

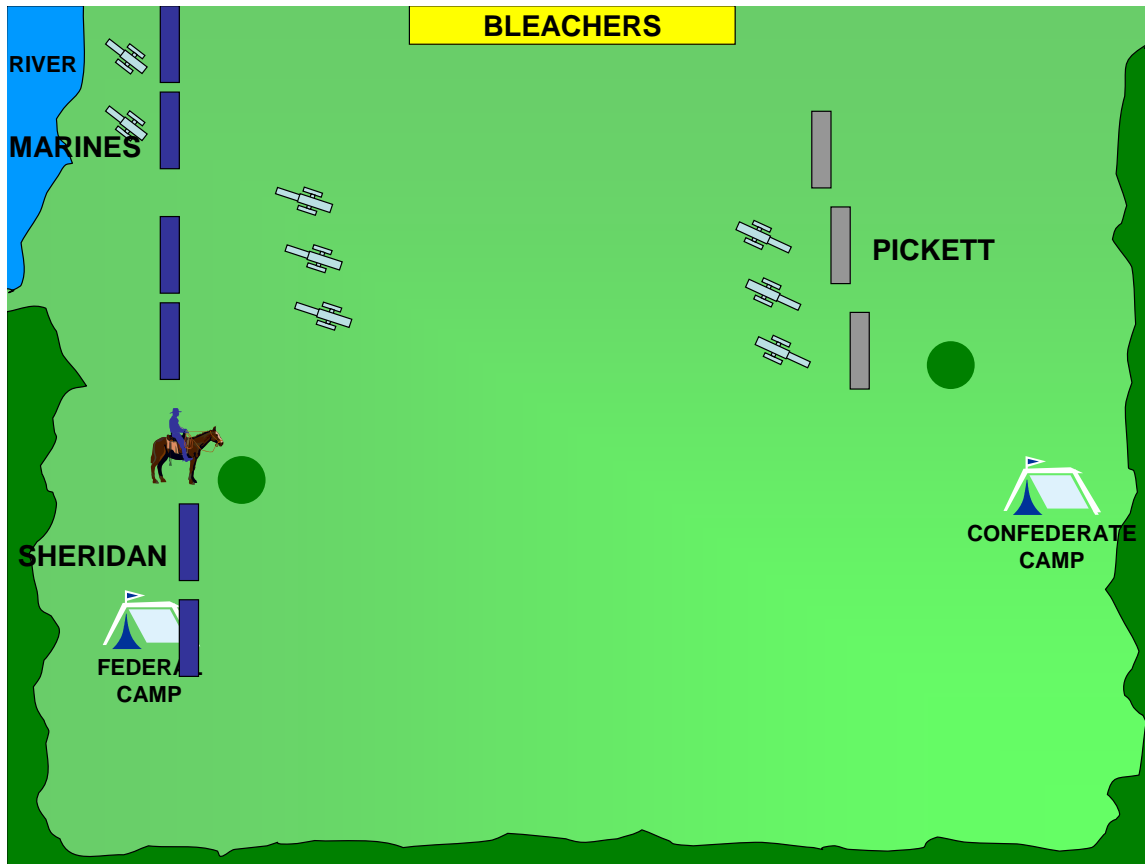
Timeline Script for the Battle of 5 Forks, VA

Sunday, December 7, 2008

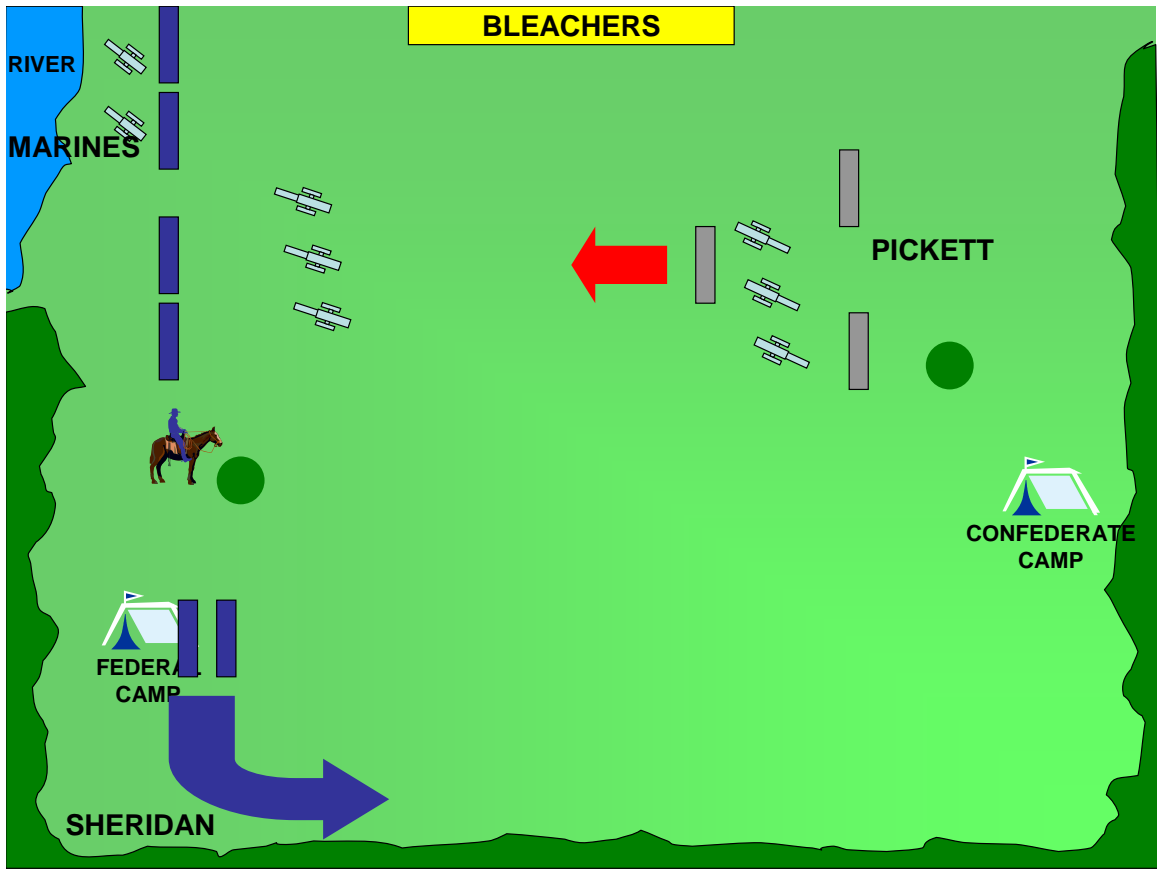
TIME	ACTION
1:45PM	Union Parade. The Union forces deploy in lines of battle below the ridge out of site. At the same time, the Union Marines make their landing on the banks of the river and march up the hill with their mountain howitzers to join the rest of the Union forces. The Marines are in position by 2:00PM.
1:50PM	Confederate Parade. Confederate take position behind the cannon line and stack arms, forming a loose and disorganized line.
2:00PM	<p>Pickett orders skirmishers into the field to detect the Union movement. The 2nd Florida will be these skirmishers.</p> <p>The Union forces begin to slowly advance, becoming visible to the skirmishers. The skirmishers fire at the advancing Federals and a skirmish fire fight begins.</p> <p>During this time, the Confederate artillery crews are drilling with practice rounds.</p>
2:10PM	<p>The skirmishers retreat to behind the cannons and give the alarm that the Union forces are massing. Pickett orders an artillery barrage while he forms the Confederate forces into lines of battle.</p> <p>An artillery duel begins between Confederate and Union artillery. The Union will begin with their large guns, and then the Marines will bring their mountain howitzers into position to open fire as well.</p> <p>Sheridan's forces will begin their flanking march toward the Confederate camp.</p>
2:25PM	<p>Pickett orders the cannons to Cease Fire and advances through the gun line to form a line of battle in front of the cannons.</p> <p>The Union forces advance into lines of battle as well. The Union Marines manoeuvre to Pickett's right flank while the Union cavalry manoeuvres to Pickett's left flank. The Union forces attach. Pickett's forces are slowly pushed back, reform, are pushed back again, and reform again as the Union forces flank Pickett's forces. Confederate forces take heavy casualties.</p>
2:45PM	<p>Pickett orders a full retreat. The Confederate cannons crews are all killed and the gun line overrun by Union forces</p> <p>Sheridan's forces attach Pickett from the rear.</p>

2:50PM Pickett's left wing surrenders to Sheridan and the Union cavalry. Pickett and his right wing continue retreating with the Union Marines in pursuit. Pickett's retreating right wing reforms and shoots at the Union Marines a number of times as a delaying tactic.

