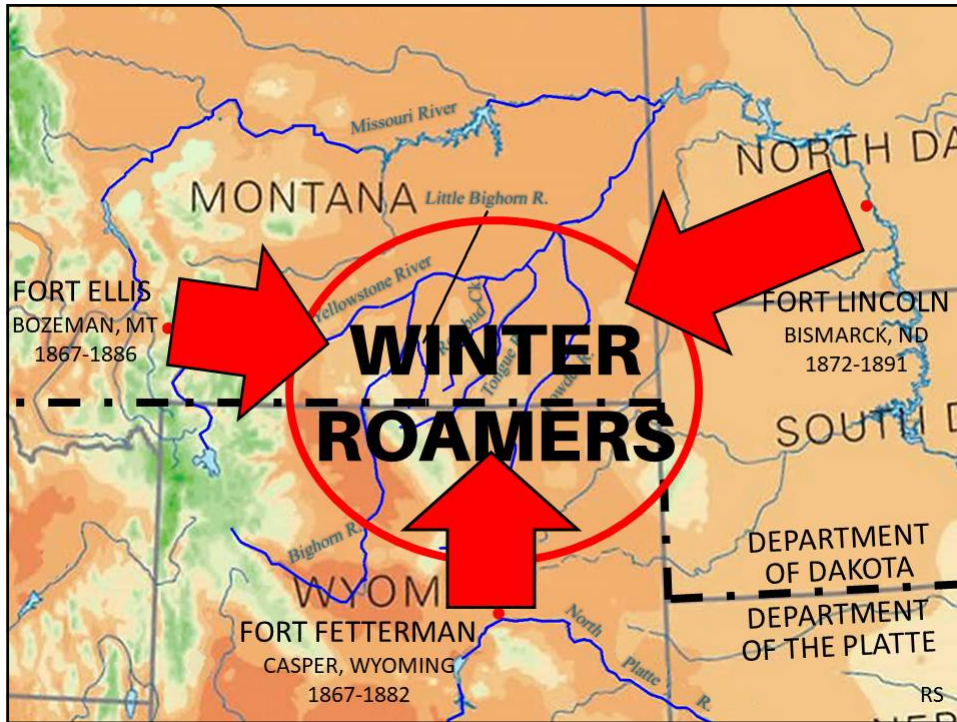
"This war was brought upon us by the children of the Great Father who came to take our land from us without price."

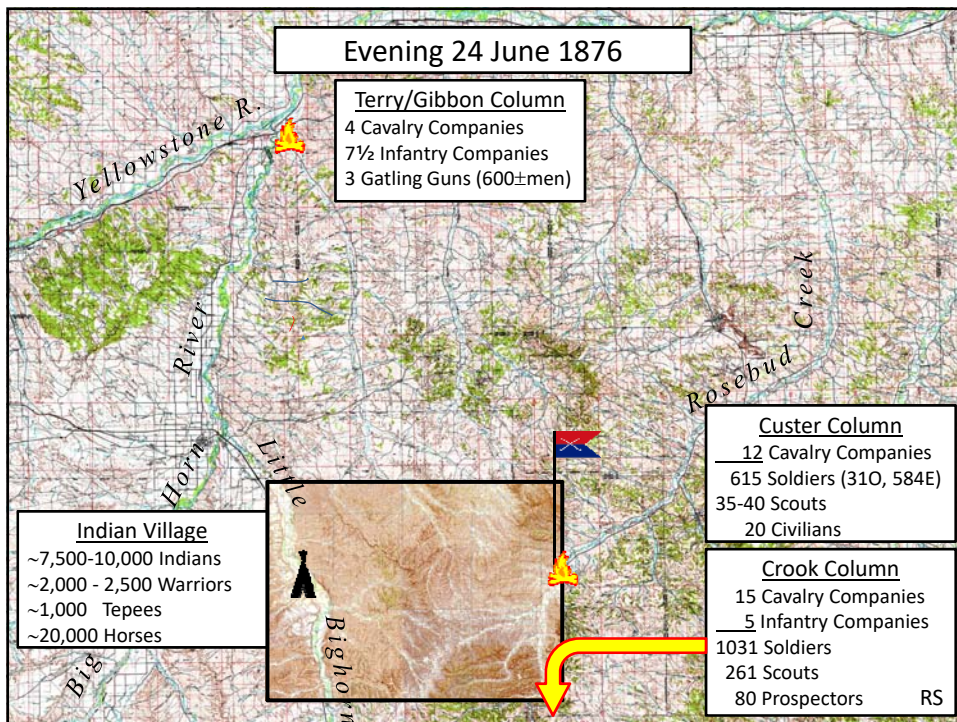
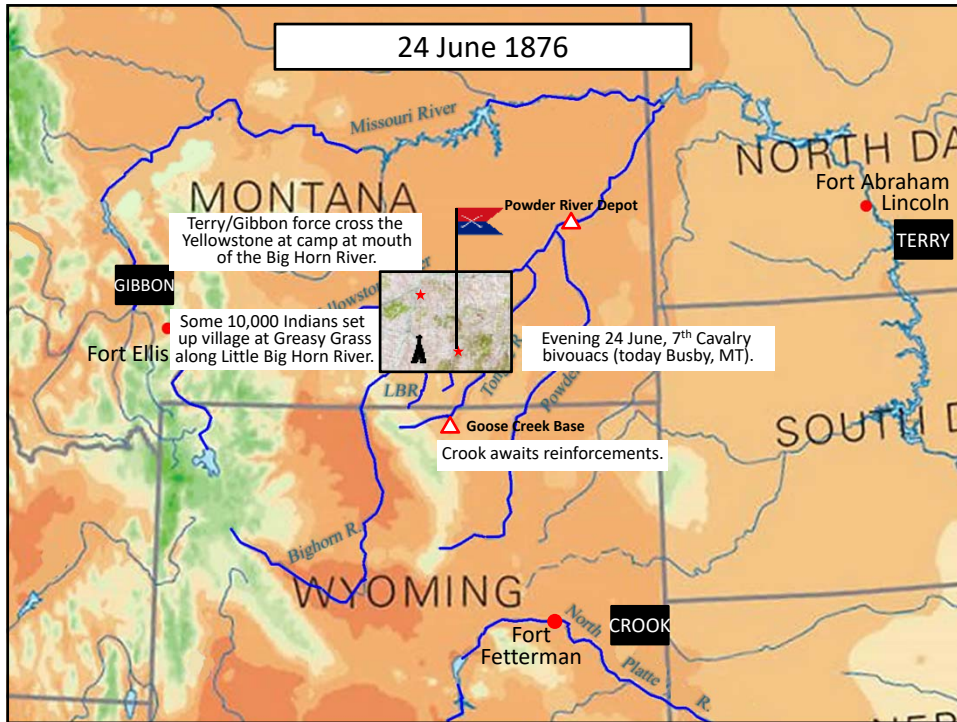
As quoted in *The report and journal of proceedings of the commission appointed to obtain certain concessions from the Sioux Indians*, December 26, 1876

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### Lakota/Cheyenne Order of Battle

**PRINCIPAL CHIEF, LAKOTA NATION**







**Sitting Bull**


**PROMINENT WAR CHIEFS**


**Chief Gall**   **Crazy Horse**   **Two Moons**

**Represented Nations and Tribes**


 <b>LAKOTA</b>	 <b>DAKOTA</b>	 <b>NORTHERN CHEYENNE</b>	 <b>ARAPAHO</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunkpapa</li> <li>• Sicasapa</li> <li>• Minneconjou</li> <li>• Sants Arc</li> <li>• Oglala</li> <li>• Brule</li> <li>• Two Kettles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower</li> <li>• Yanktonai</li> <li>• Wahpekute</li> </ul>		




**Lame White Man**




**American Horse the Elder**




**Rain-in-the-face**




**Red Horse**




**Pretty Nose**




**Iron Hail**



**Runs-the-Enemy**




**Red Cloud**




**Shot-in-the-eye**


**SOME OTHER WAR CHIEFS**




**Buffalo Calf Robe**




**Wooden Leg**




**Crow King**




**Yellow Hair**




**White Eagle**




**White Bull**



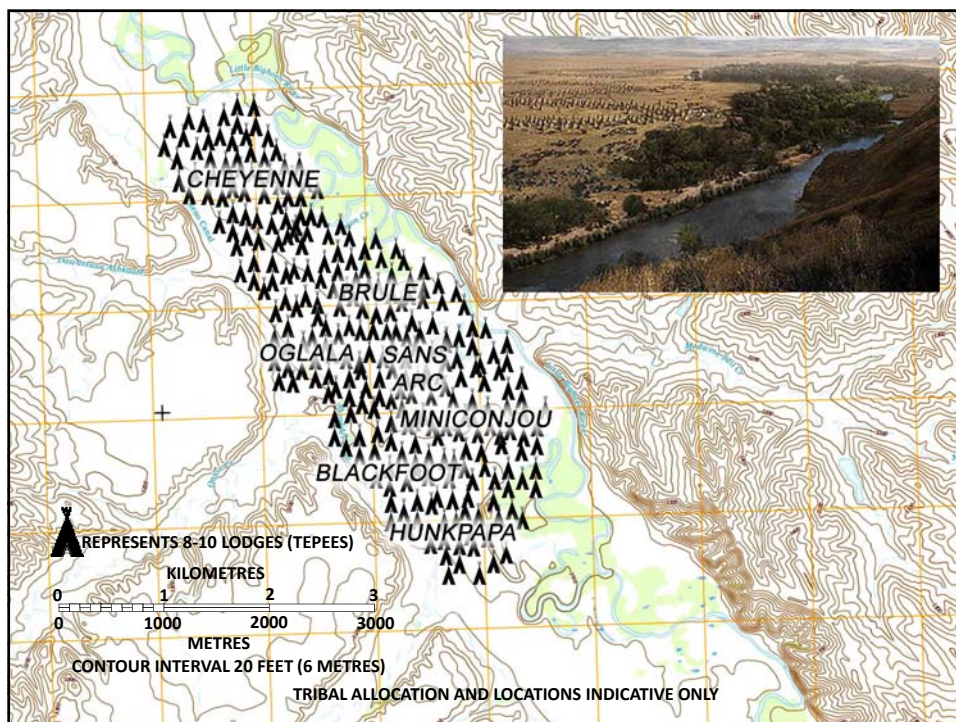
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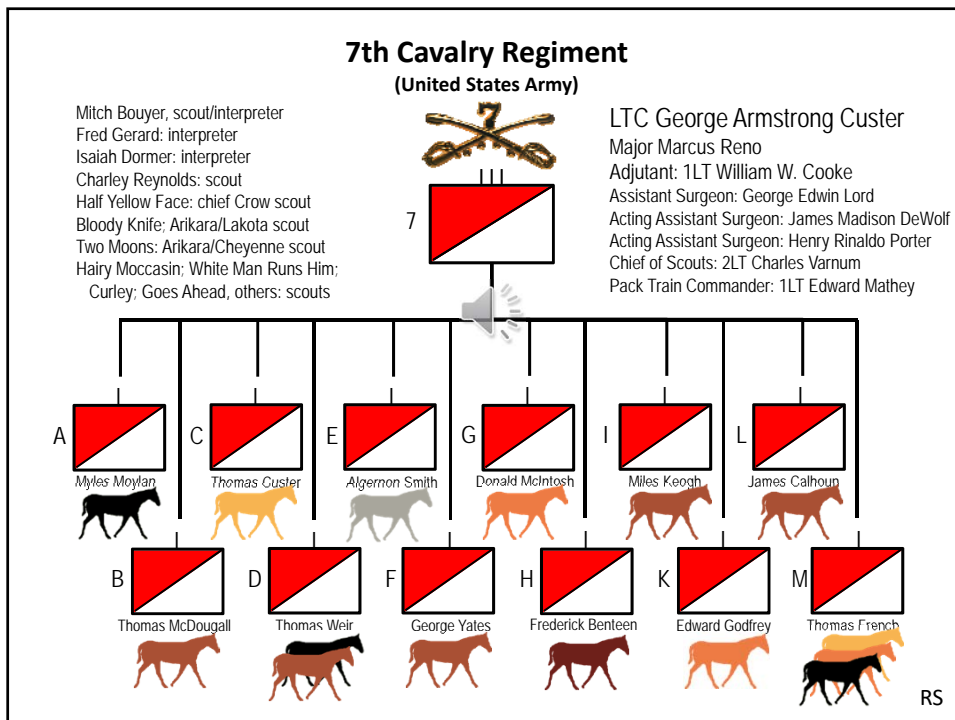


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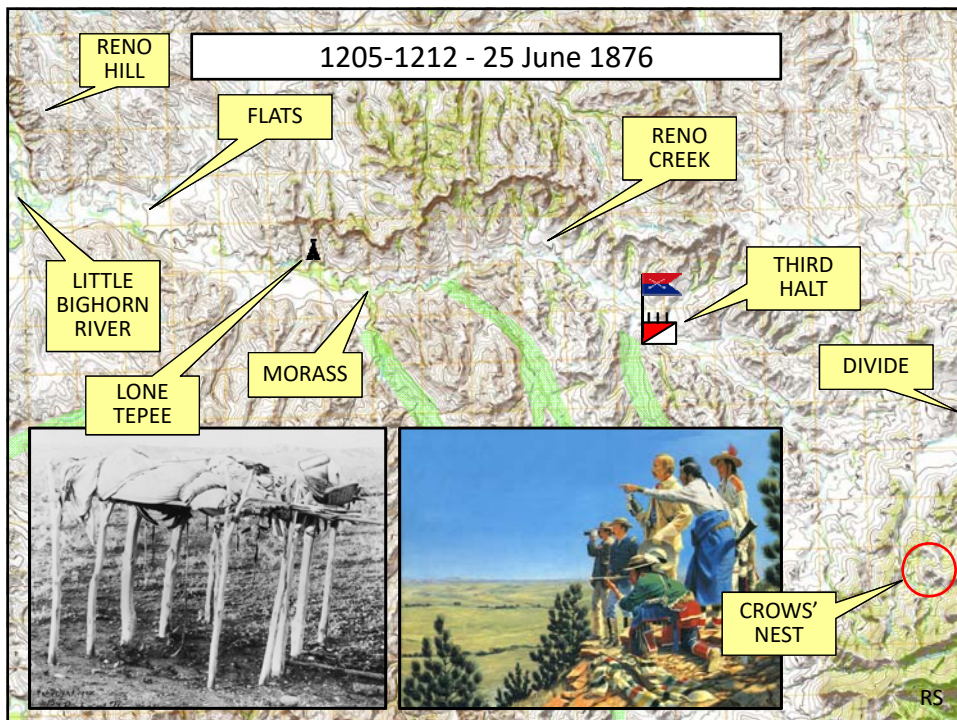
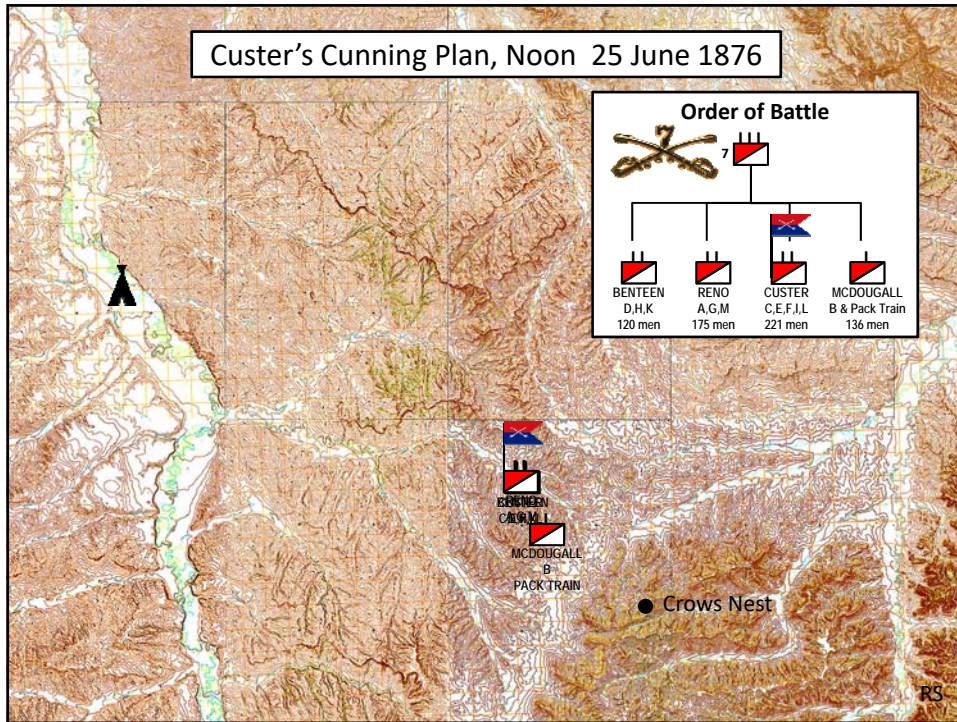


**One Bull**

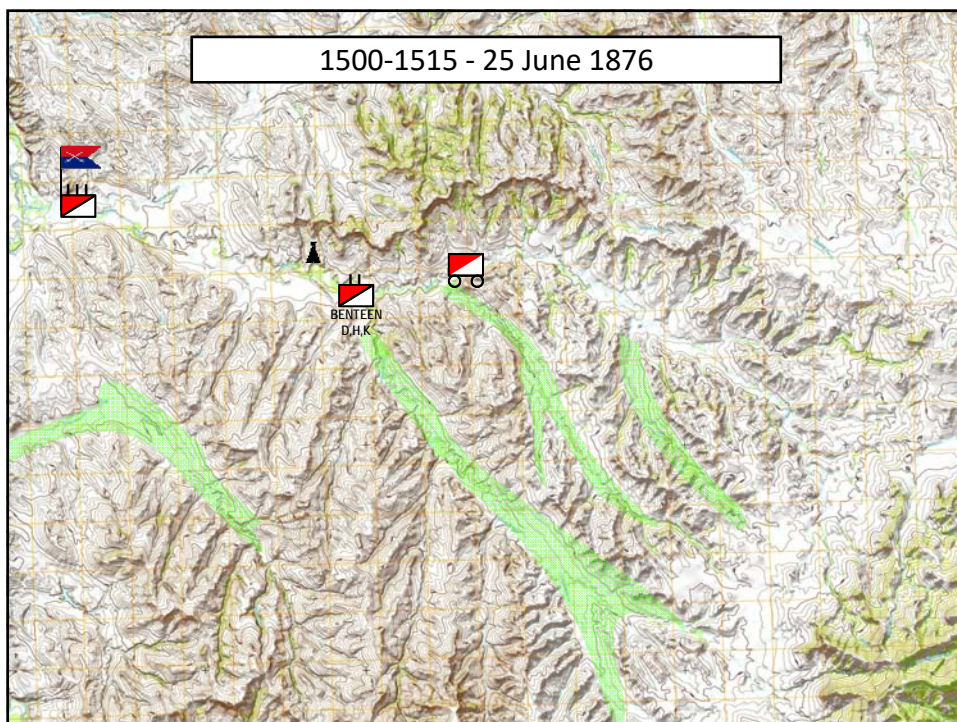
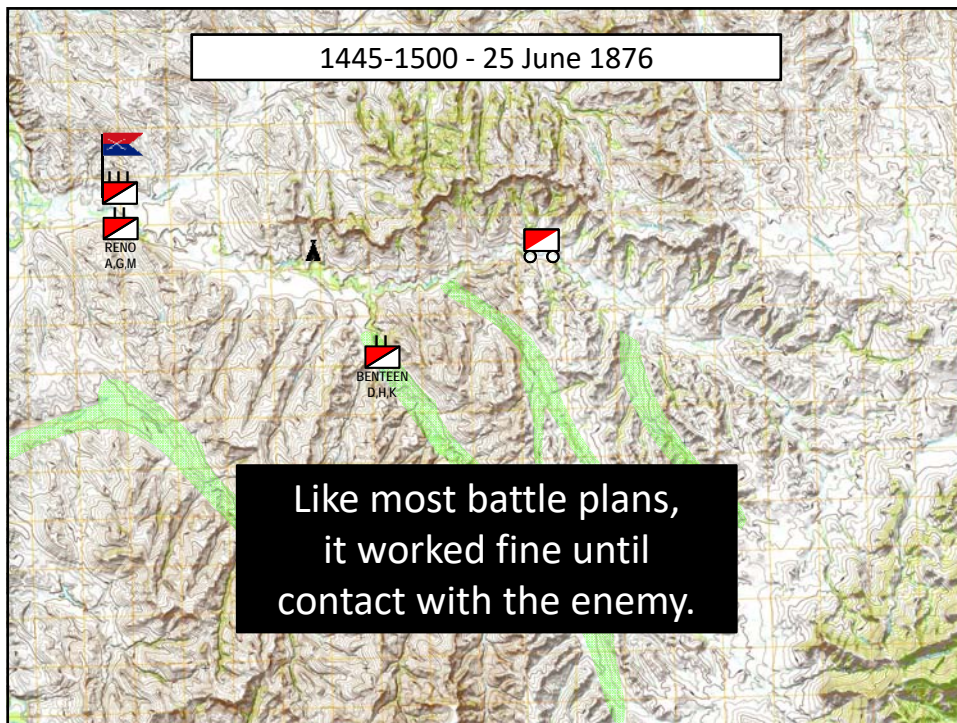




