

# Timeline Script for the Battle of Chancellorsville, VA

## Saturday, December 6, 2008

TIME	ACTION
1:35PM	Union Parade. Two-thirds of the Union forces take position on the ridge above the river (Hooker's Forces). The remaining third return to the left of the Federal camp (11th Corps). One company of skirmishers and the Union Cavalry station themselves toward the Confederate Camp.
1:45PM	Confederate Parade. Half of the Confederate Forces take position in a strong skirmish line in front of the confederate camp (Lee's Forces). The remaining half begins the flanking march around the battlefield to attach the Union Flank near the Federal camp (Jackson's Forces).
1:55PM	Jackson encounters the Union skirmishers and cavalry. One company of skirmishers is sent to engage them while the remaining forces continue the flanking march.
2:00PM	Lee orders the Confederate Artillery to open fire on the Union lines. An artillery duel begins between Confederate and Union cannons.  After about 5 minutes of artillery fire, Lee sends out a strong skirmish line to demonstrate in front of Hooker as a way to mask Jackson's movements. Jackson's skirmishers engage the Union skirmishers and cavalry. After 5 minutes, the Union skirmishers and cavalry withdraw and the Confederate skirmishers rejoin Jackson's forces.  During this time, the Union forces fall back into lines of battle, Lee's forces form lines of battle, both sides manoeuvre, advance, and fall back multiple times. The artillery continues to fire during this time.
2:15PM	Jackson attacks the Union flank near the Federal camp making sure that no soldiers enter the Federal Camp for safety reasons. The Union 11th Corps retreats into the open, form lines of battle, fall back, reform, fall back again, reform, and then retreats to rejoin the rest of the Union forces, forming new lines of battle at a right angle to Hooker's main force.  Confederate cavalry moves to take position between Lee and Jackson's forces.
2:30PM	Jackson swings around to reconnect with Lee's main forces. Confederate mountain howitzers redeploy to support Jackson's lines.  All Union and Confederate forces are in position.
2:35PM	Lee orders full offensive against Hooker's positions. Confederate forces push forward, reform, and push forward multiple times. Artillery fire continues

during this time.

2:45PM Chancellor's house (Hooker's headquarters) is hit by artillery fire and explodes.

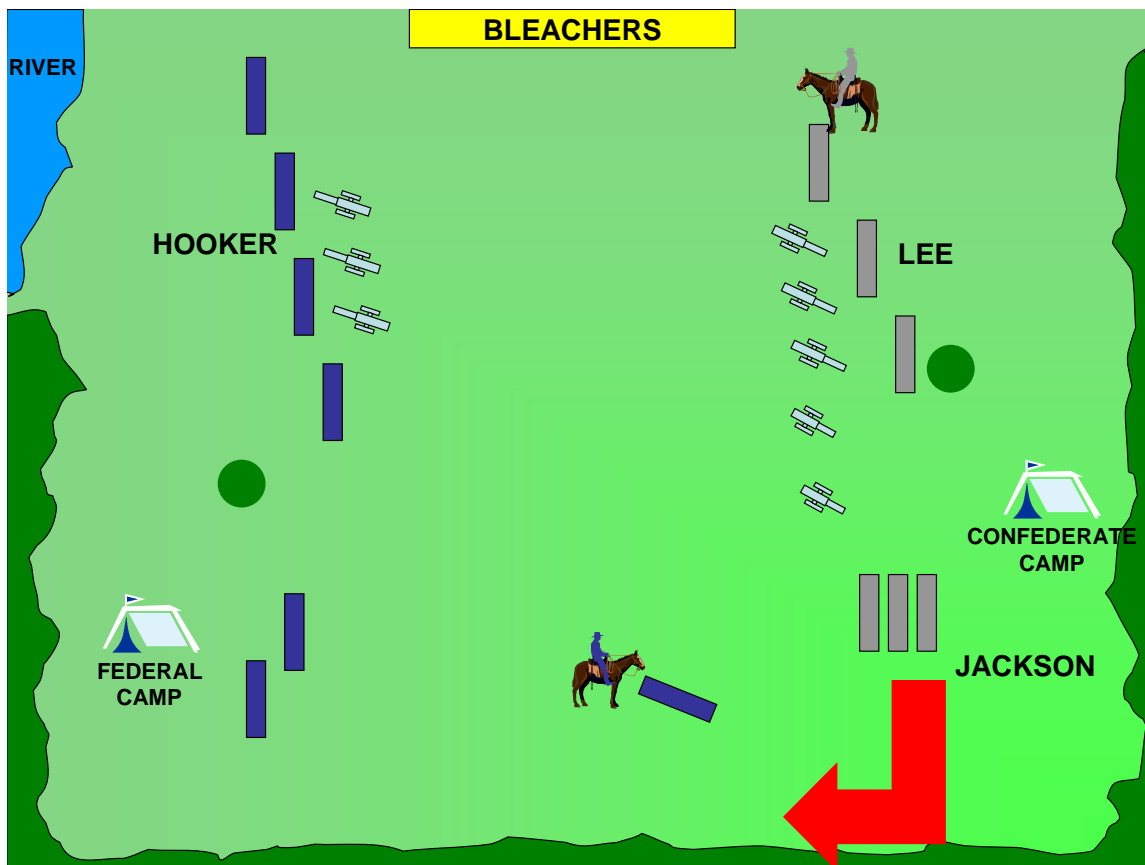
Hooker's forces continue to retreat. Union cavalry rides around to demonstrate on Jackson's flank.