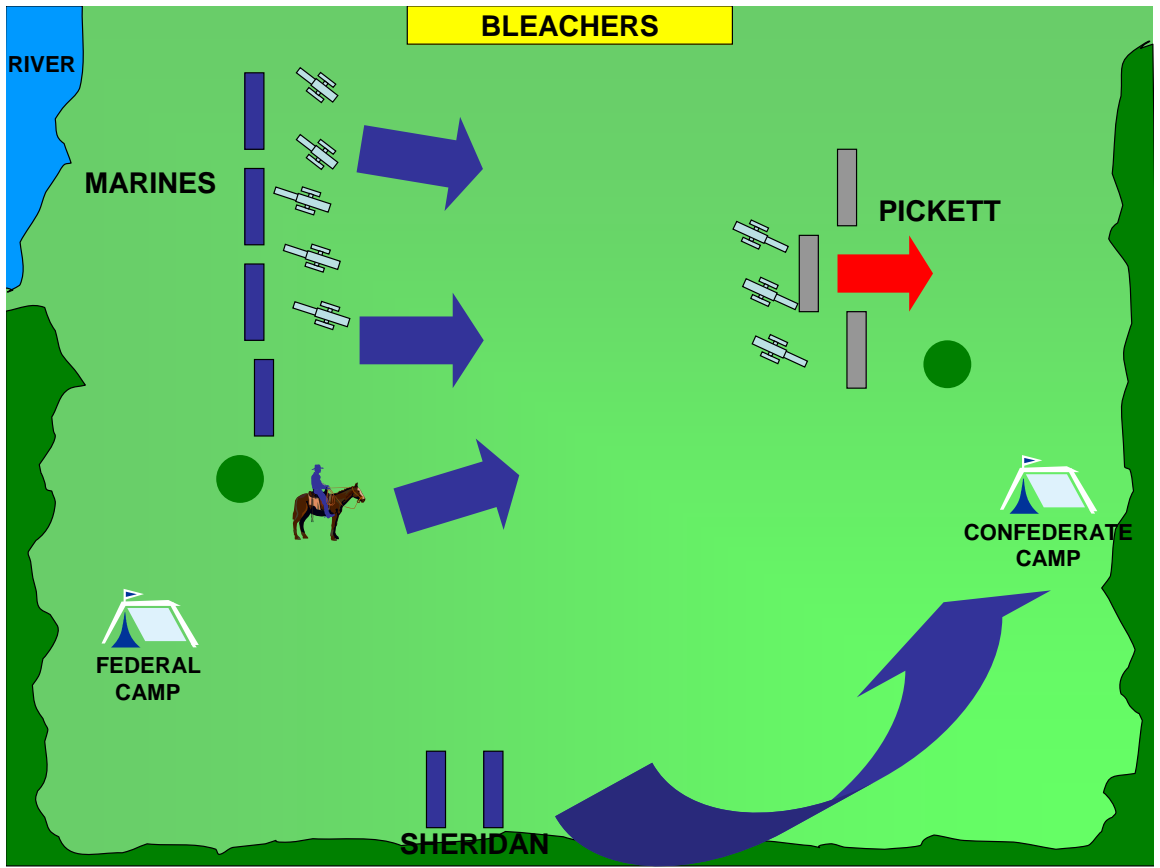
2:55PM Pickett's remaining forces leave the field.
The troops resurrect and march off the field.