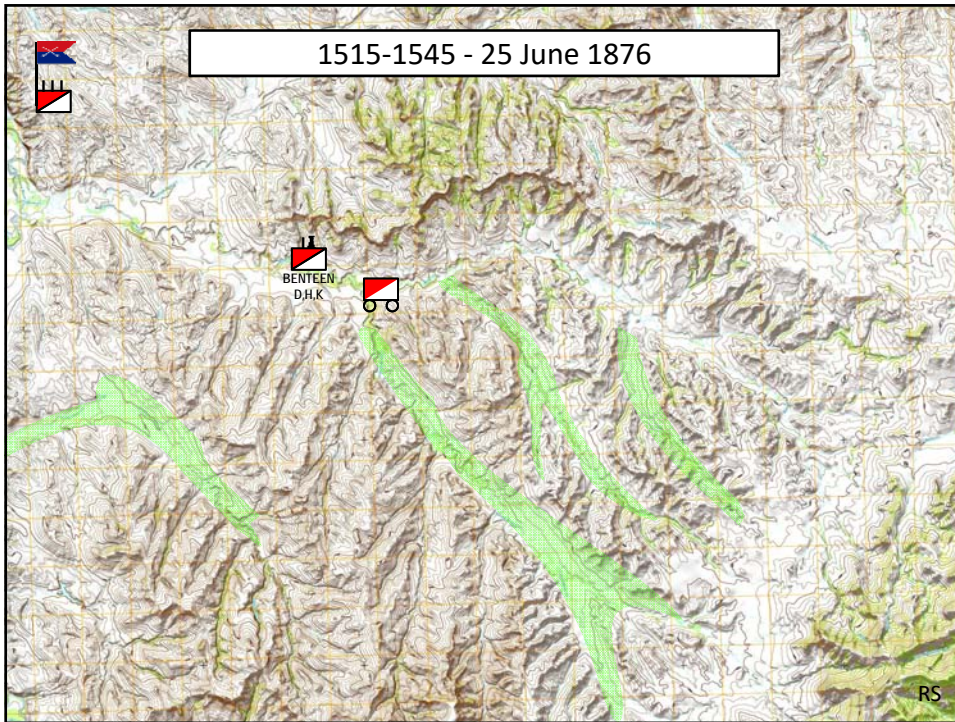


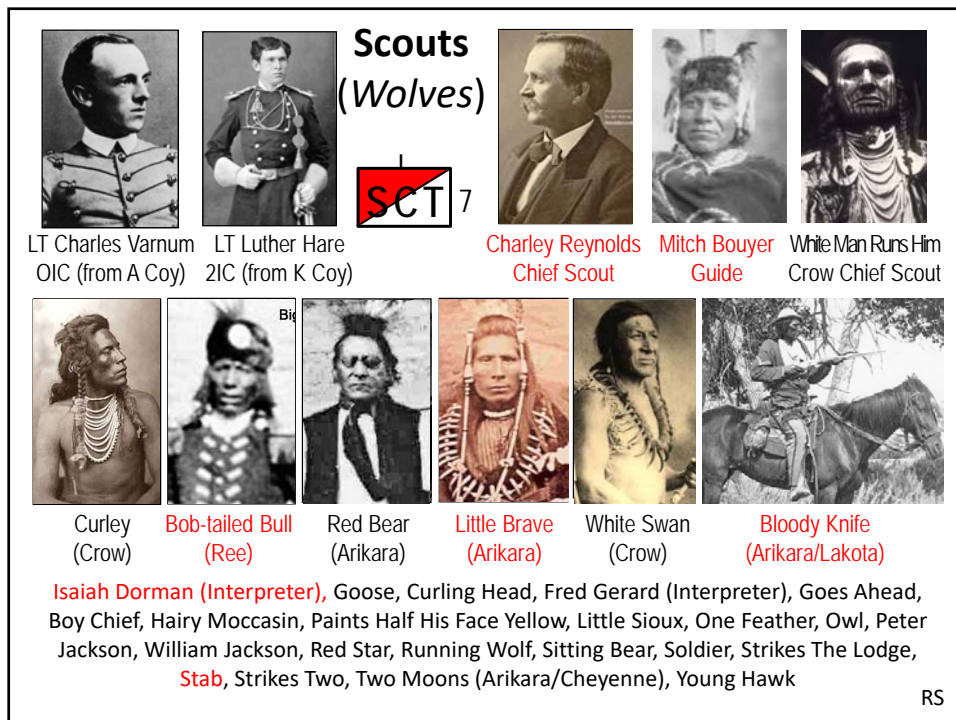
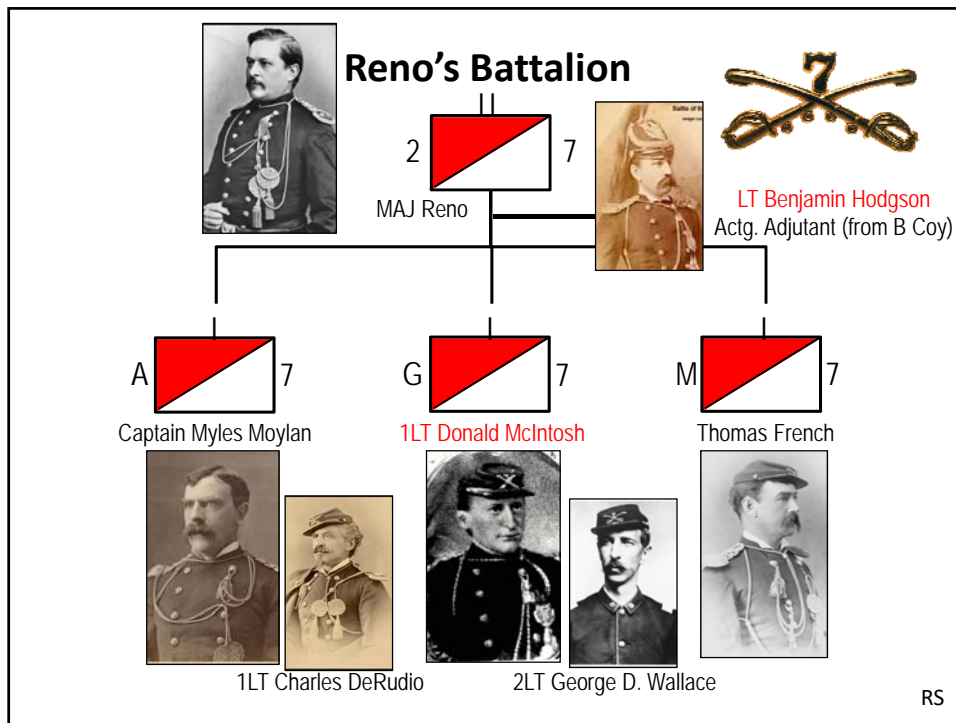




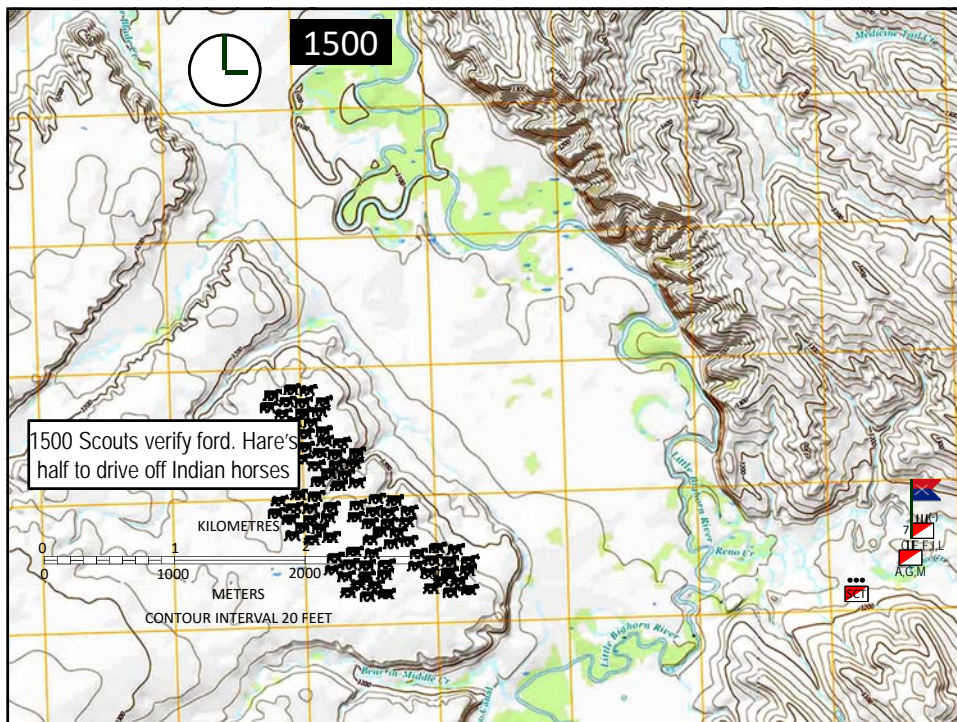
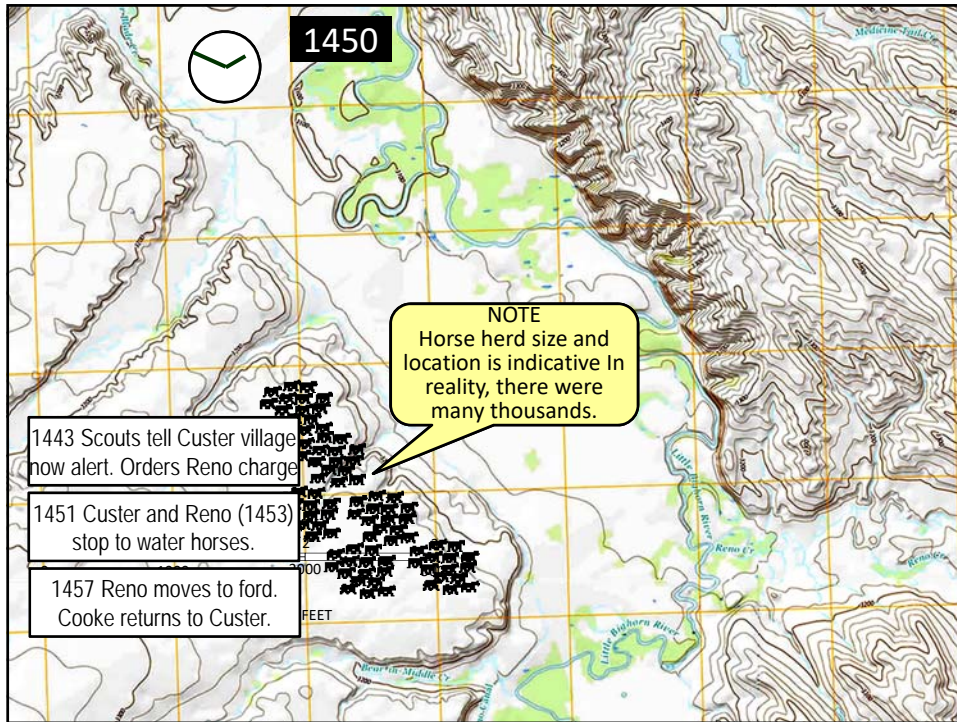




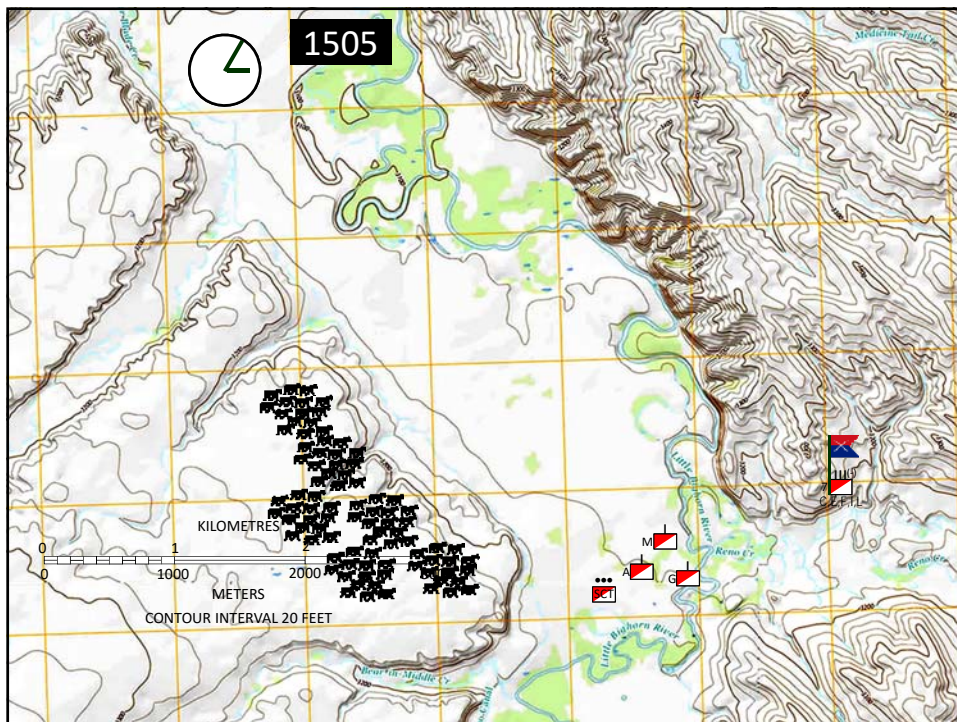
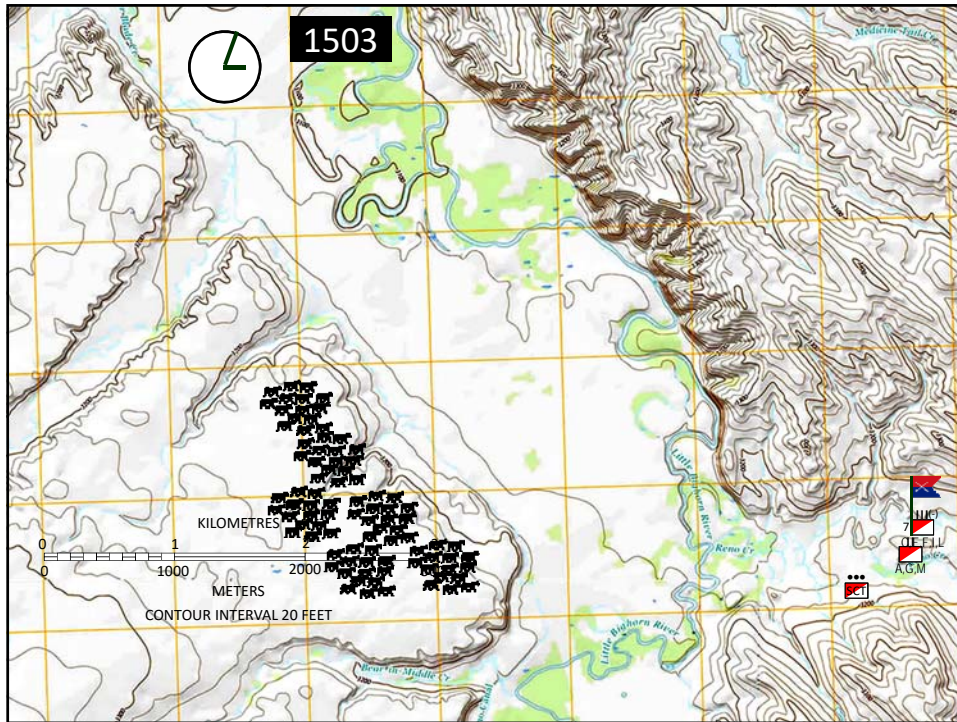




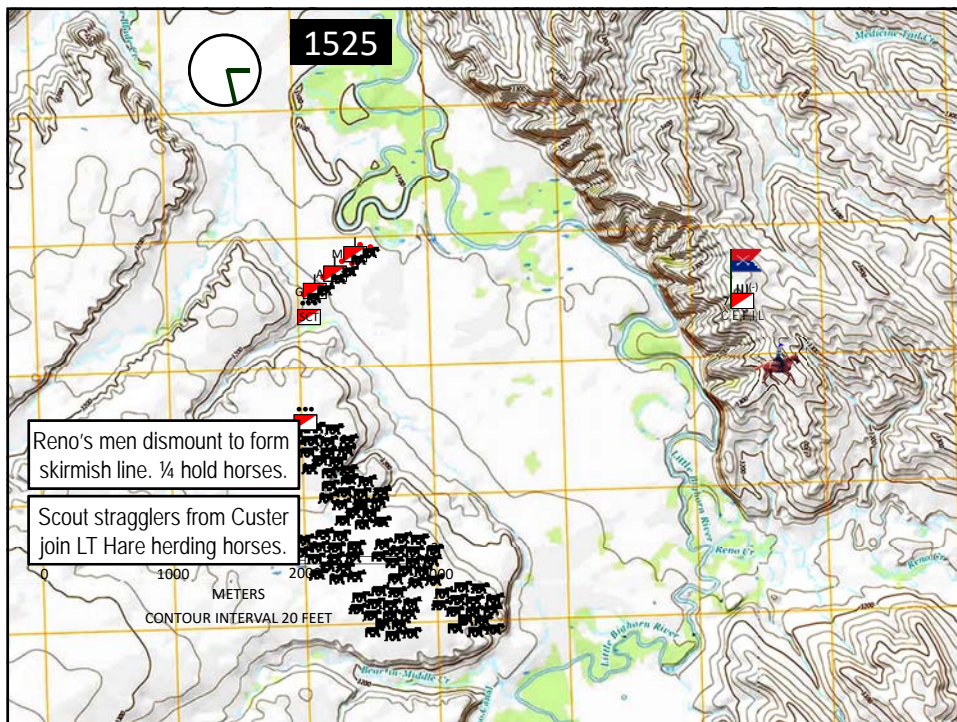
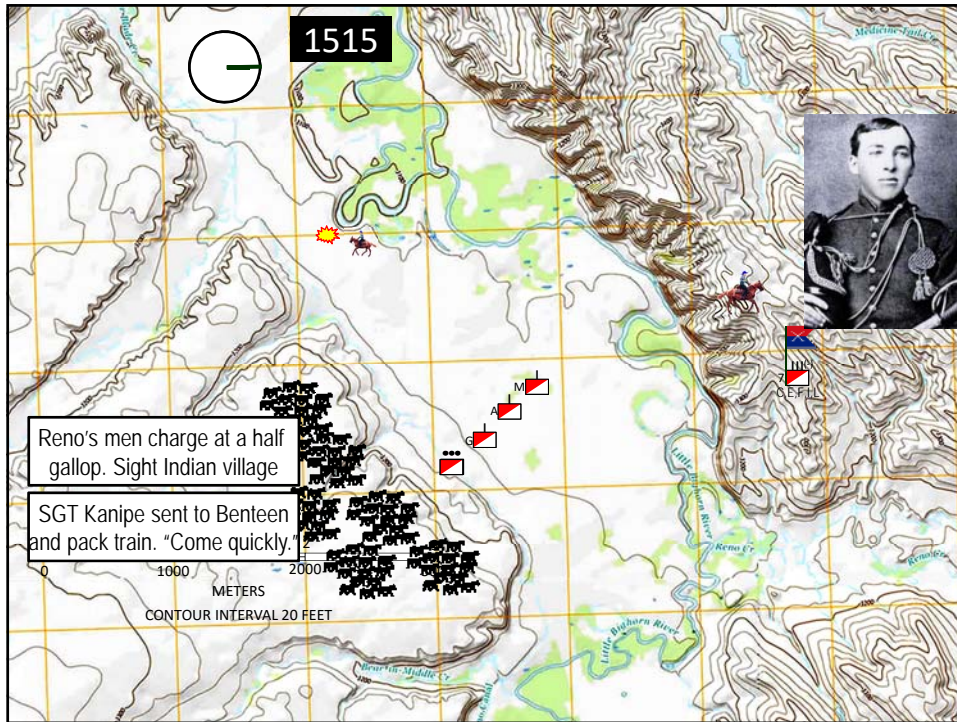