2:50PM There is a lull in the battle and the guns fall silent. Confederate forces nearly surround Union forces.

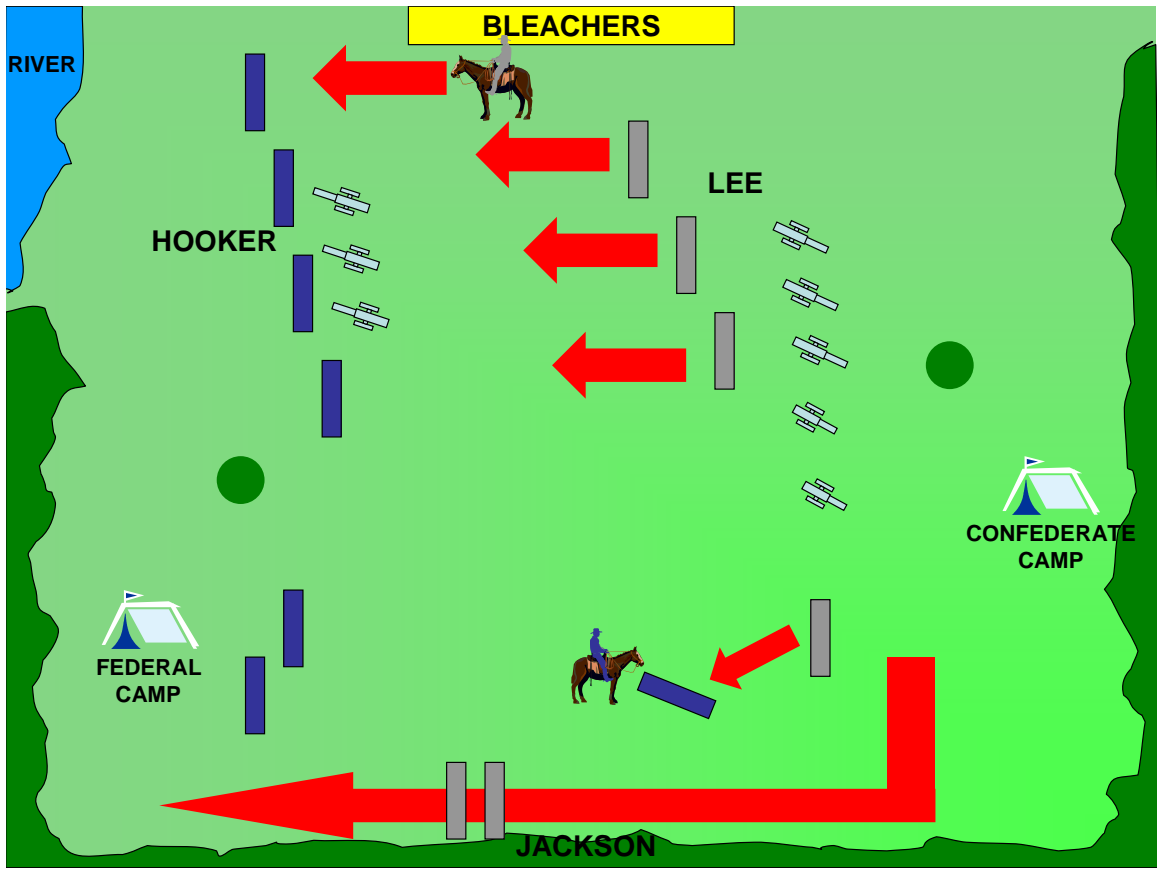
2:55PM Jackson and 8 aides enter the area between the Confederate and Union lines to reconnoitre the Union position. The 2nd Florida, portraying the 7th & 18th North Carolina begin shooting at Jackson and then fire a volley at Jackson. Jackson and 5 of his aides fall, shot.