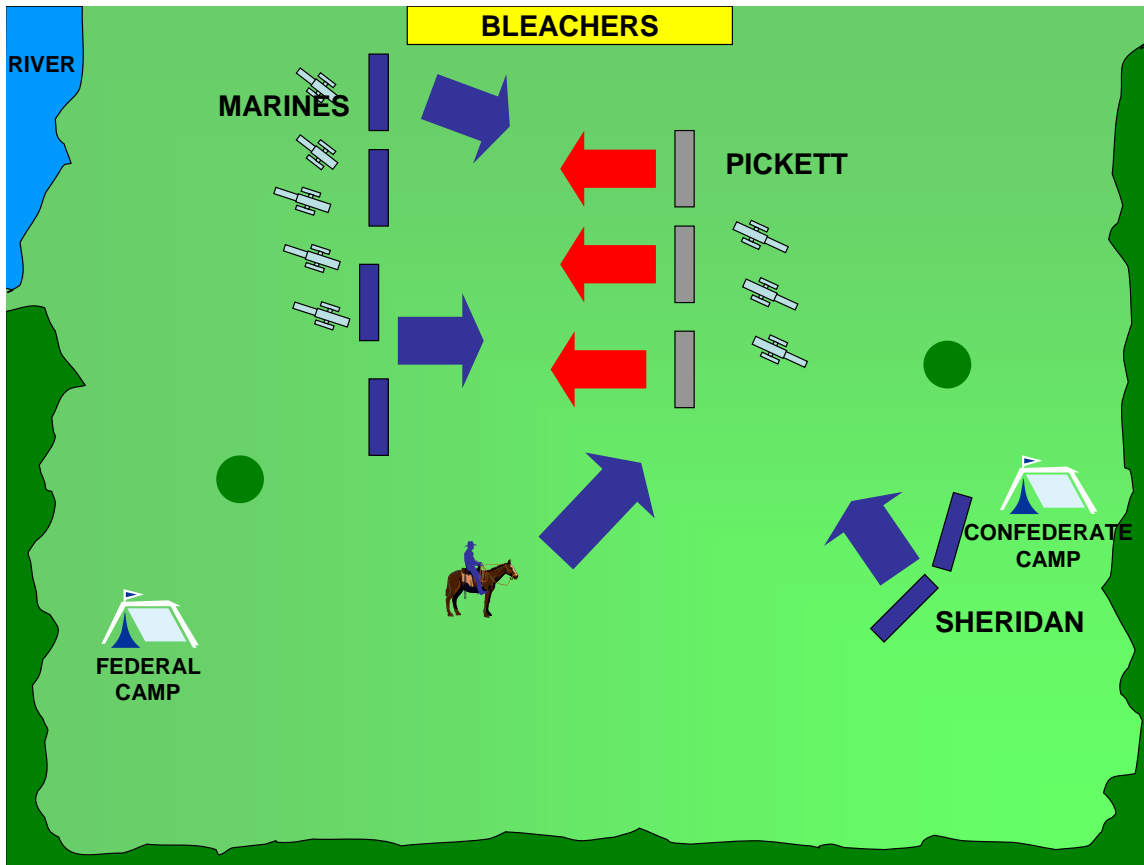
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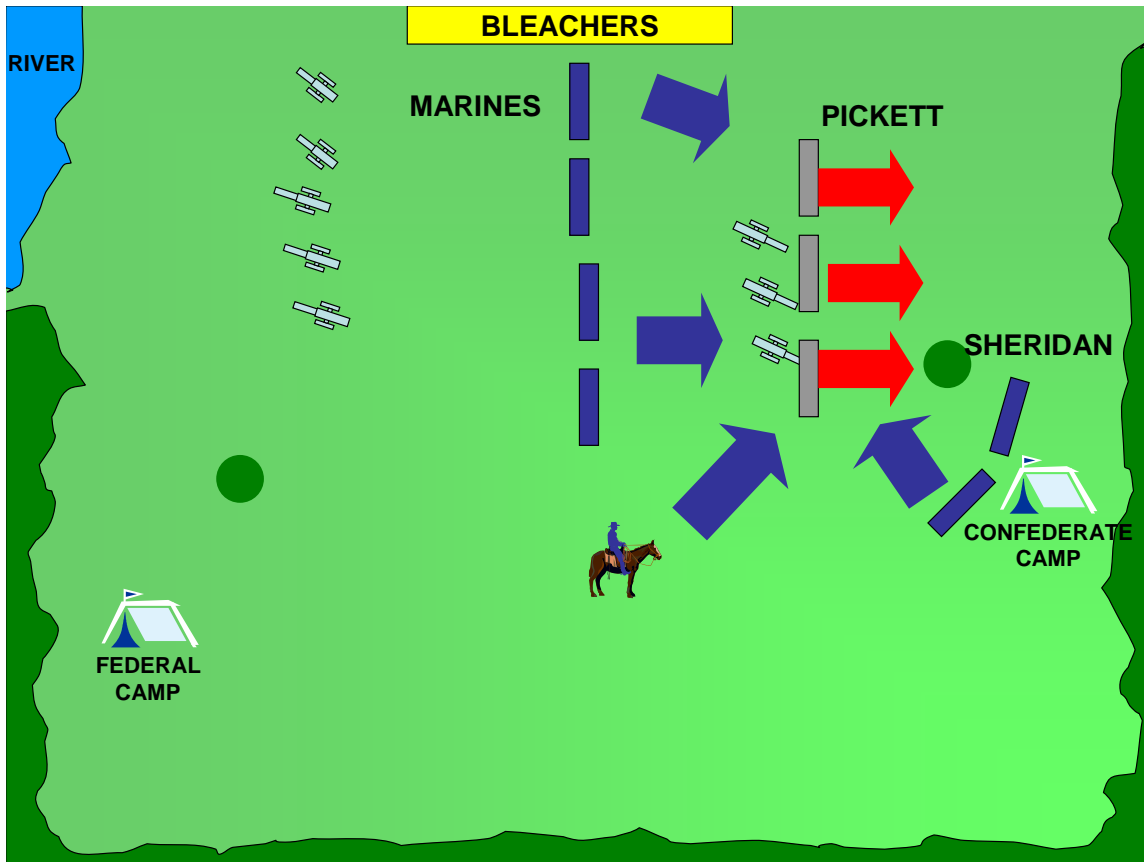