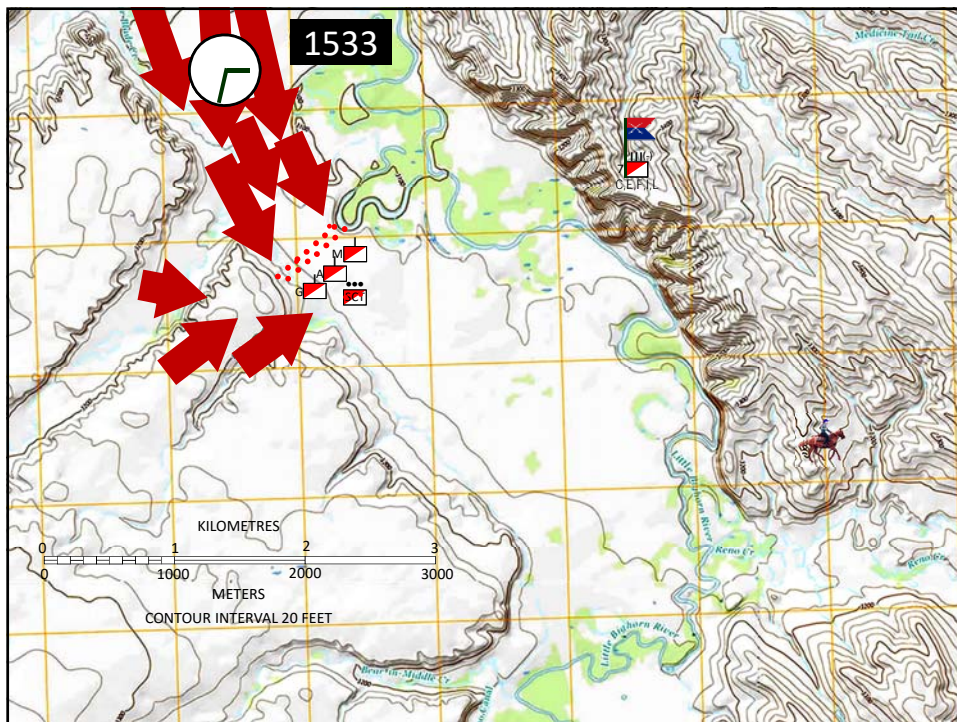
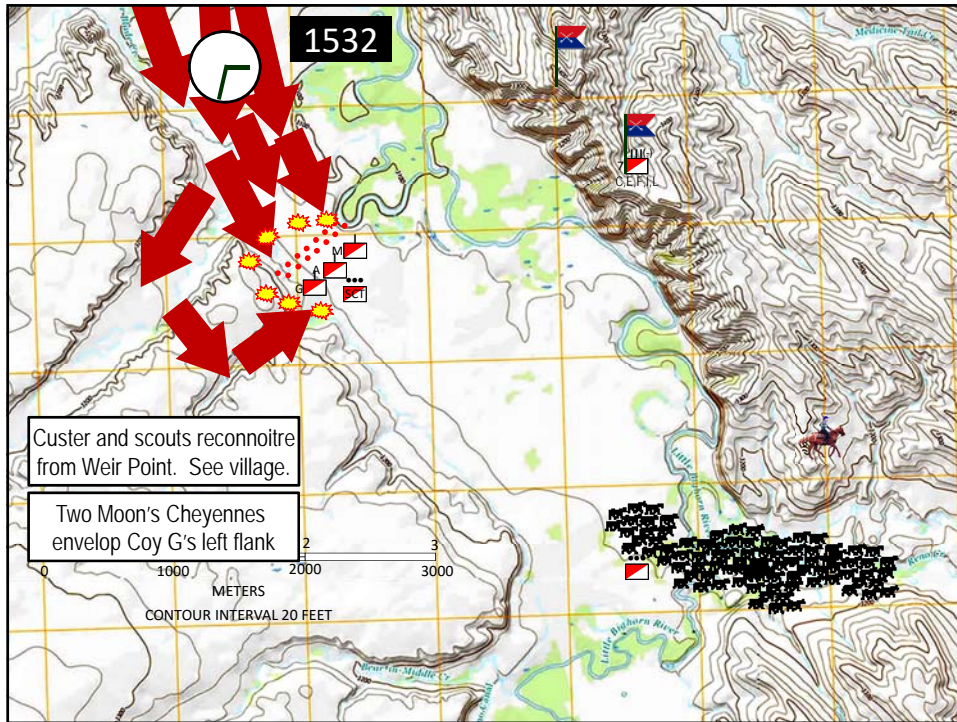




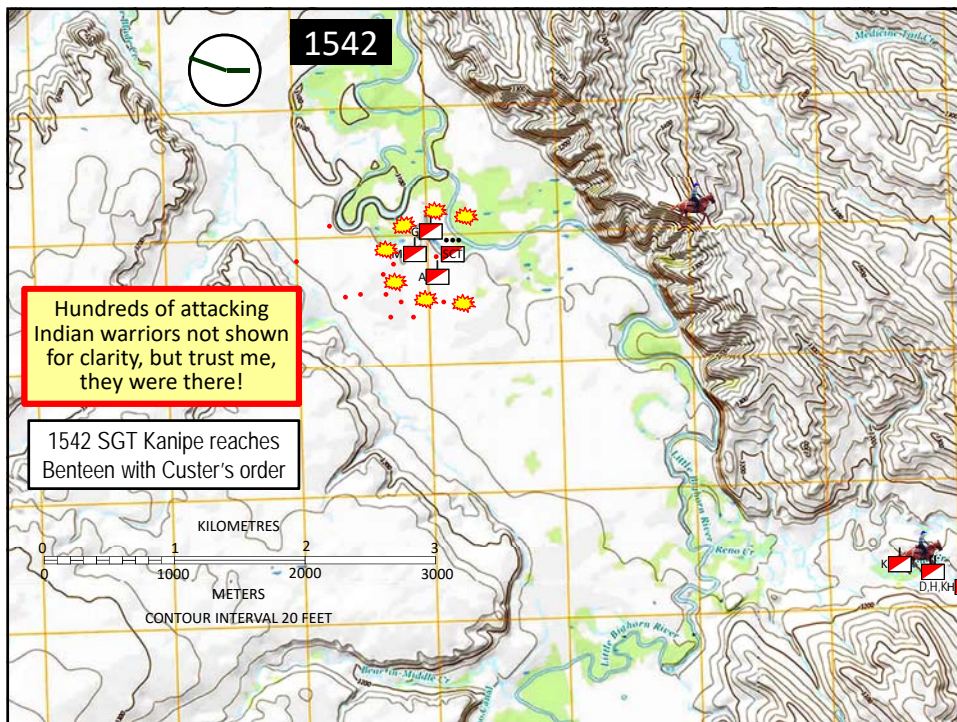
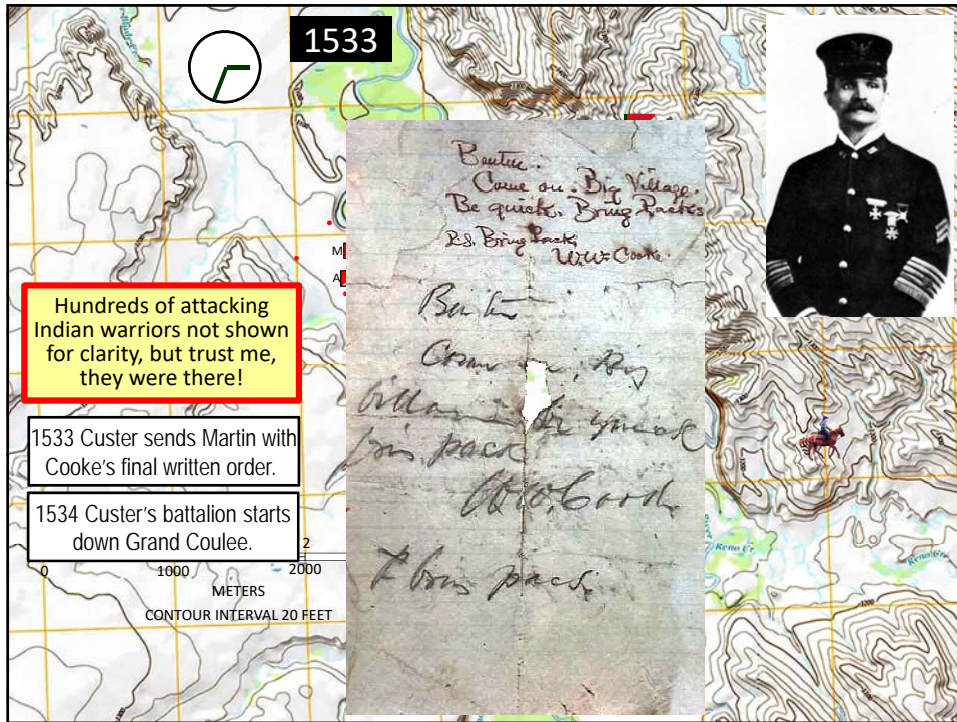




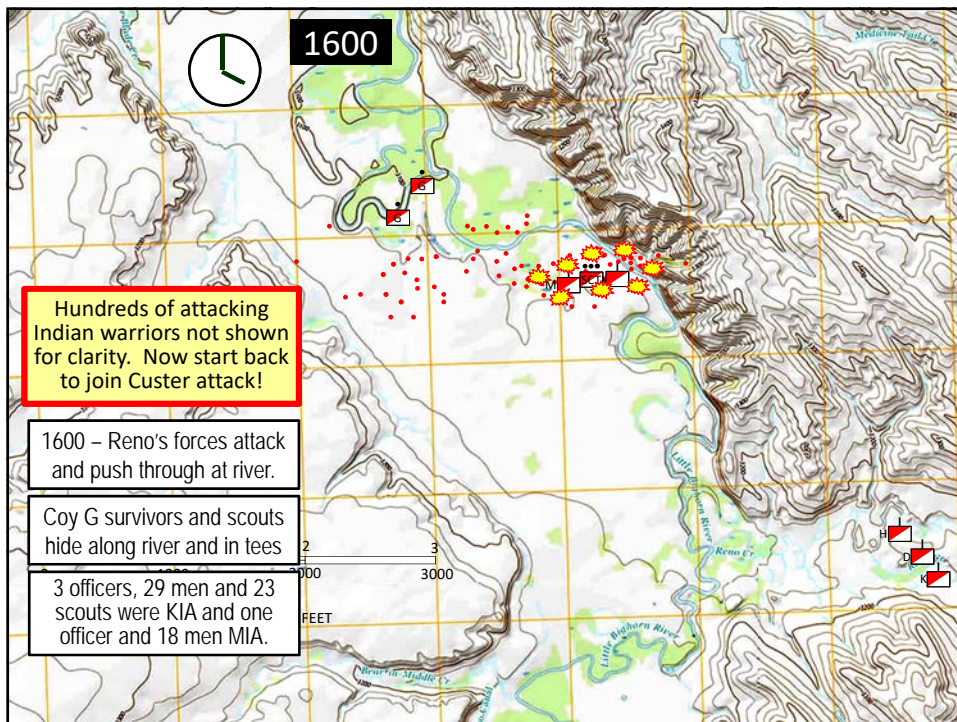
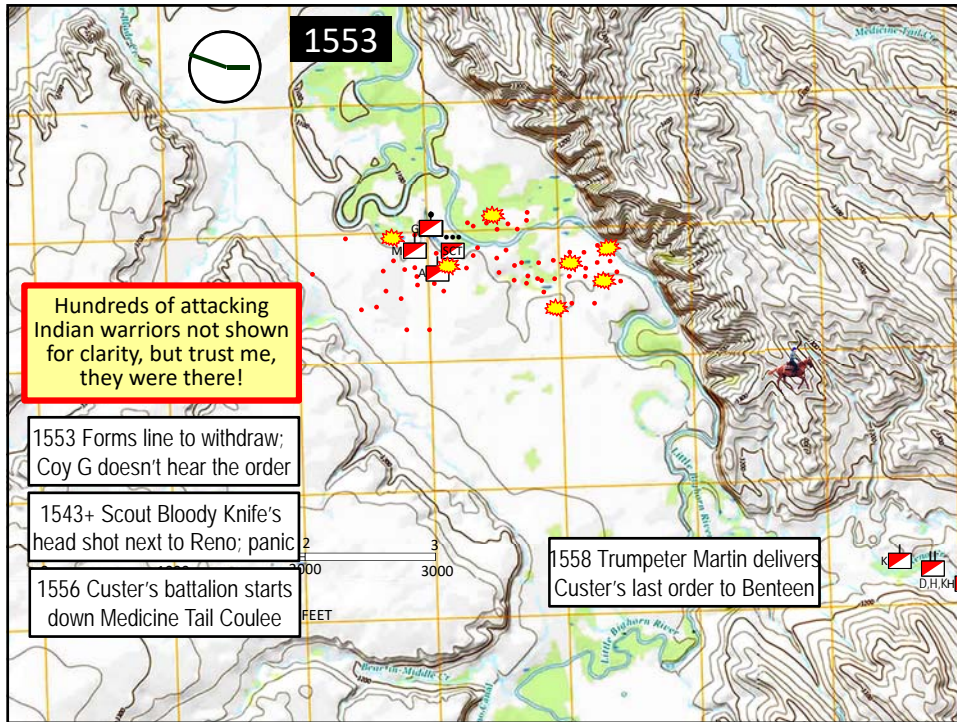




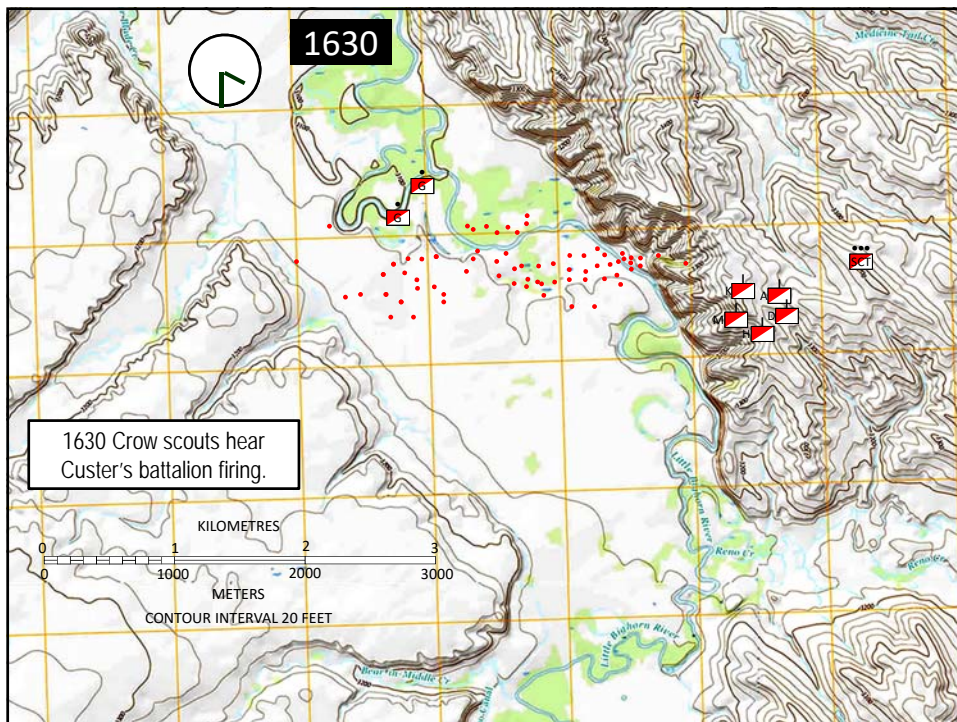
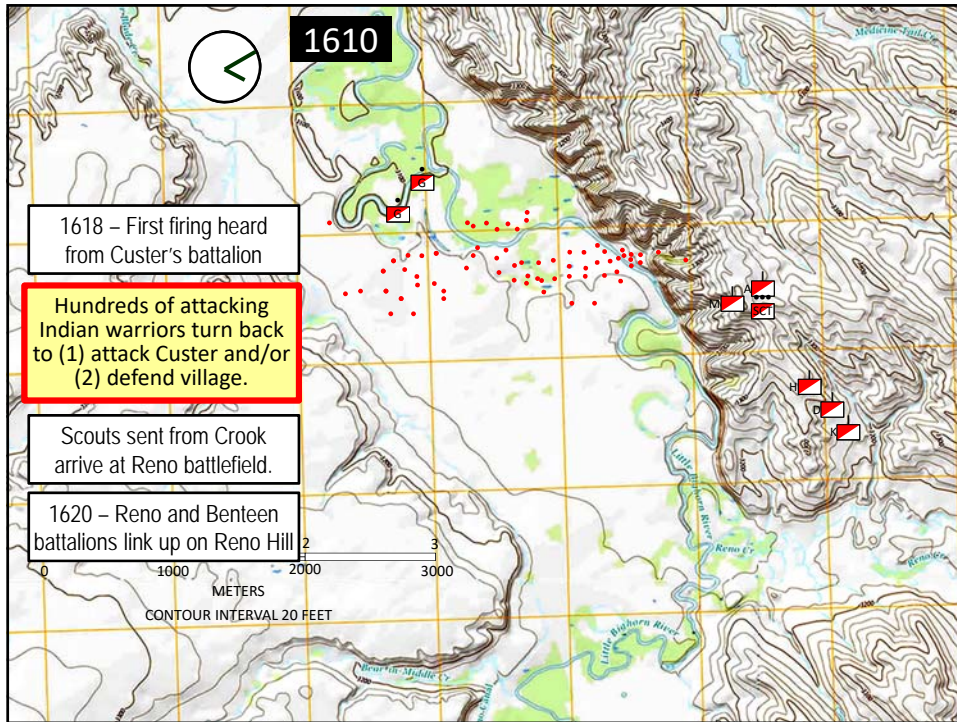