3:00PM A lone bugler steps out of the 2nd Florida ranks and plays taps over Jackson's fallen body.

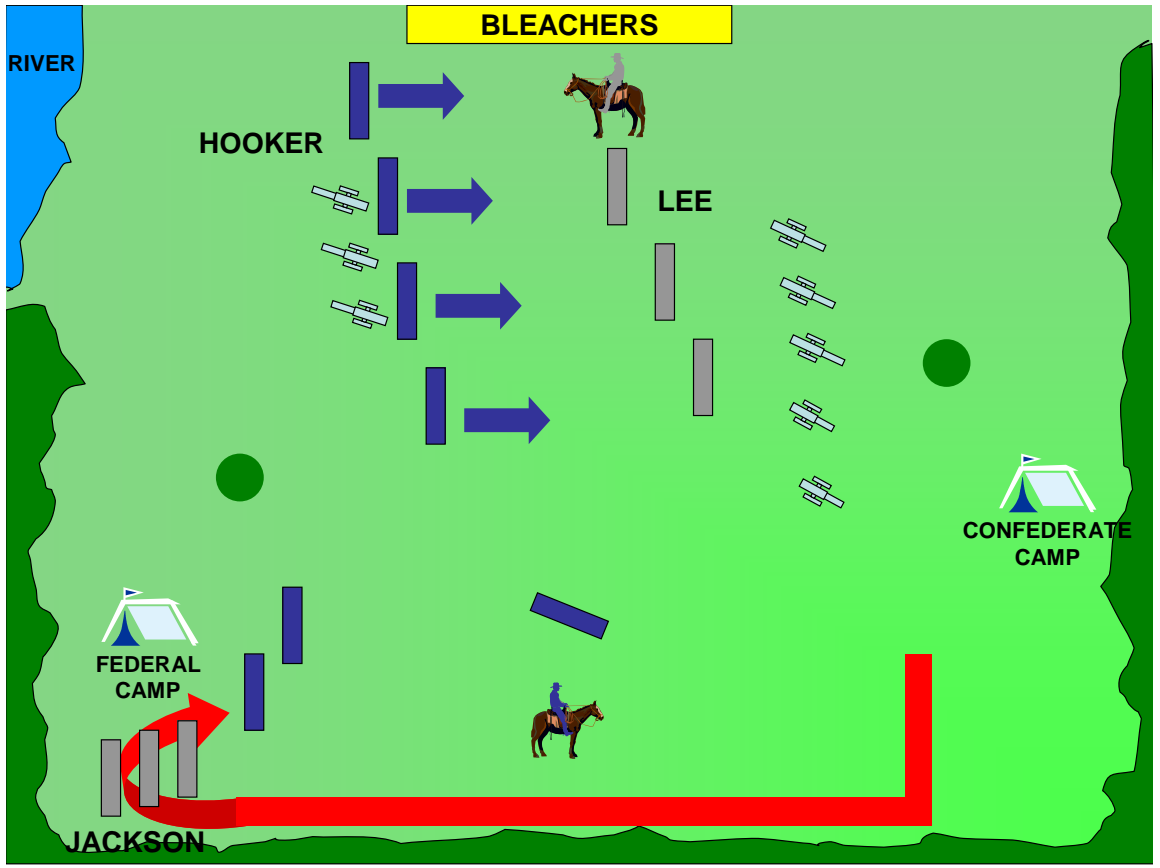
The troops resurrect and march off the field.