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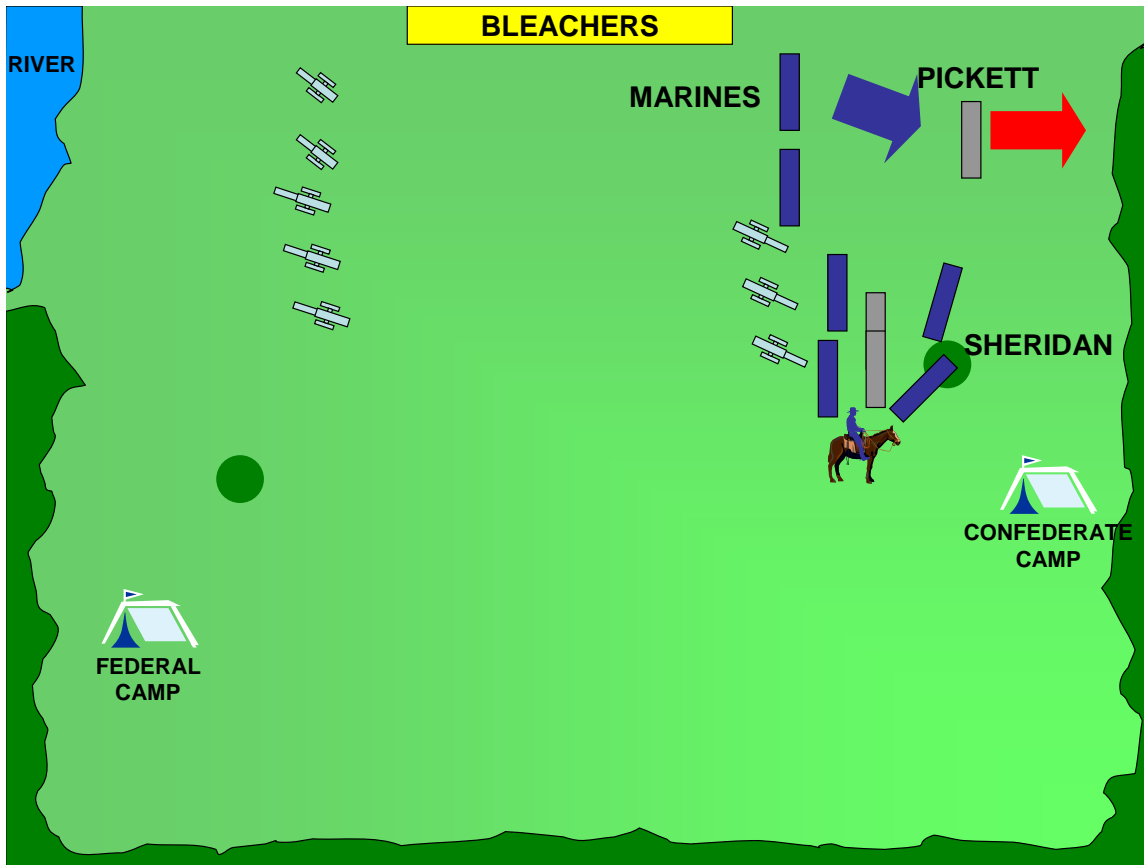
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