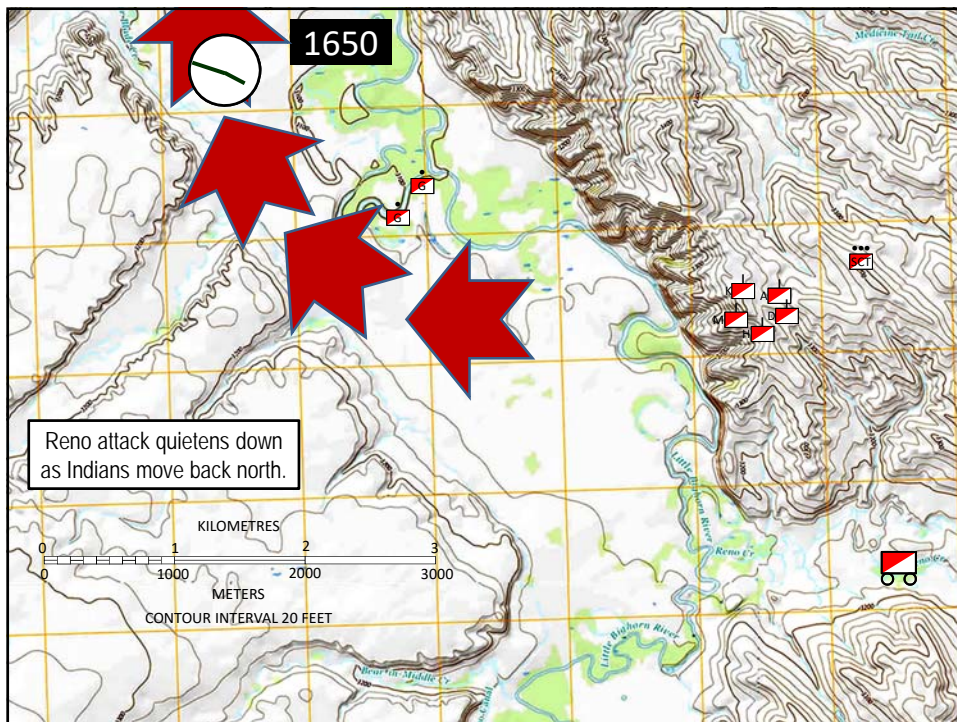
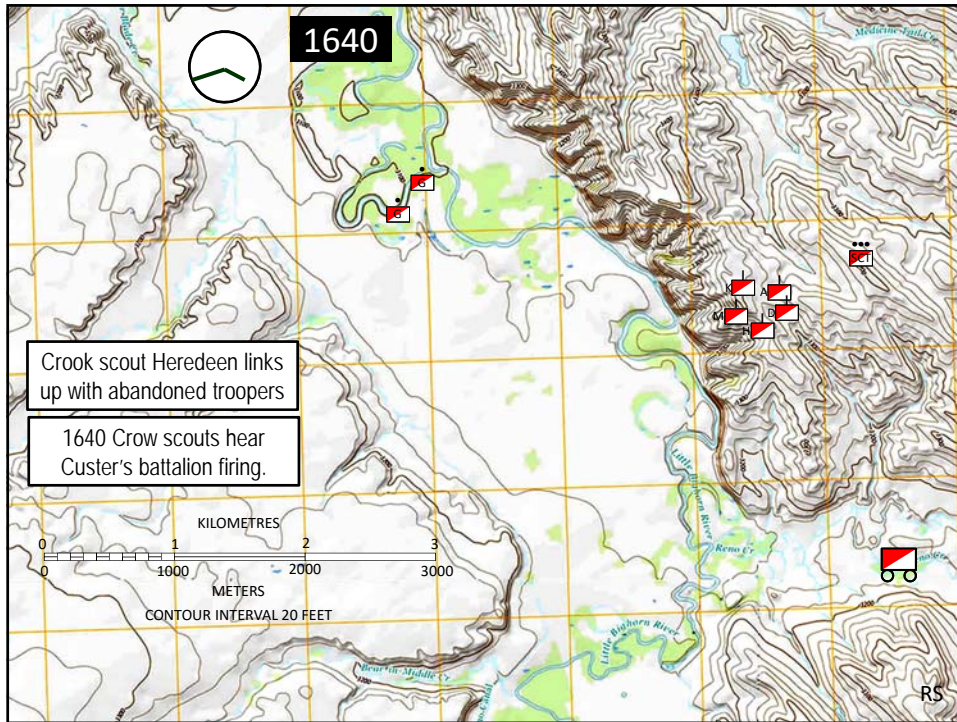




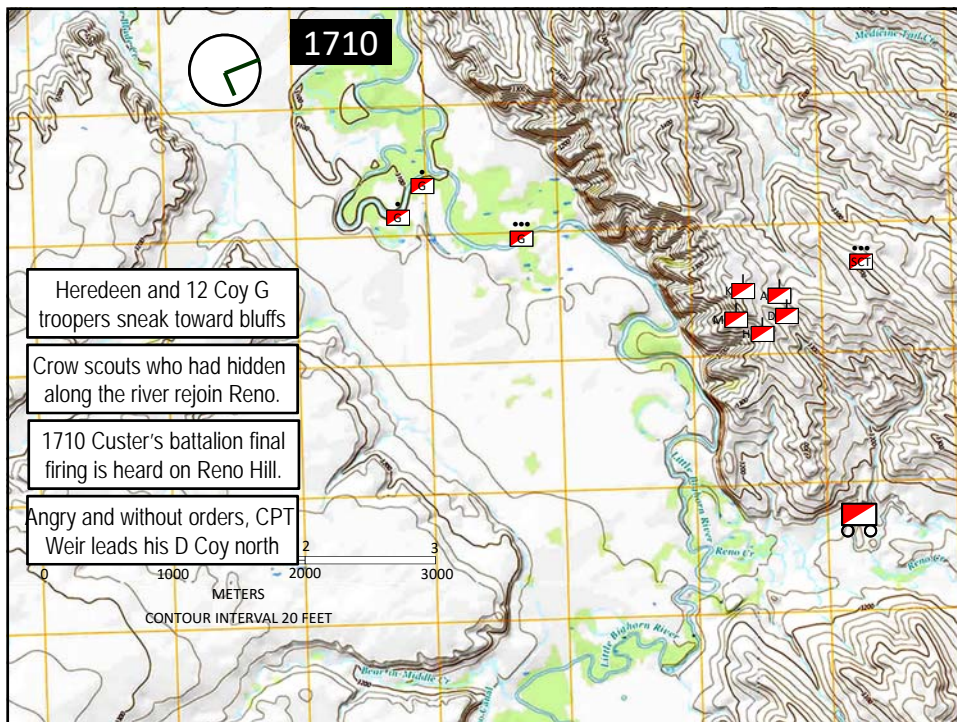
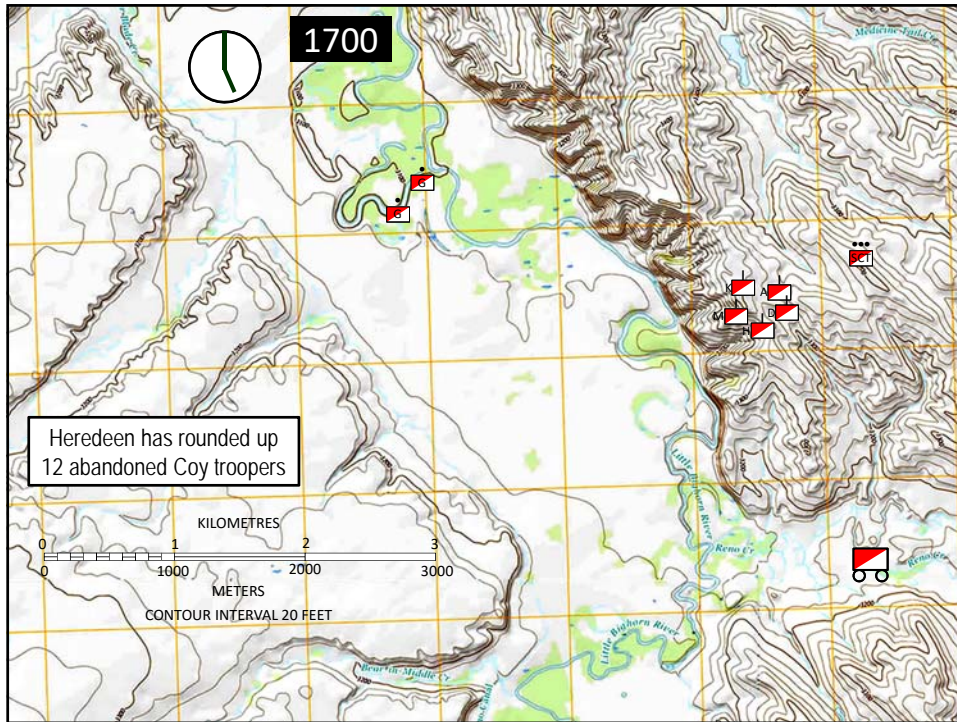




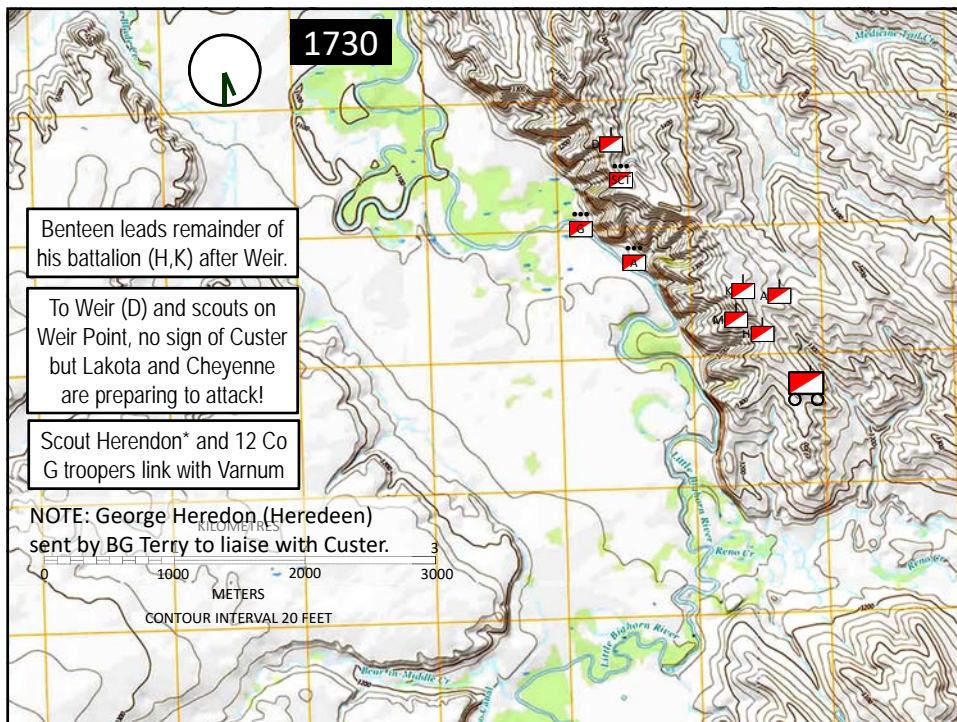
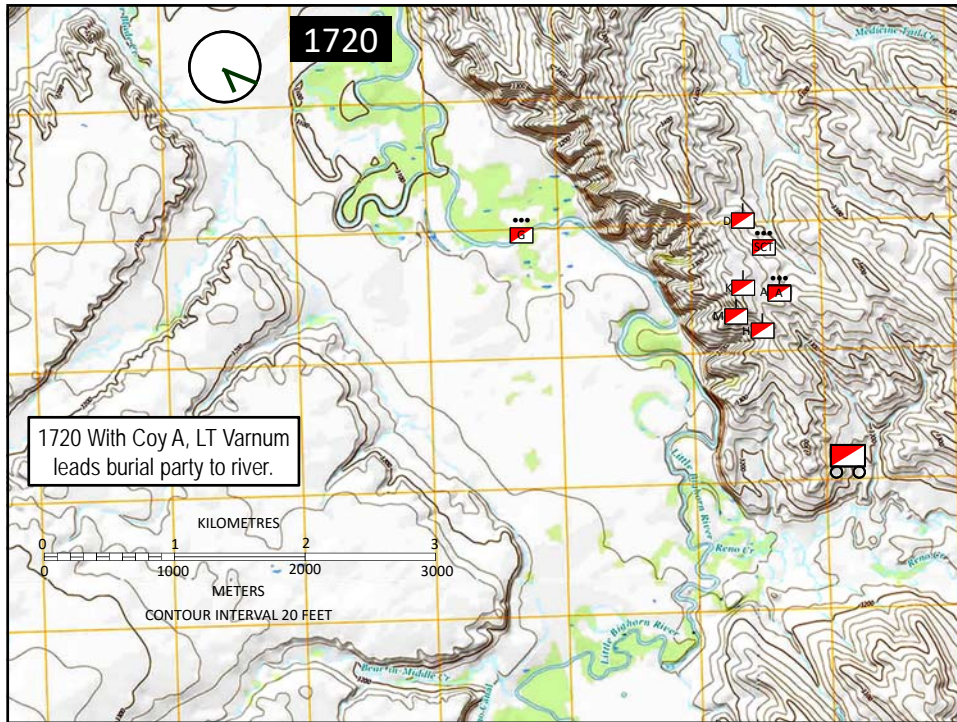




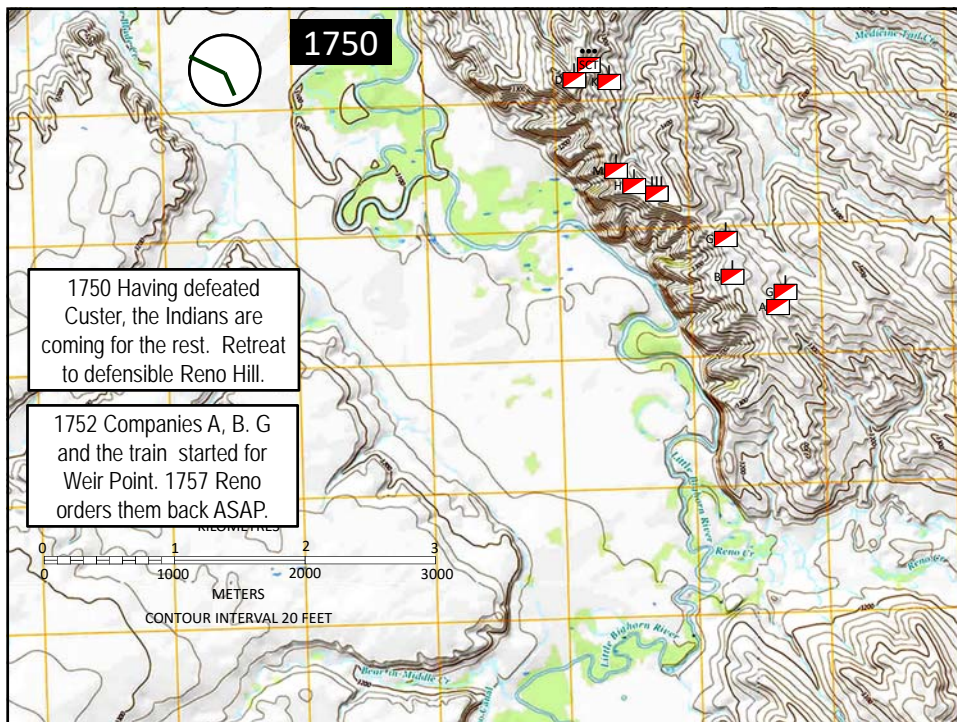
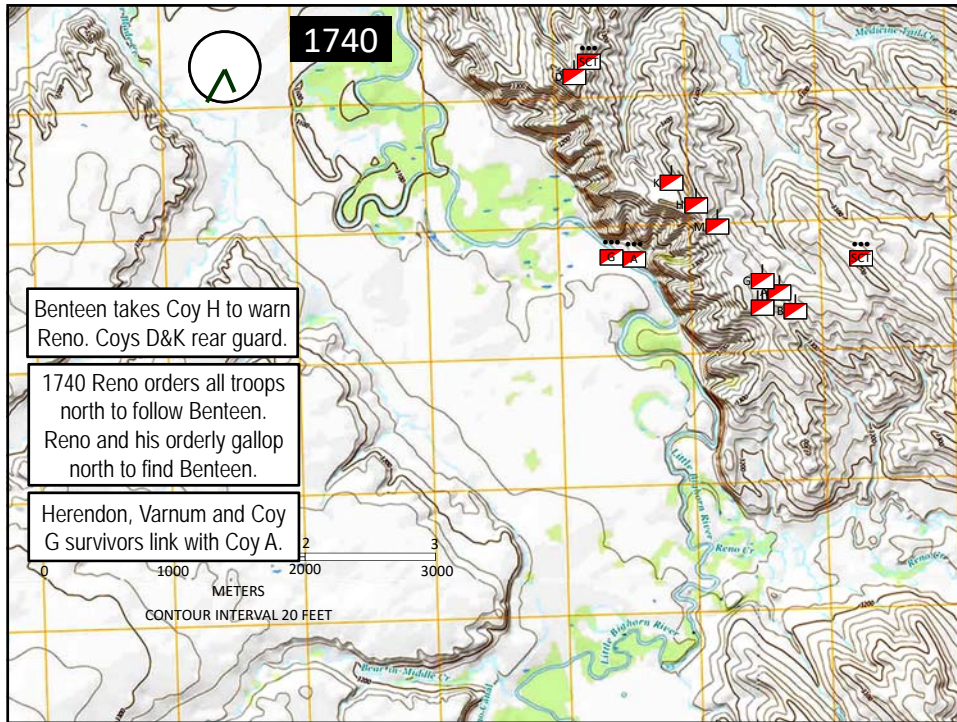




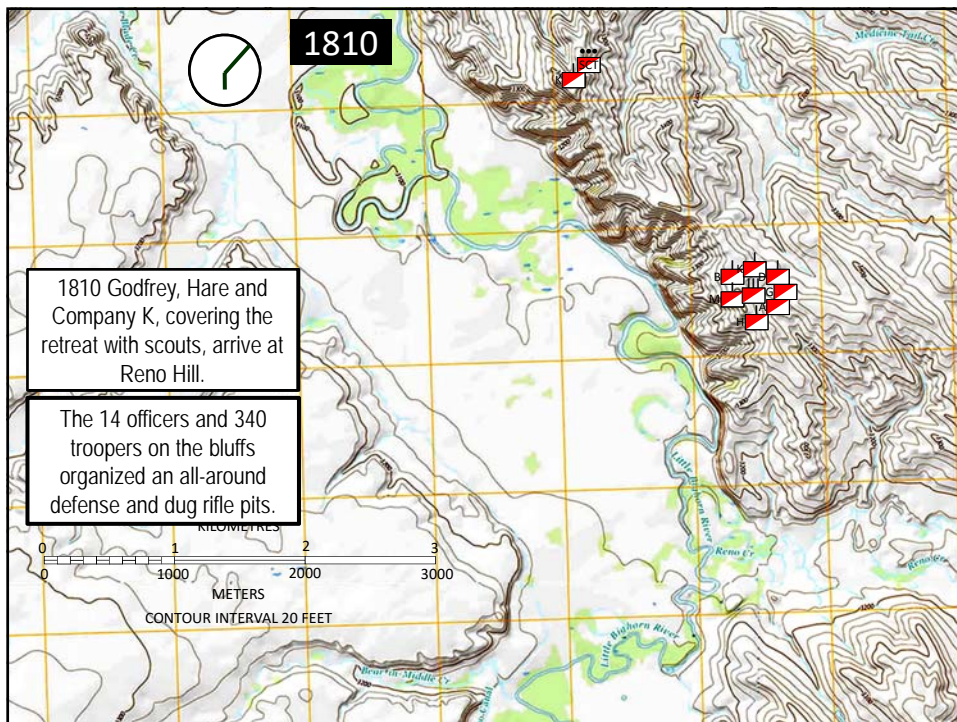
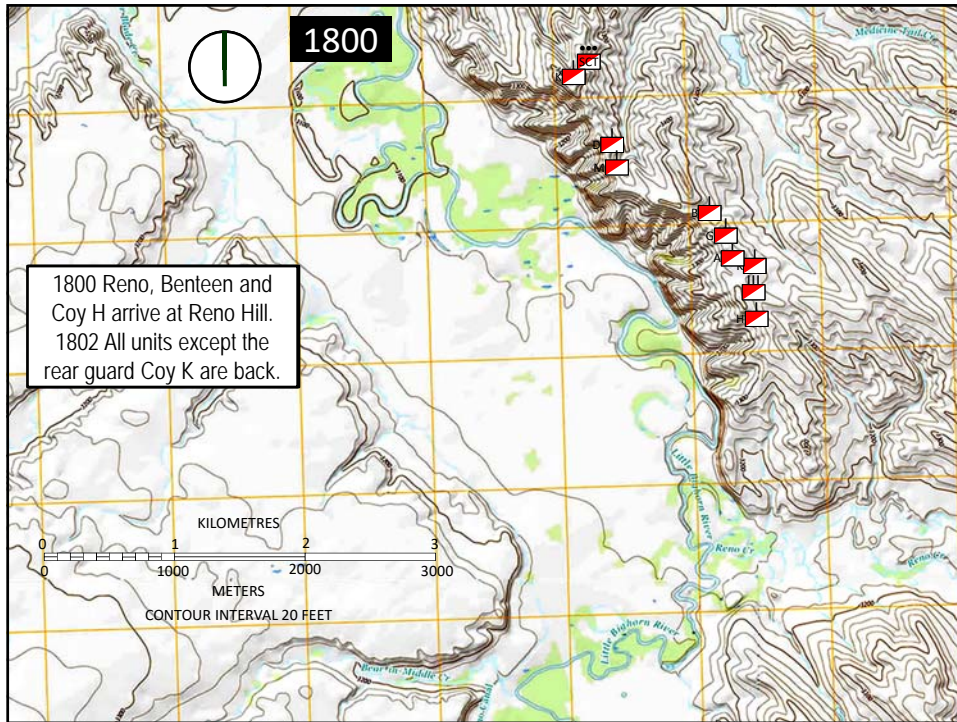