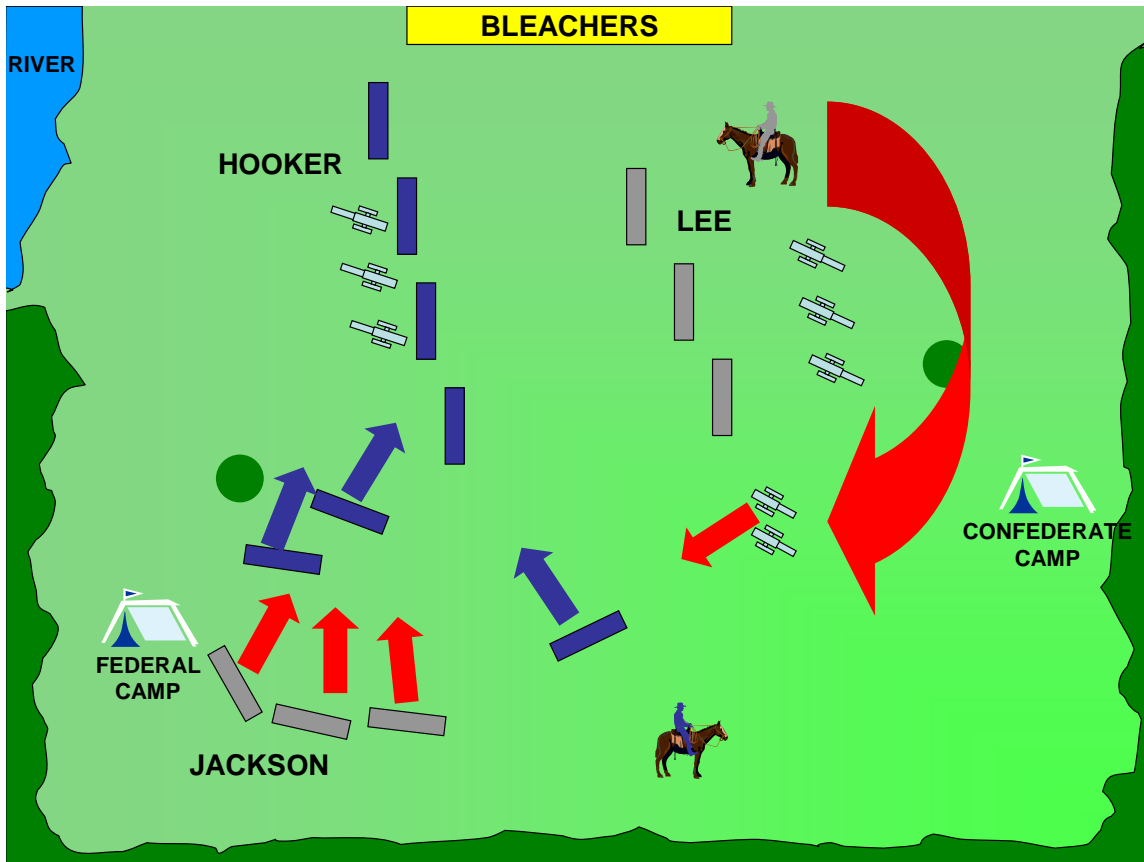


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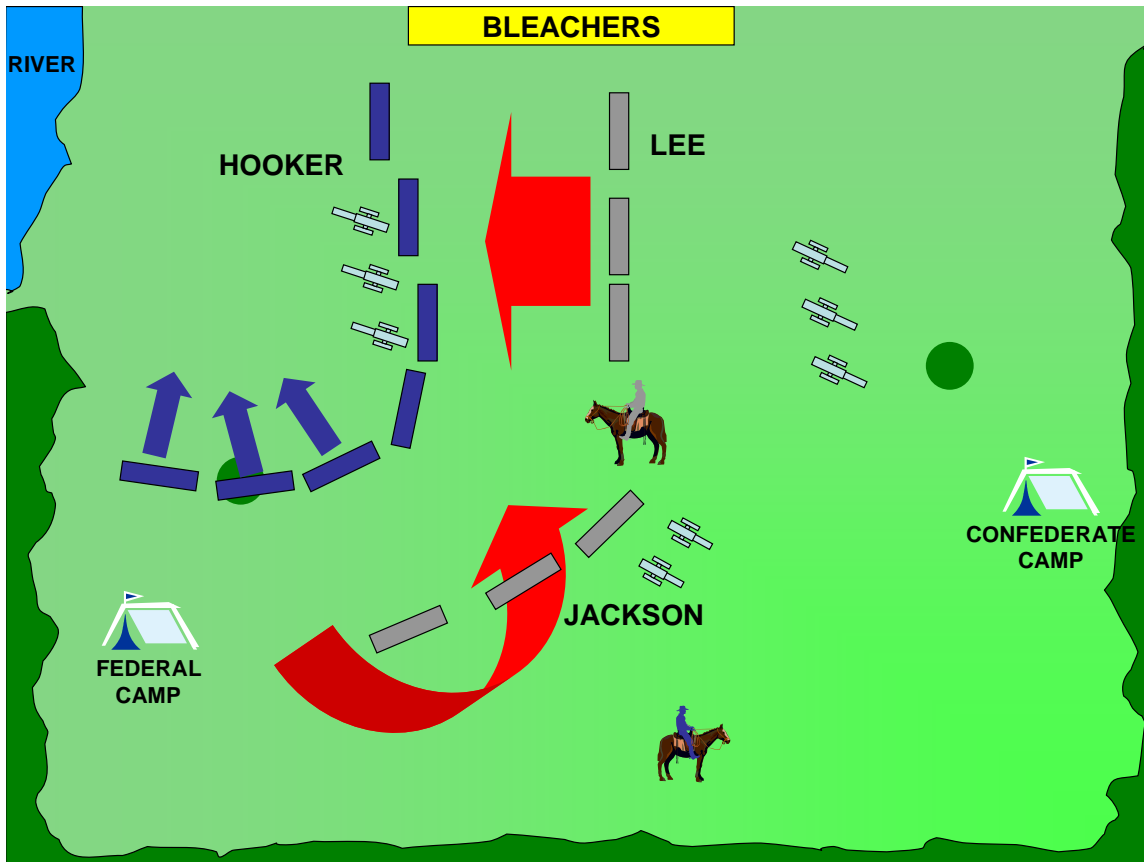