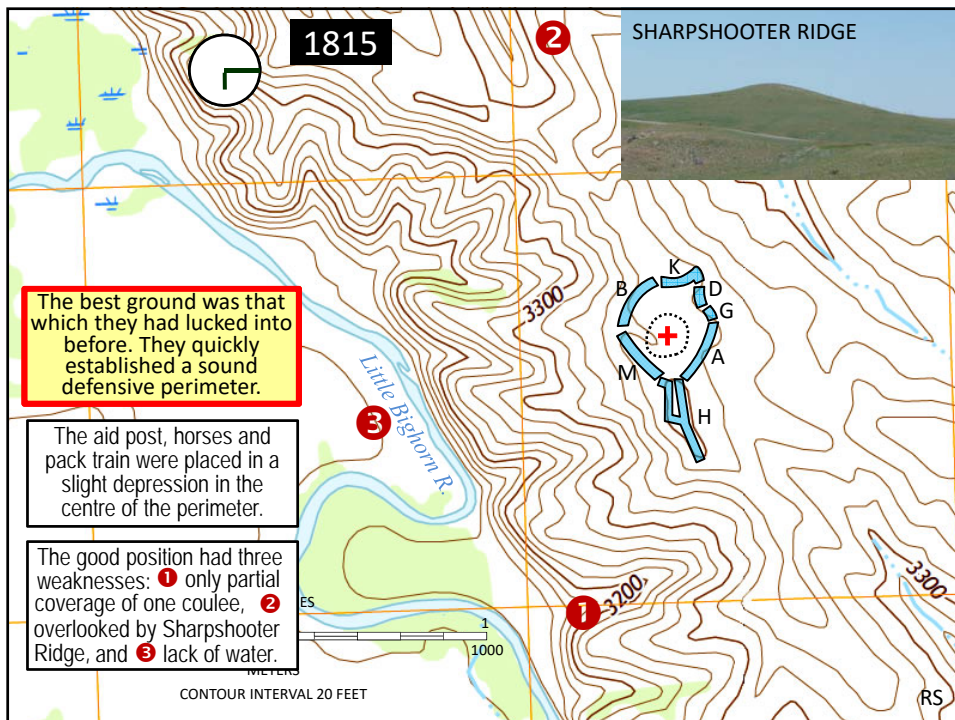
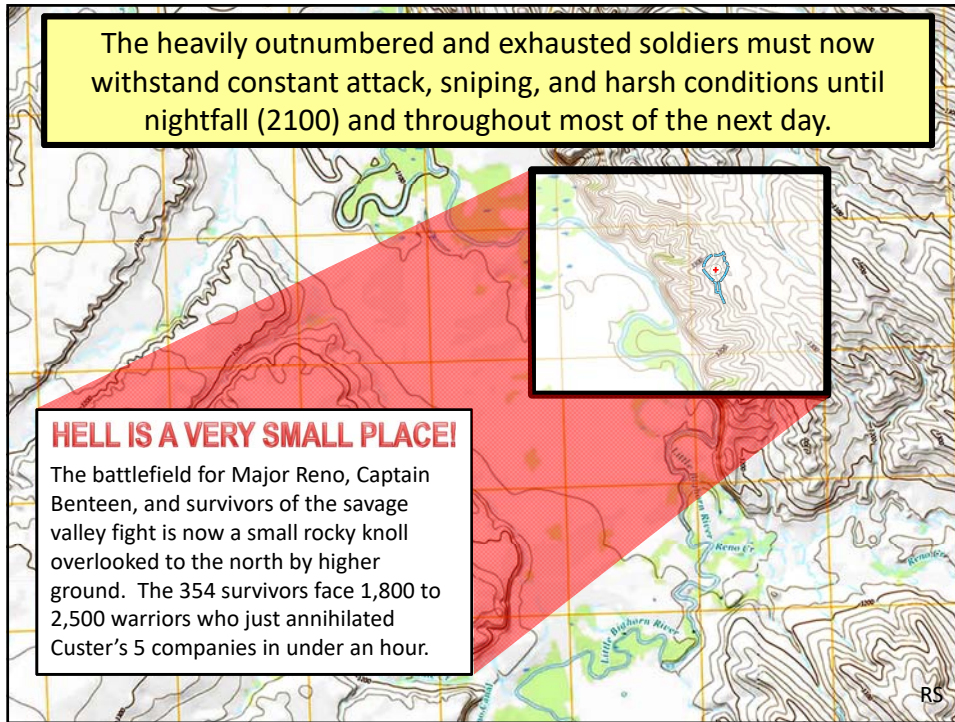










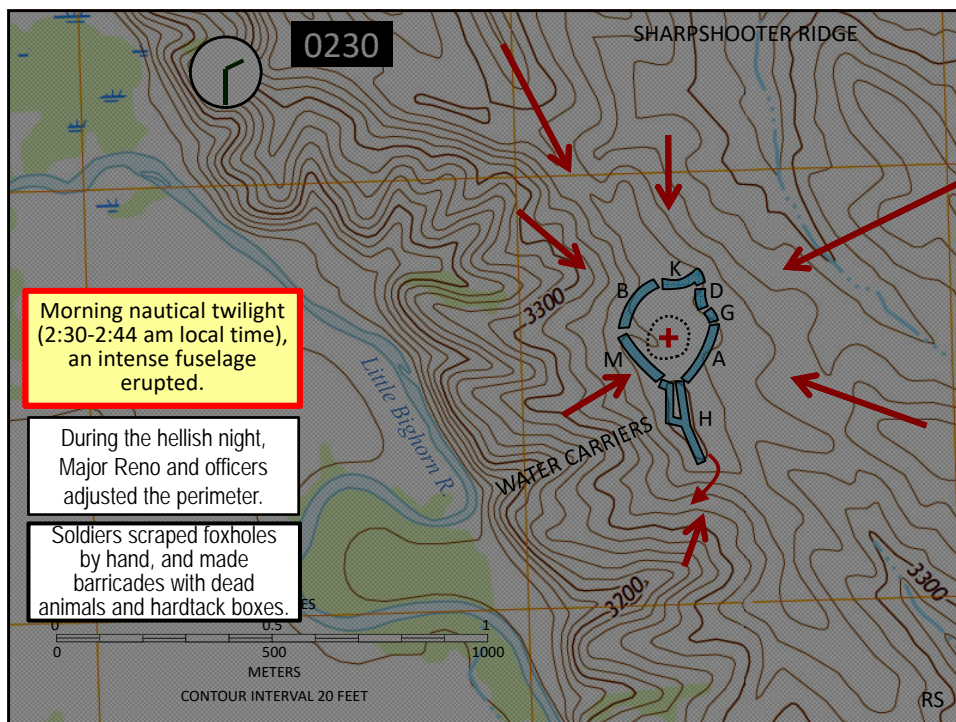
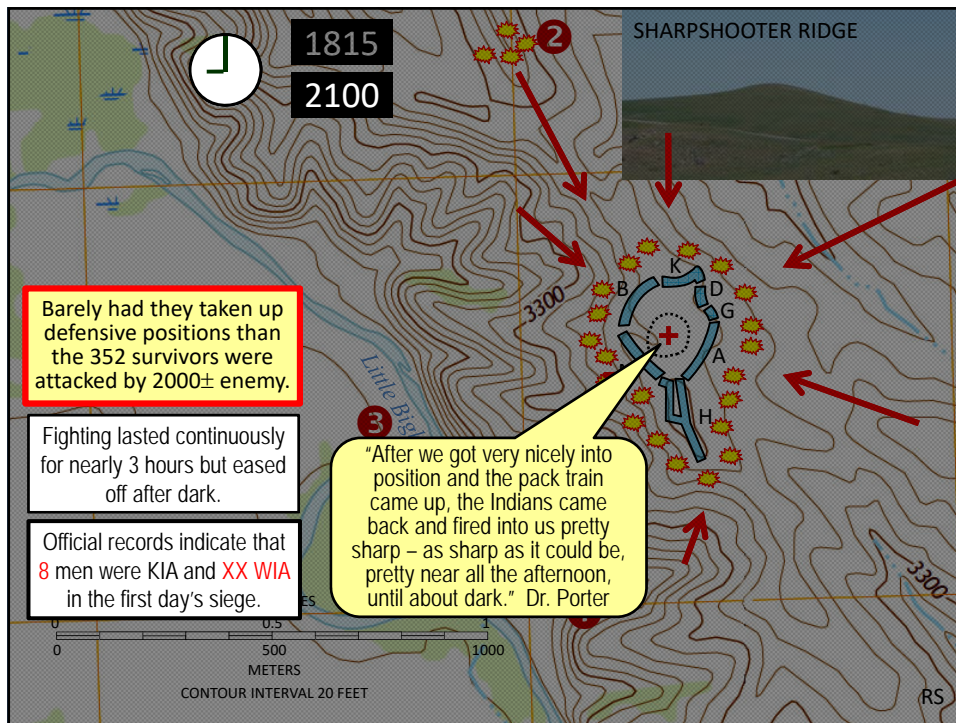












## THE RENO-BENTEEN DEFENSE

JUNE 25 - 26, 1876

After an unsuccessful attack on the Indian camp in the valley, Major Reno and his battallion retreated to this vicinity where they were soon reinforced by Captain Benteen's battallion and the pack train.

In an attempt to find and rejoin Custer they moved northwest, but returned when confronted by warriors. Here the surrounded troops made a desperate stand until the next afternoon when the Indians withdrew as the Terry-Gibbon column approached.

Please obtain a trail guide booklet from adjacent stand. The self-guided tour takes about 45 minutes.

### Medal of Honor Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank &amp; Co.</u>	<u>Act of heroism</u>
Otto Voit	Pvt. Co. H	Bravery in Action
Benj. C. Criswell	Sgt. Co. B	Brought up ammunition
Henry Holden	Pvt. Co. D	Brought up ammunition
Thomas Murray	Sgt. Co. B	Brought up pack train
Richard P. Hanley	Sgt. Co. C	Recaptured pack mule
Chas. Cunningham	Pvt. Co. B	Continued firing after wounded
Henry W. B. Mechlin	Bks.* Co. H	Sharpshooter for water party
Charles Windolph	Pvt. Co. H	Sharpshooter for water party
George Geiger	Sgt. Co. H	Sharpshooter for water party
James Pym	Pvt. Co. B	Brought water under fire
Neil Bancroft	Pvt. Co. A	Brought water to wounded
Abram B. Brant	Pvt. Co. D	Brought water to wounded
Thomas J. Callan	Pvt. Co. B	Brought water to wounded
Frederick Deetline	Bks.* Co. C	Brought water to wounded
Theodore W. Goldin	Pvt. Co. G	Brought water to wounded
David W. Harris	Pvt. Co. A	Brought water to wounded
William M. Harris	Pvt. Co. D	Brought water to wounded
Rufus D. Hutchinson	Sgt. Co. B	Brought water to wounded
Stanislas Roy	Sgt. Co. A	Brought water to wounded
George D. Scott	Pvt. Co. D	Brought water to wounded
Thomas W. Stivers	Pvt. Co. D	Brought water to wounded
Peter Thompson	Pvt. Co. C	Brought water to wounded
Frank Tolan	Pvt. Co. D	Brought water to wounded
Charles H. Welch	Pvt. Co. D	Brought water to wounded

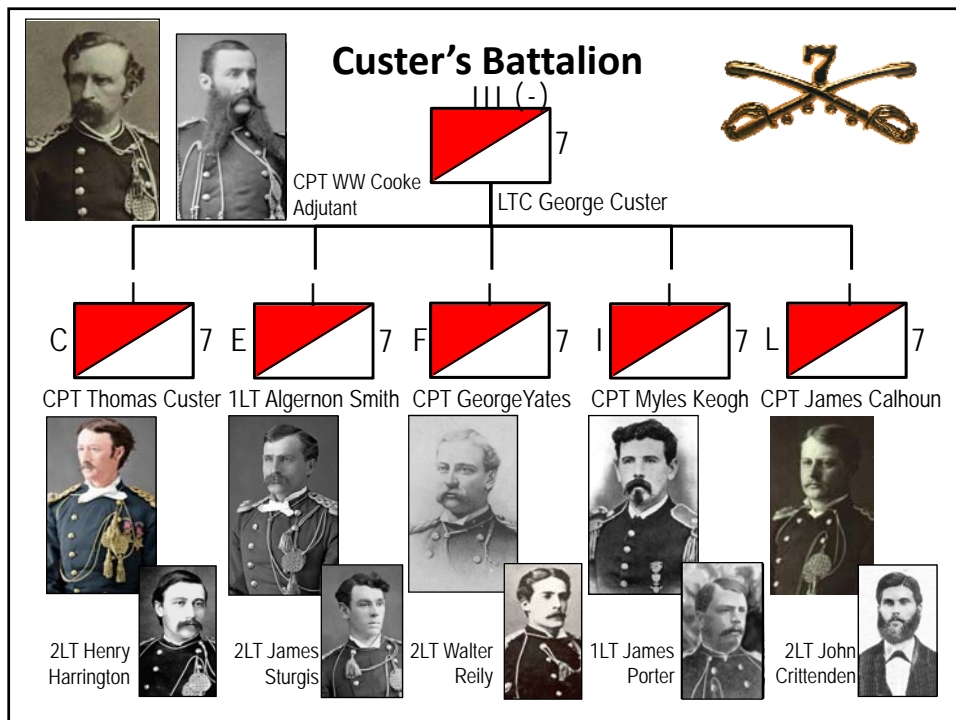


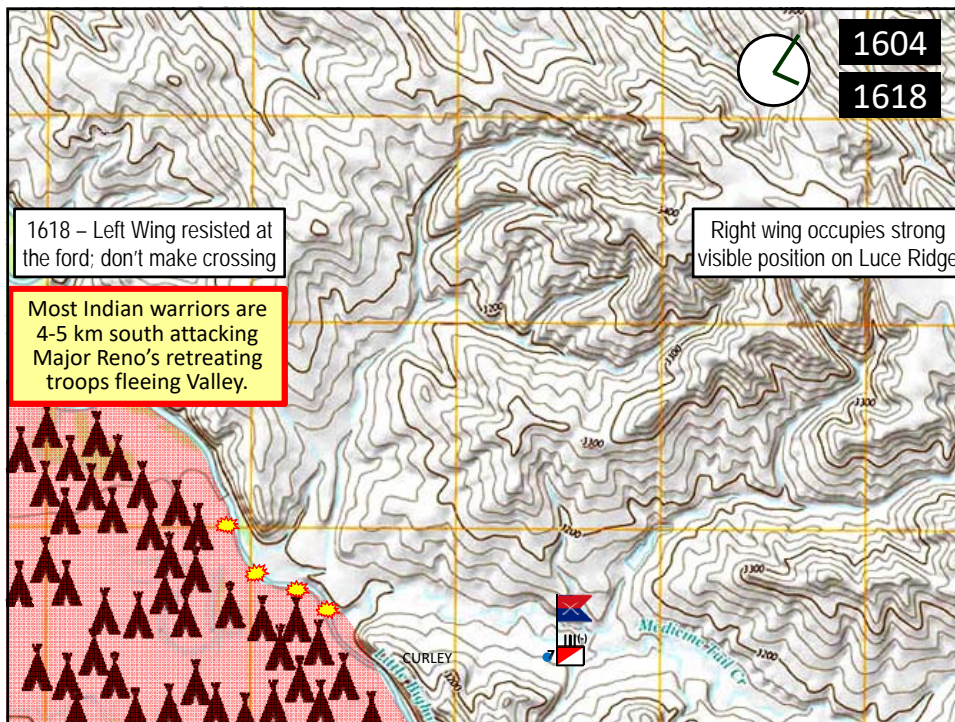
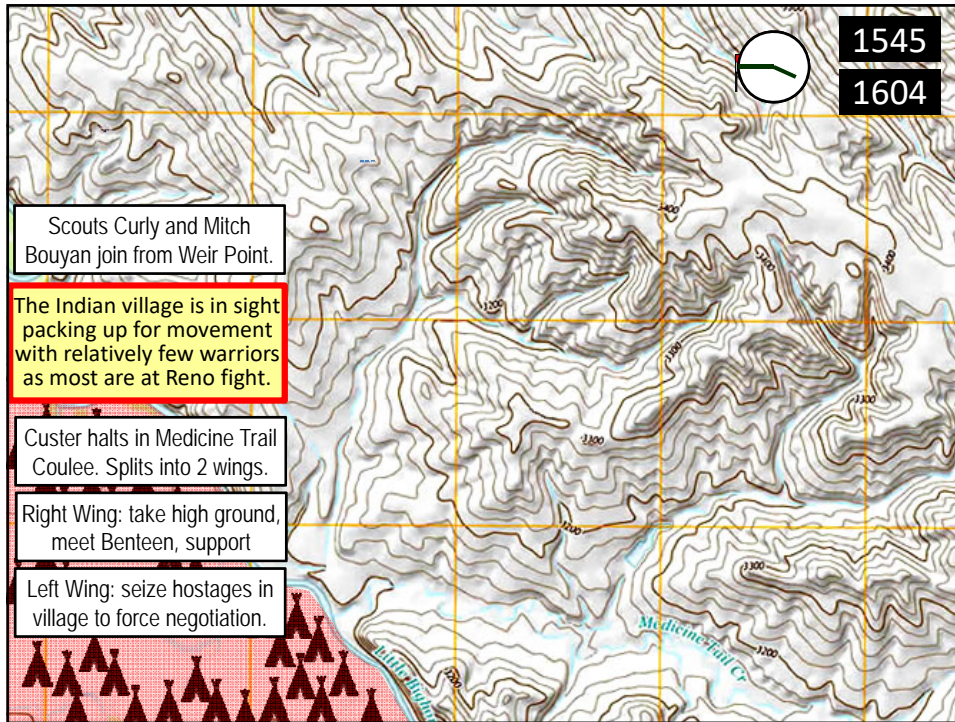
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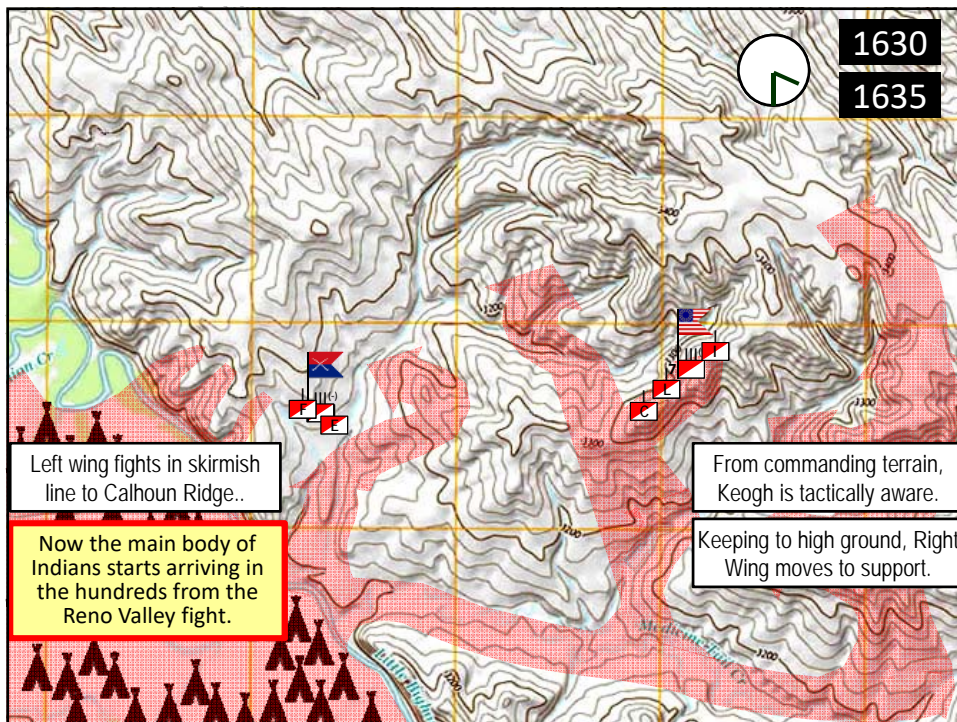
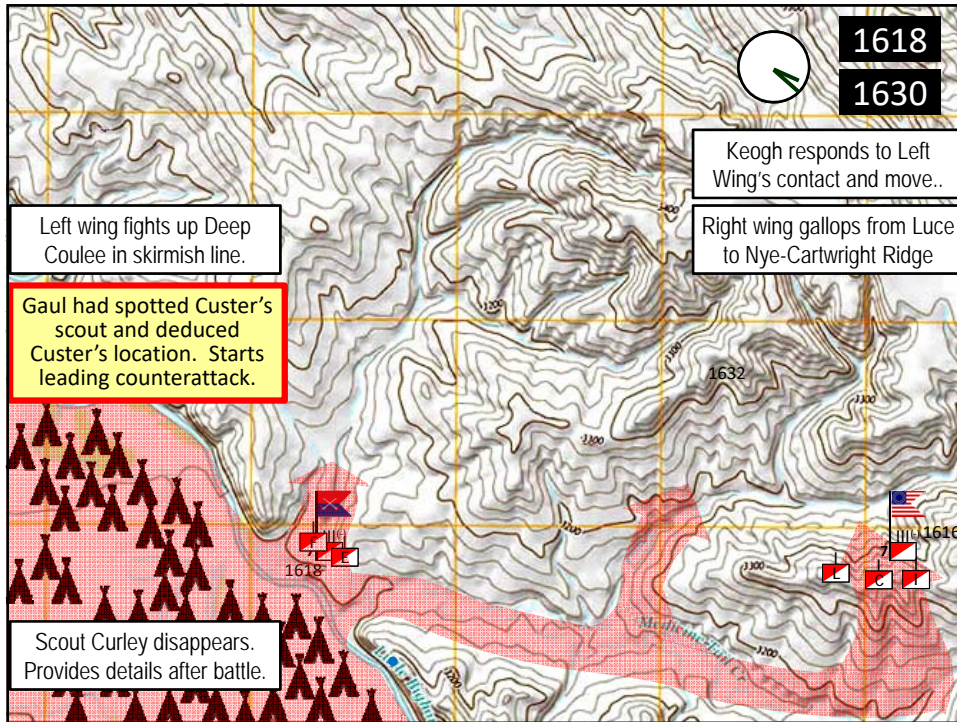
# CUSTER'S ATTACK, RETREAT AND LAST STAND

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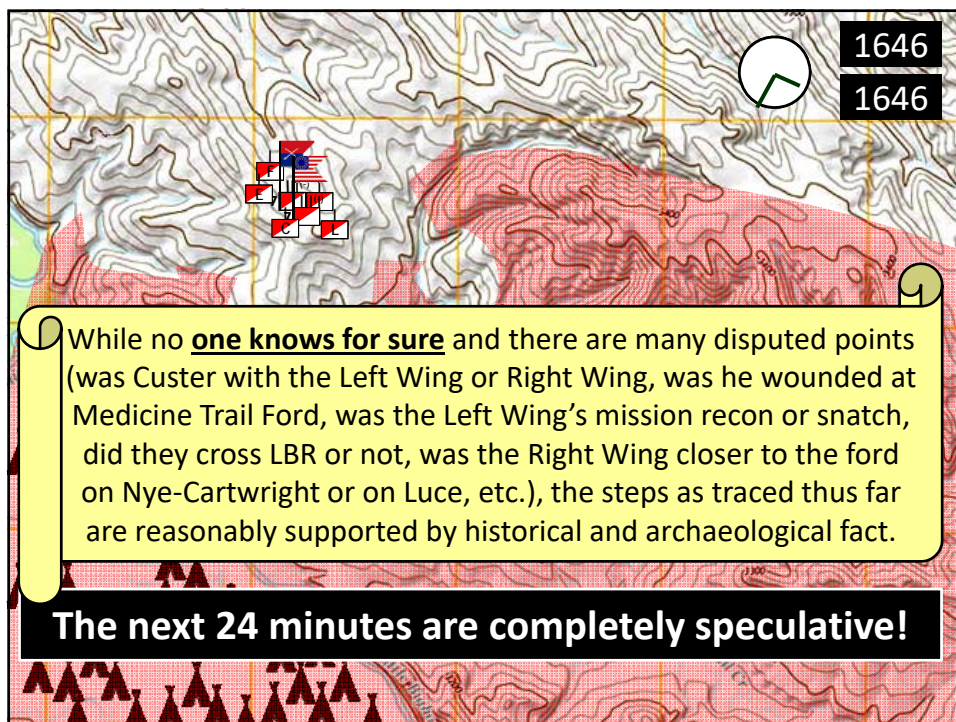
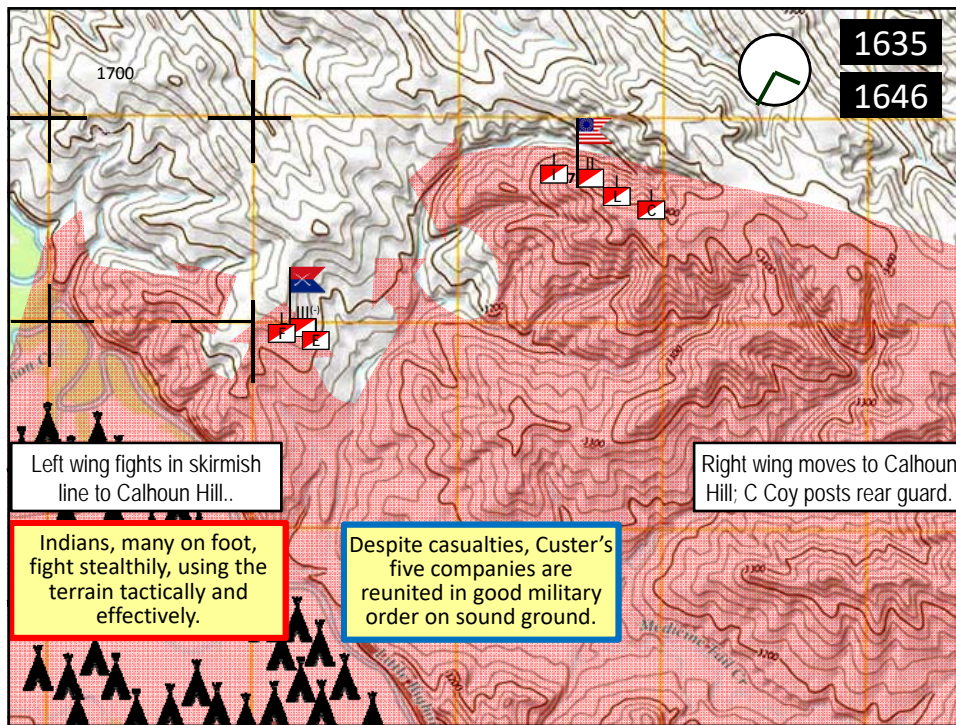




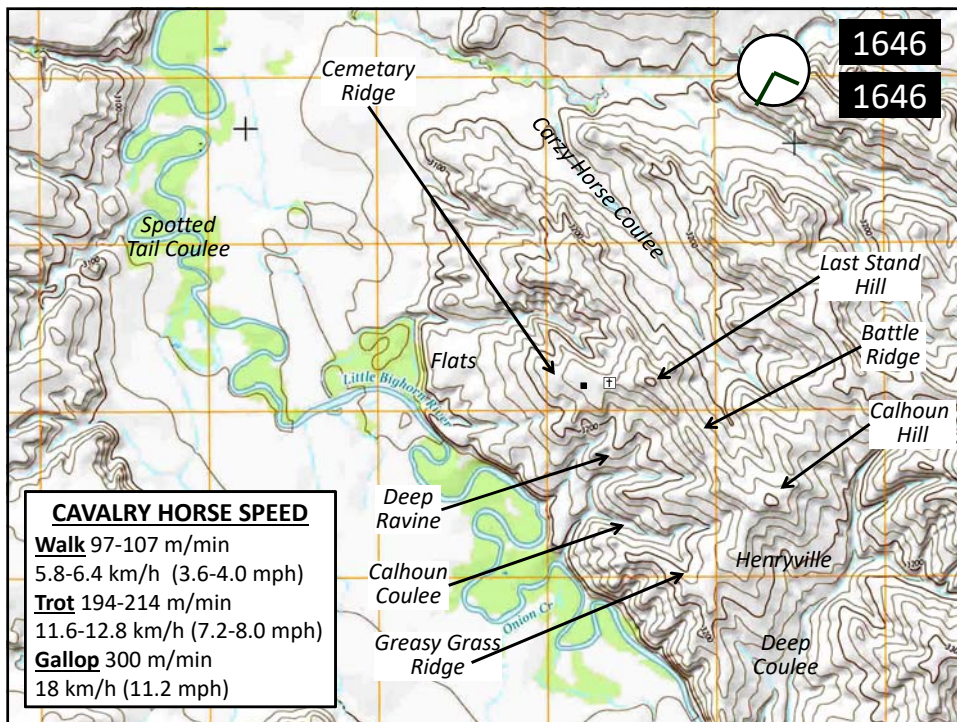
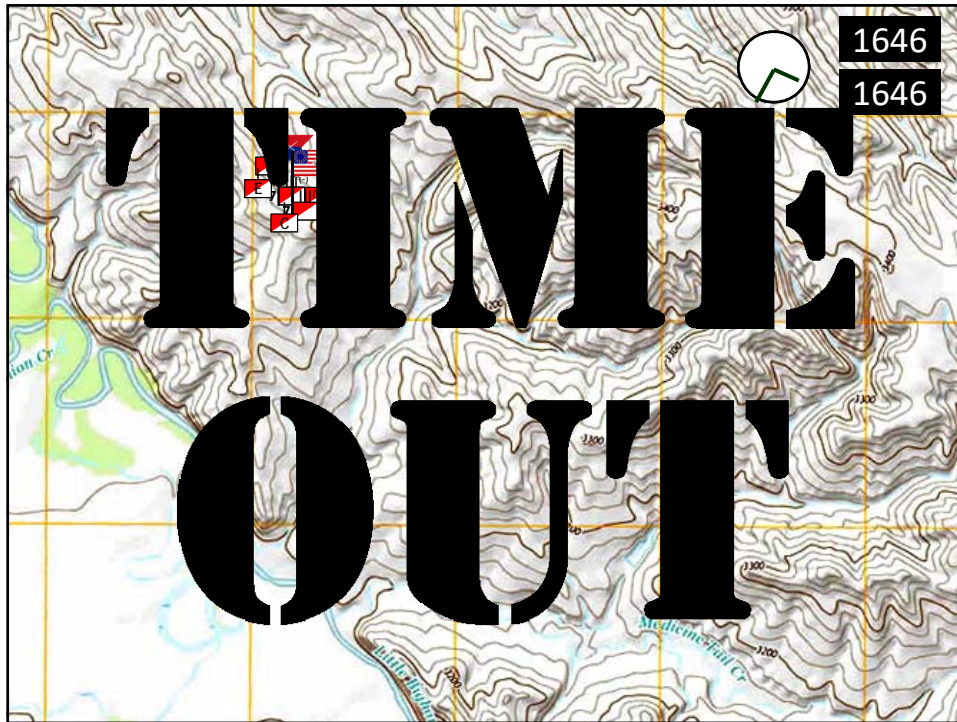




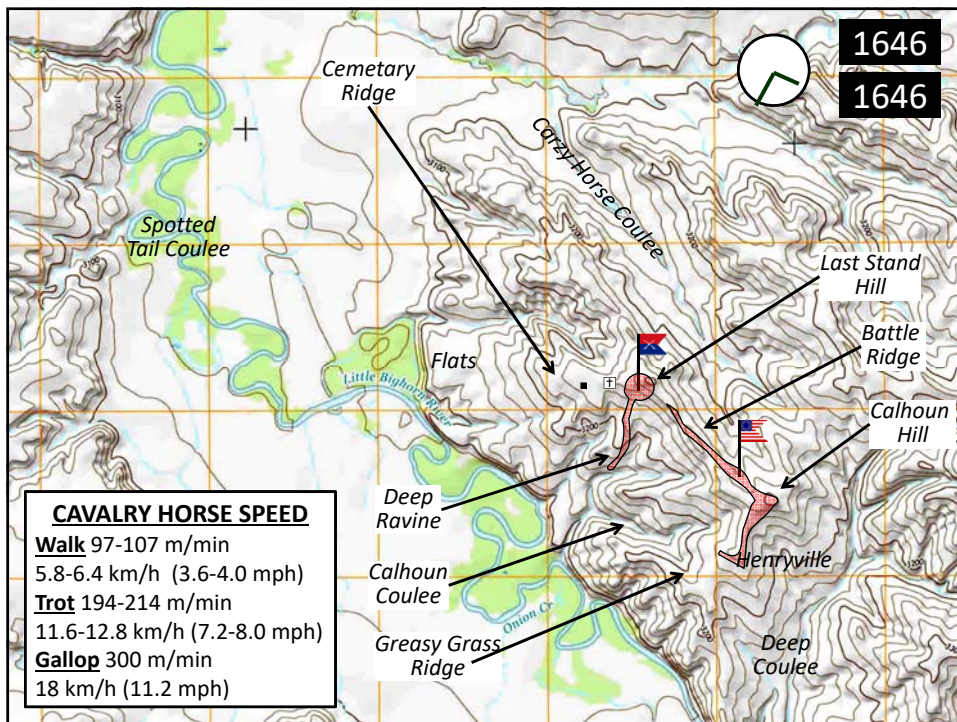
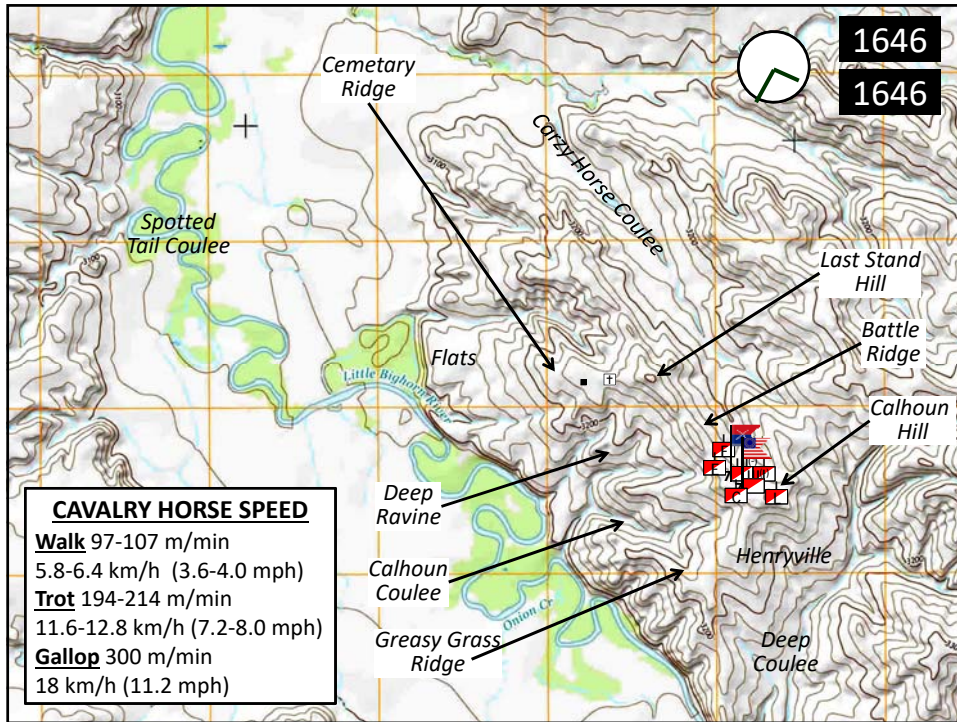




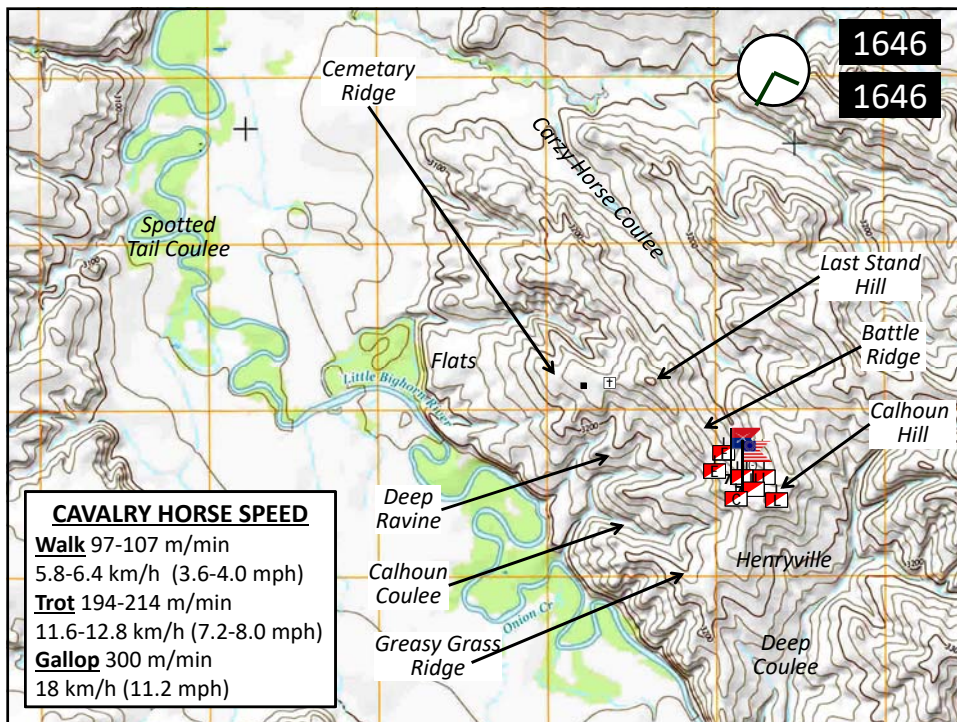
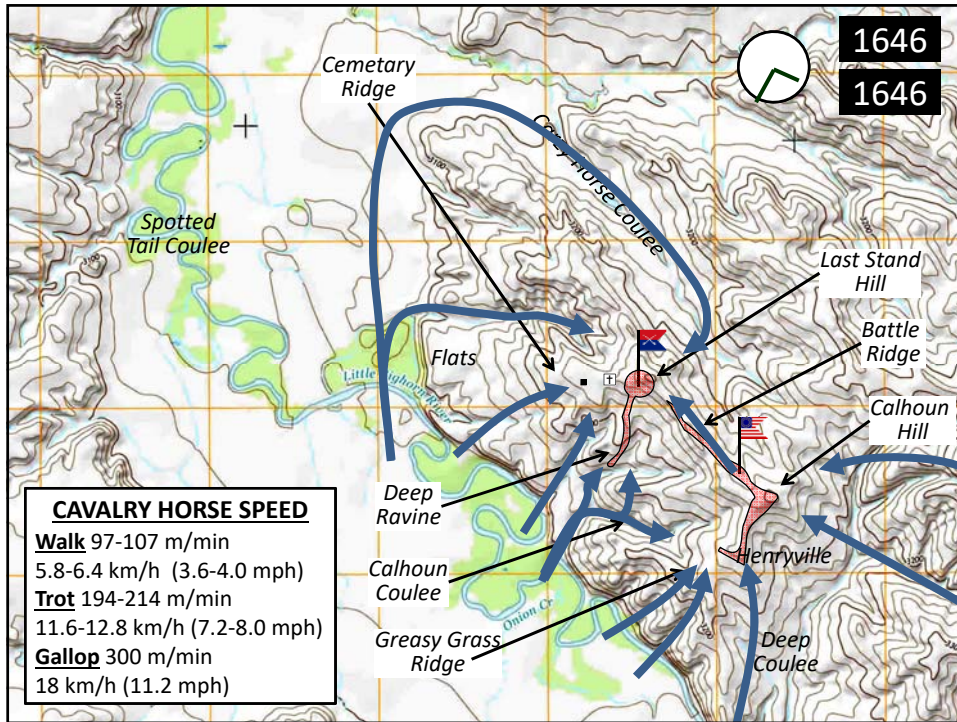




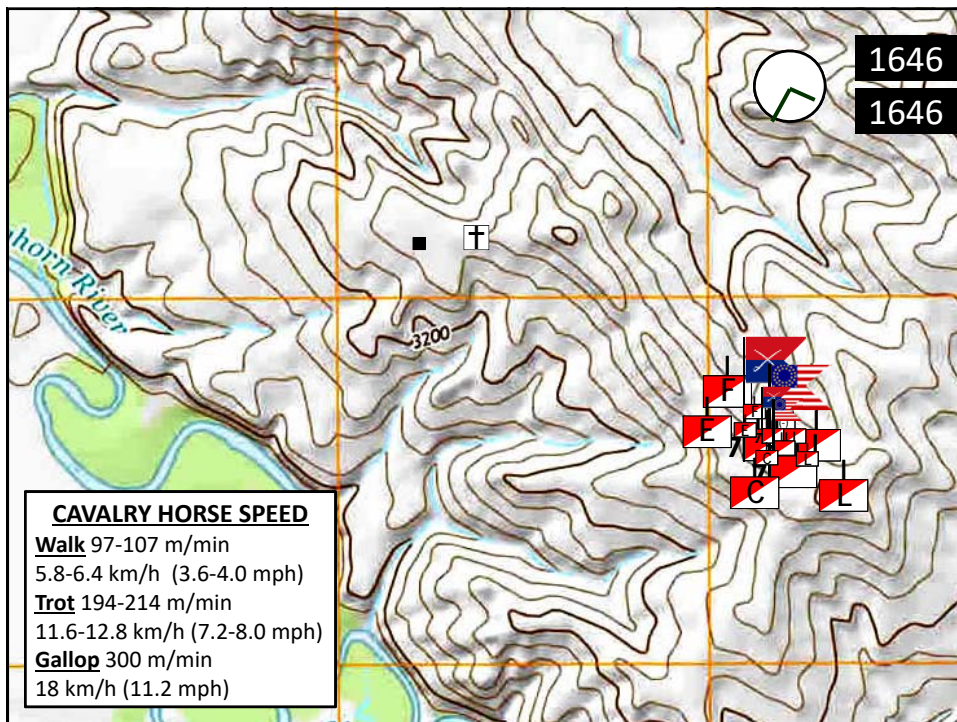
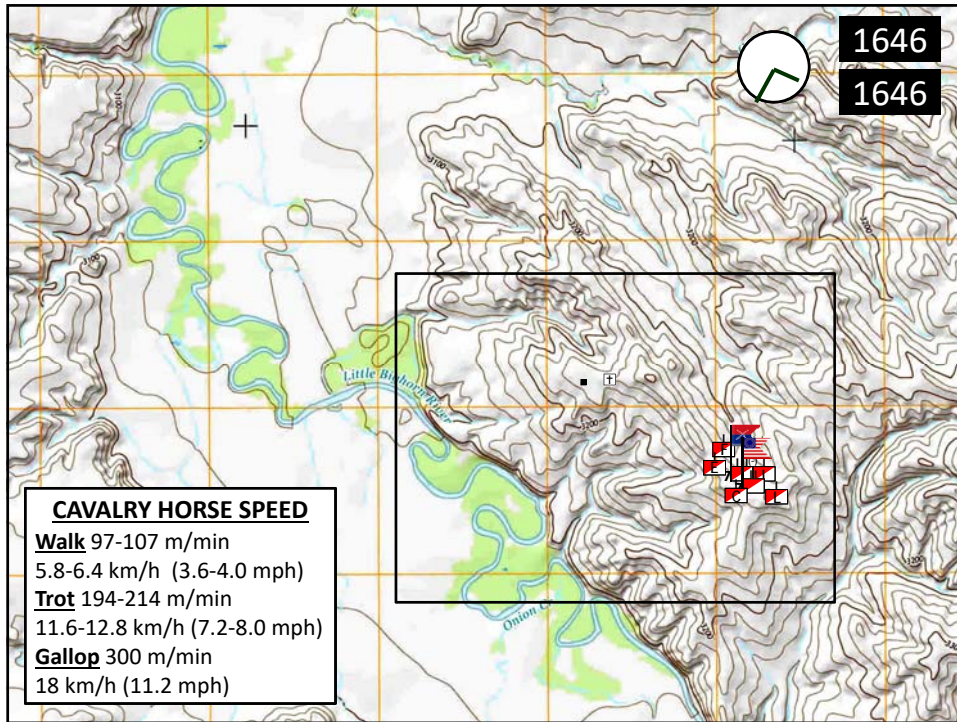




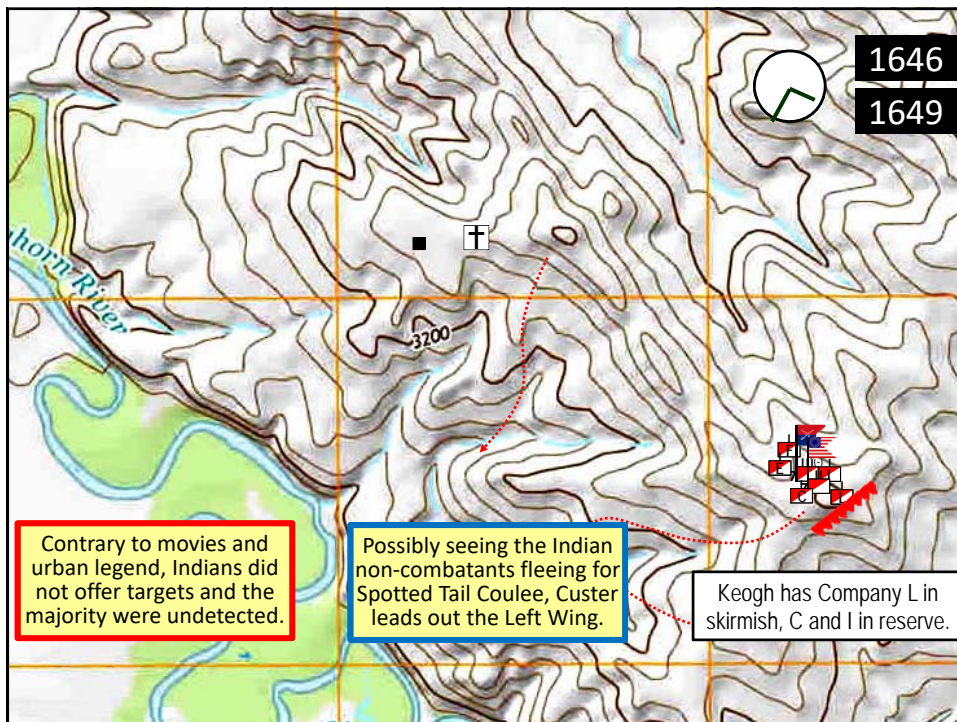
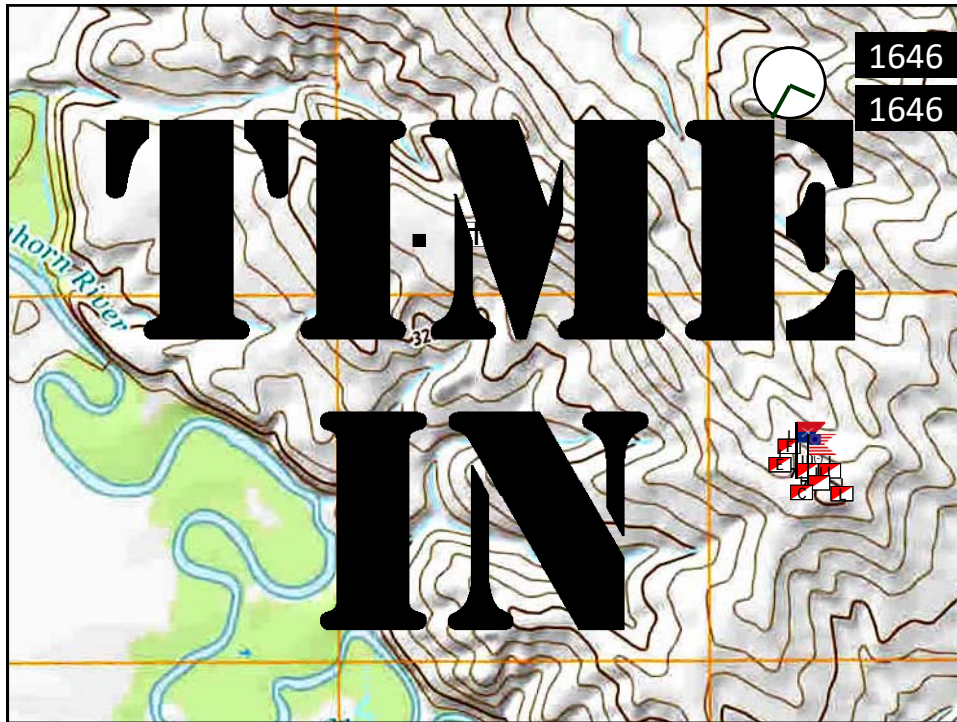




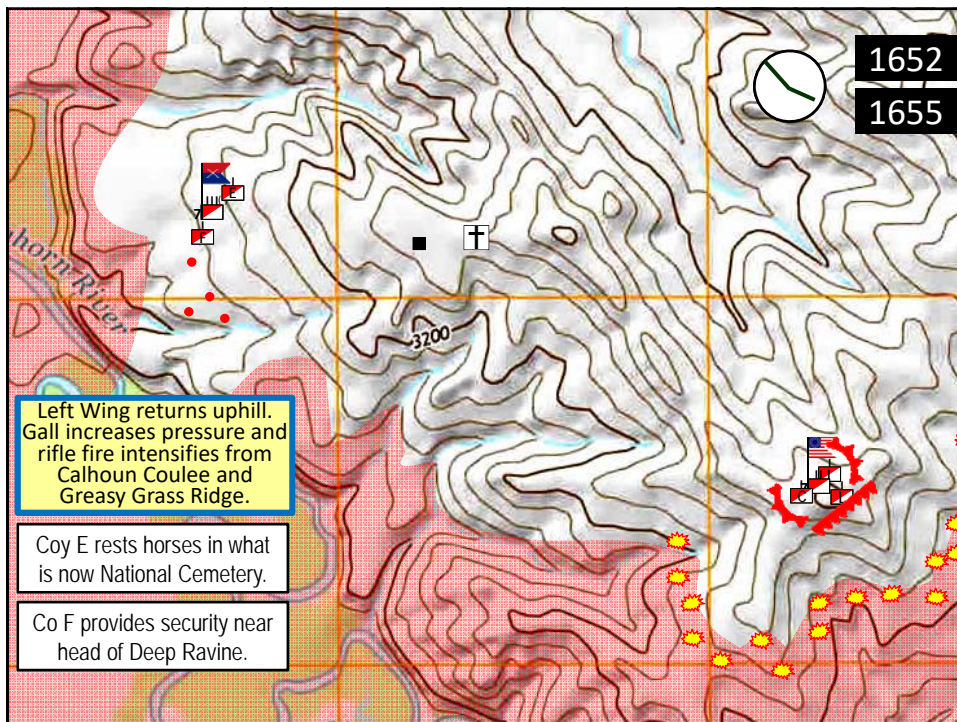
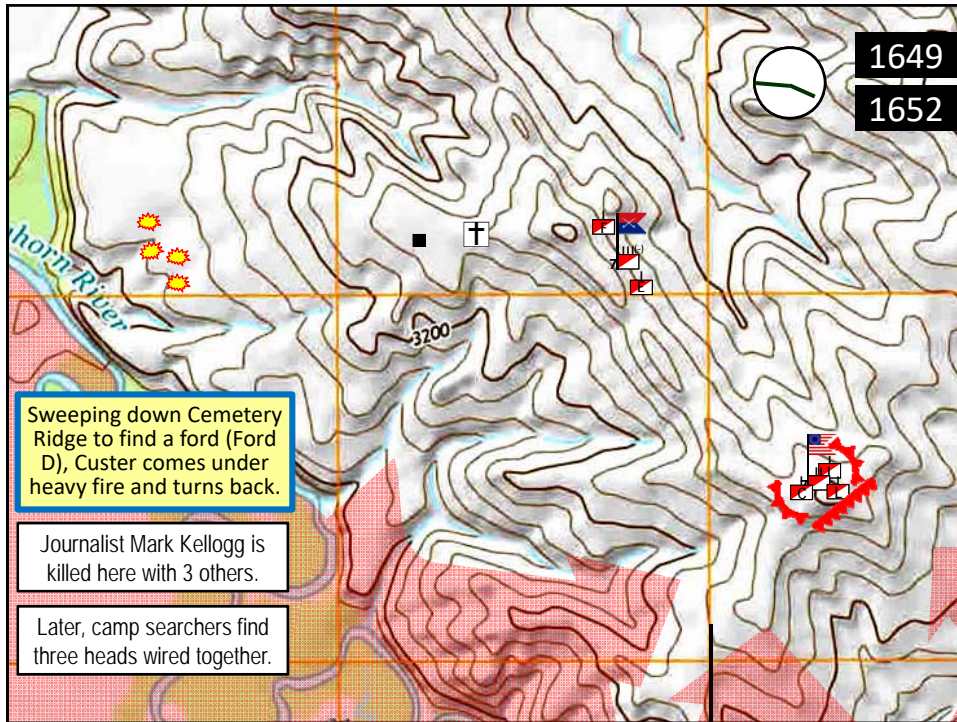




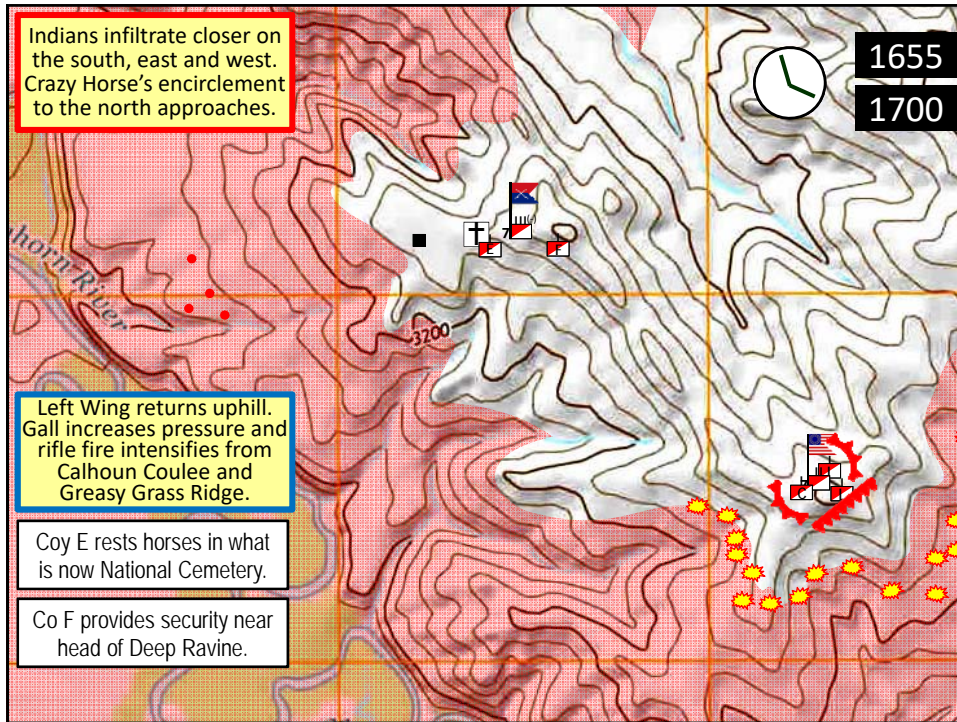




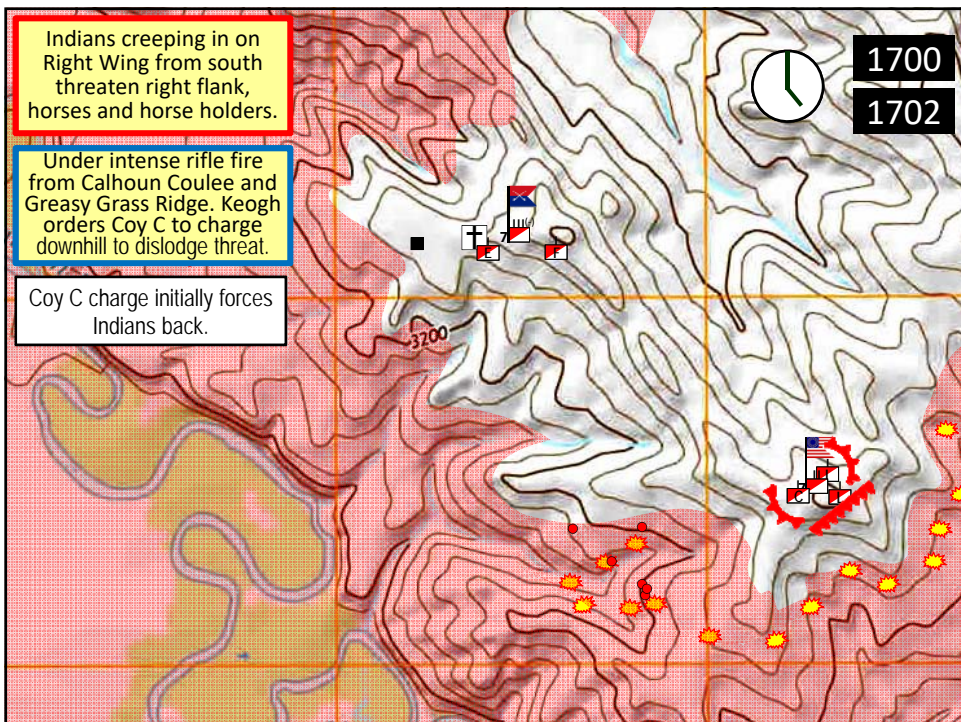




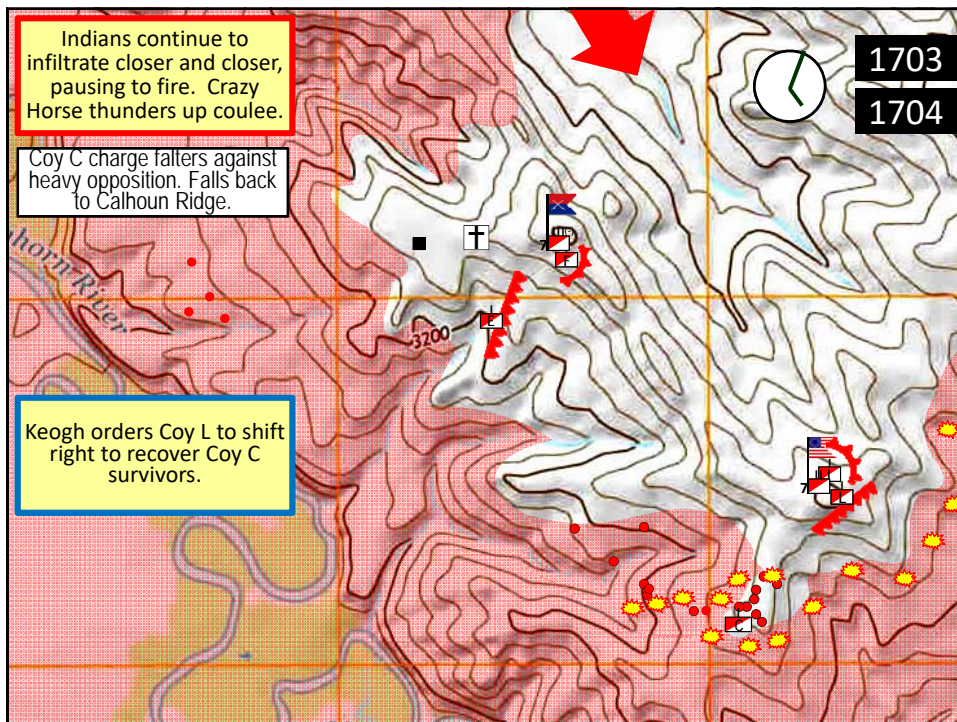
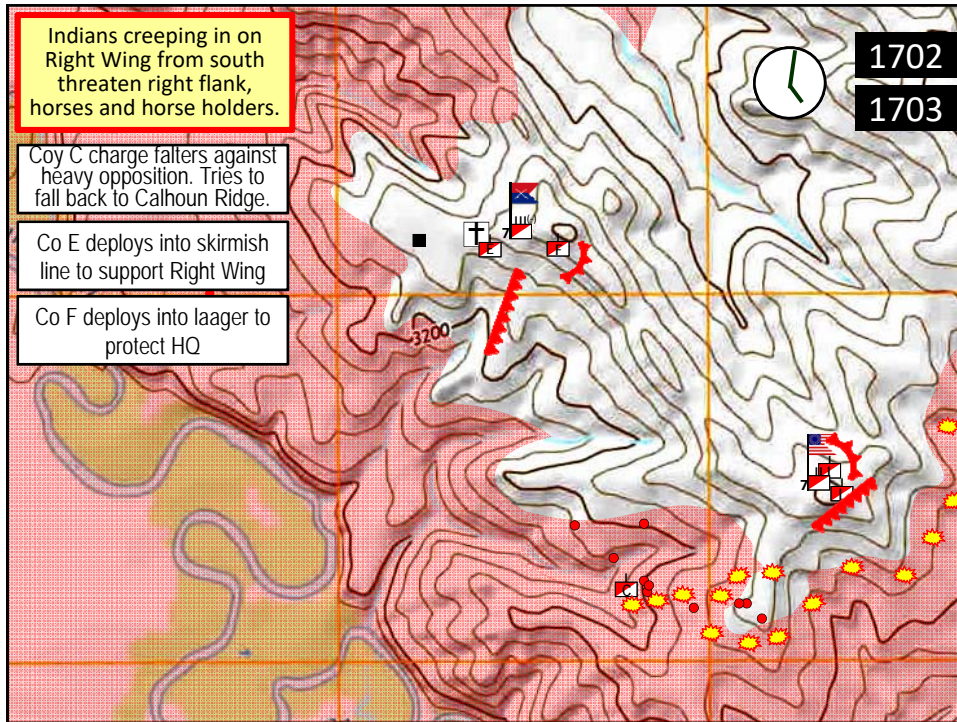




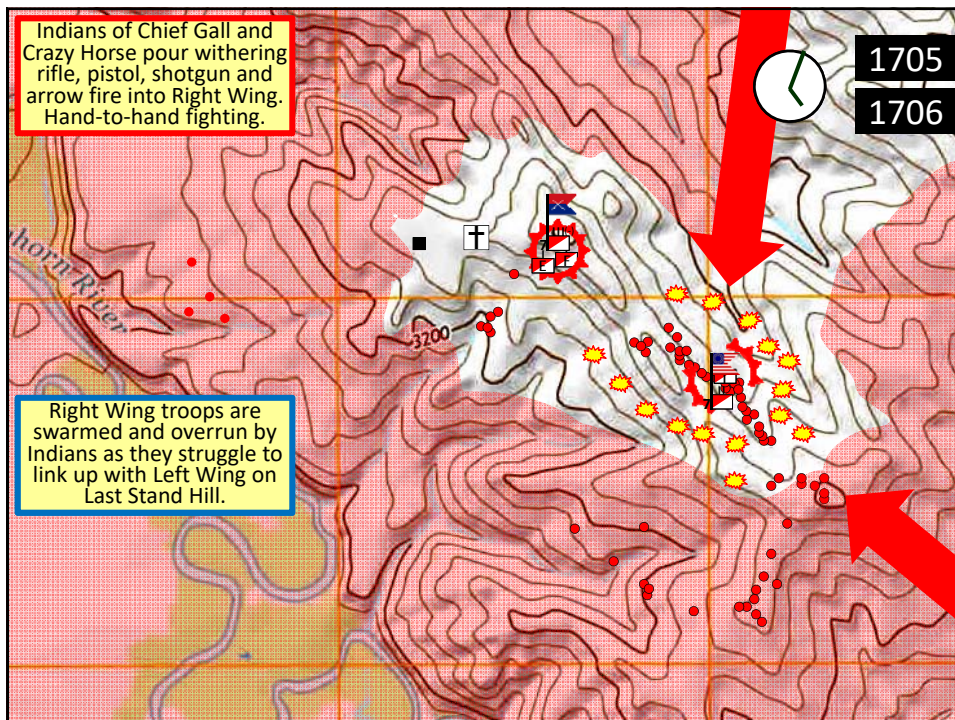
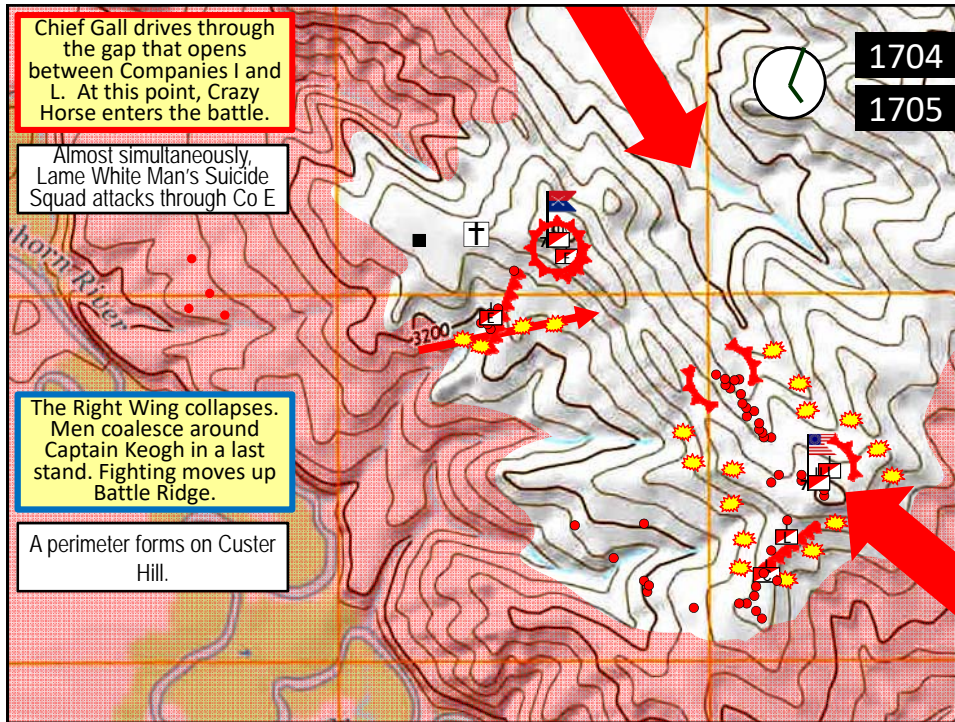








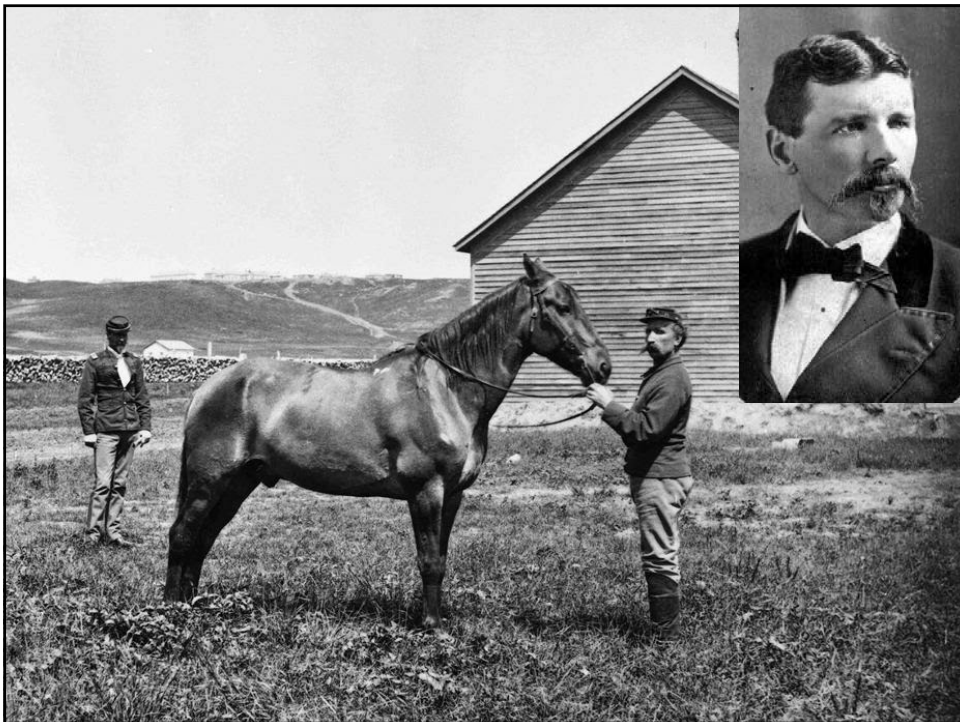




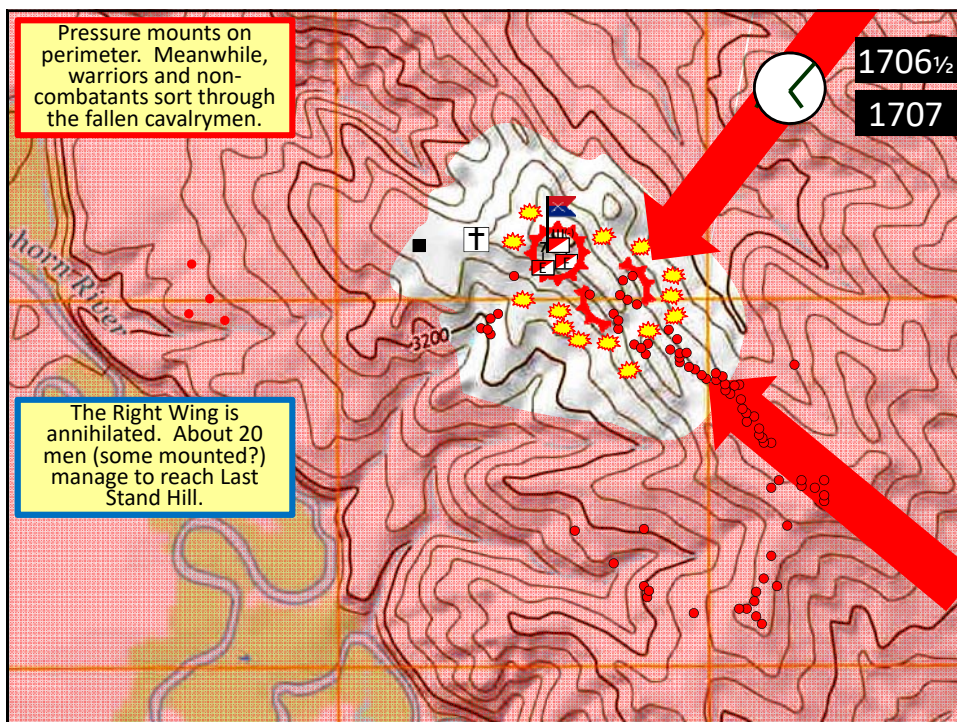
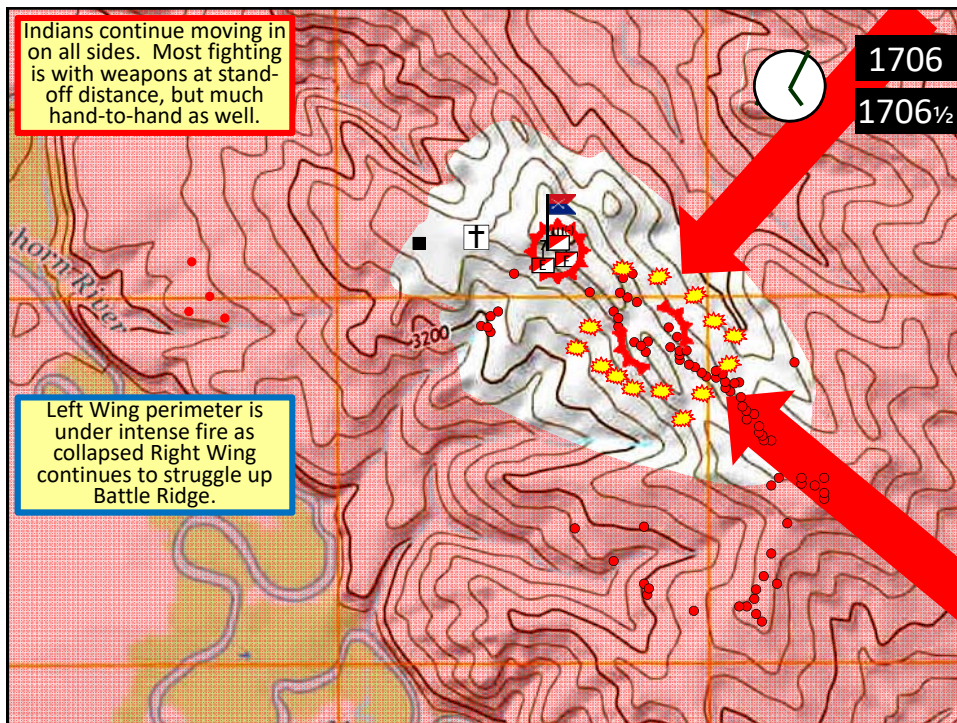














Pressure on the perimeter is felt from all sides. Arrows are arched in to get around dead horses.

Combat is low to ground. Individual warriors attempt to count coup. Others snipe.

Non-combatants pick over the remains.

After a furious volley, Company E survivors seek to break out south as a cohesive unit through Deep Ravine. No go!

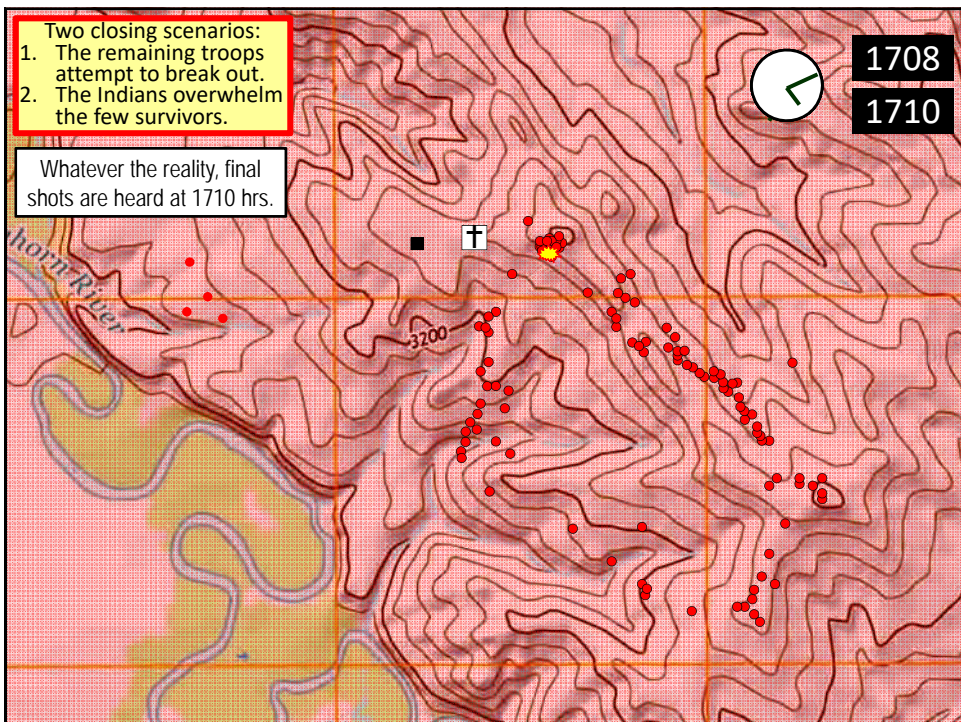
About 16 men alive on Last Stand Hill. All are wounded.

Ammunition is almost exhausted (on both sides).

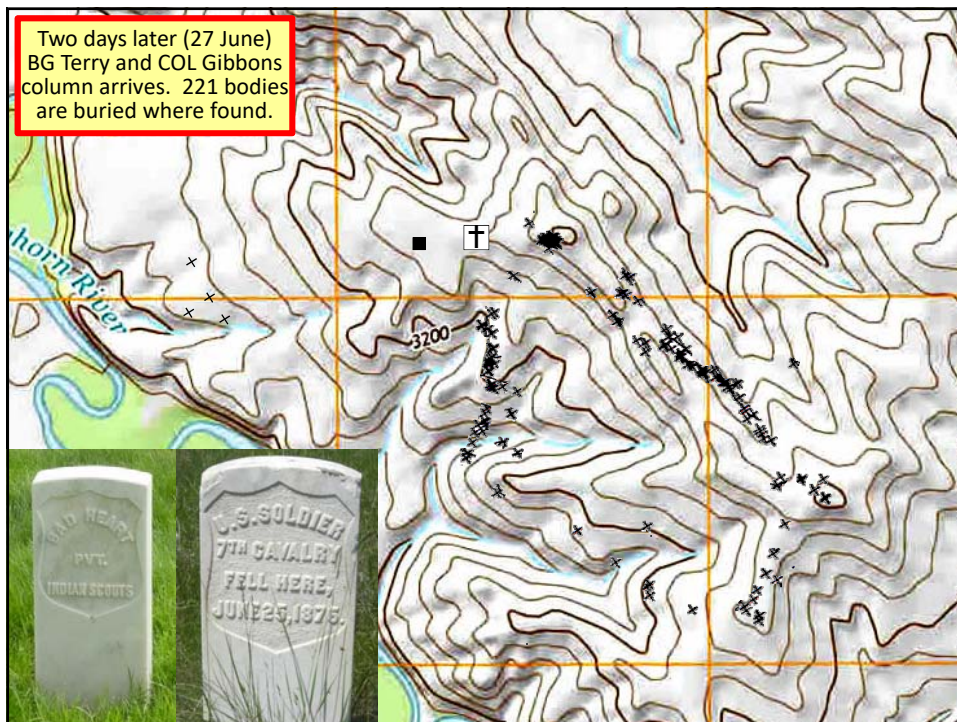
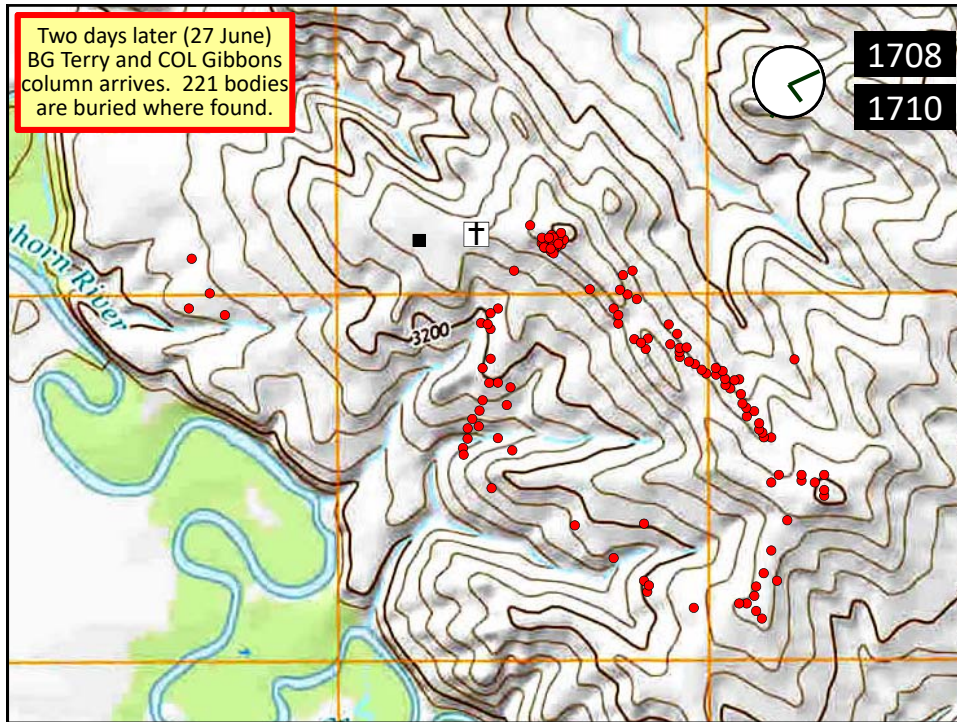
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# POSTSCRIPT



### Postscript

- Terry and Gibbon reached the scene of Custer's last stand around 10 AM on 27 June.
- The 7th Cavalry's total losses in this action (including Custer's detachment) were: 12 officers, 247 enlisted men, 5 civilians, and 3 Indian scouts killed; 2 officers and 51 enlisted men wounded.
- After this disaster the Little Big Horn campaign continued until September 1877 with many additional Regular units seeing action (including elements of the 4th and 5th Cavalry, the 5th, 14th, 22d, and 23d Infantry, and the 4th Artillery).
- Crook and Terry joined forces on the Rosebud on 10 August 1876, but most of the Indians slipped through the troops, although many came into the agencies.

### Postscript

- Fighting in the fall and winter of 1876-77 consisted mostly of skirmishes and raids, notably Crook's capture of American Horse's village at Slim Buttes (South Dakota) on 9 September and of Dull Knife's village in the Big Horn Mountains on 26 November, and Col. Nelson A. Miles' attack on Crazy Horse's camp in the Wolf Mountains on 8 January. By the summer of 1877 most of the Sioux were back on the reservations. Crazy Horse had come in and was killed resisting arrest at Fort Robinson (Nebraska) in September. Sitting Bull, with a small band of Sioux, escaped to Canada but surrendered at Fort Buford (Montana) in July 1881.
- The ownership of the Black Hills is still in question. The Supreme Court decision that attempted to settle the issue by paying the Lakota tribes for the land was not accepted by all of the tribes. Many of the Lakota are still trying to gain ownership of a land sacred to them.