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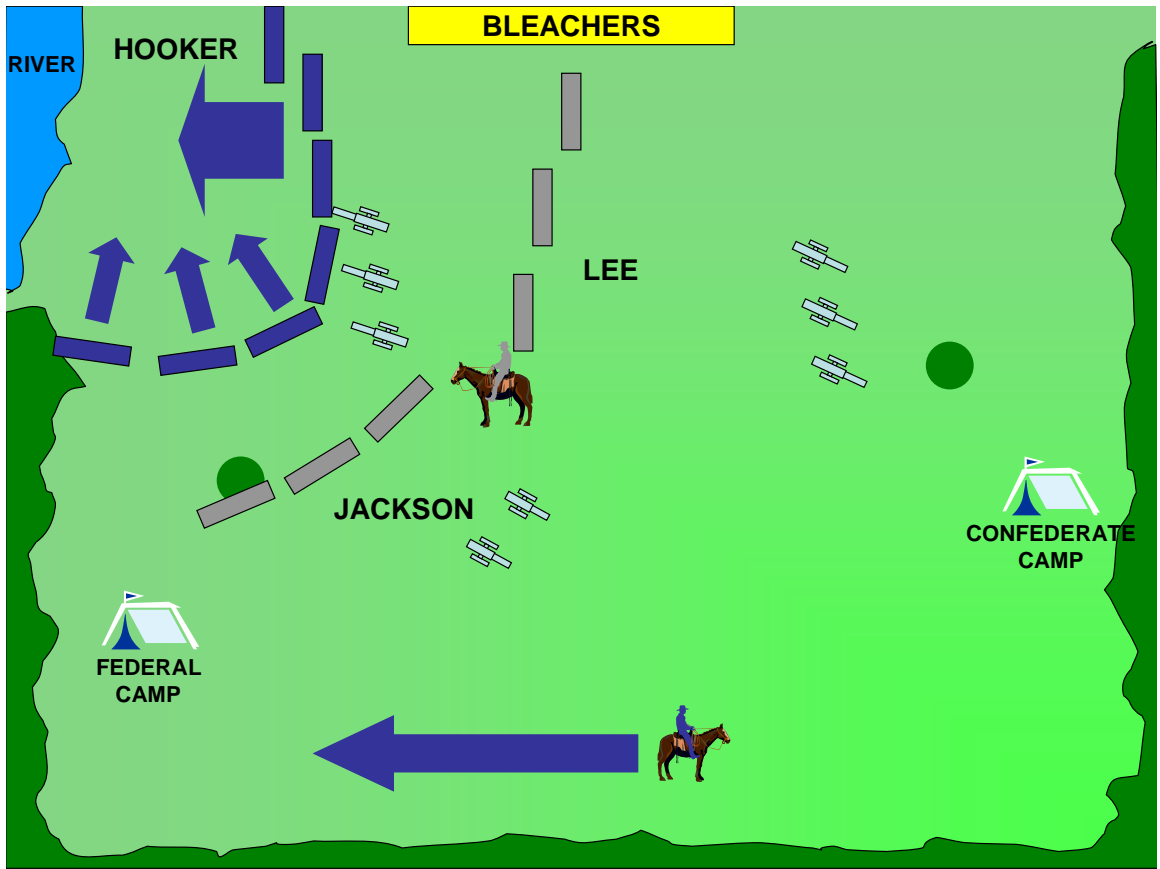




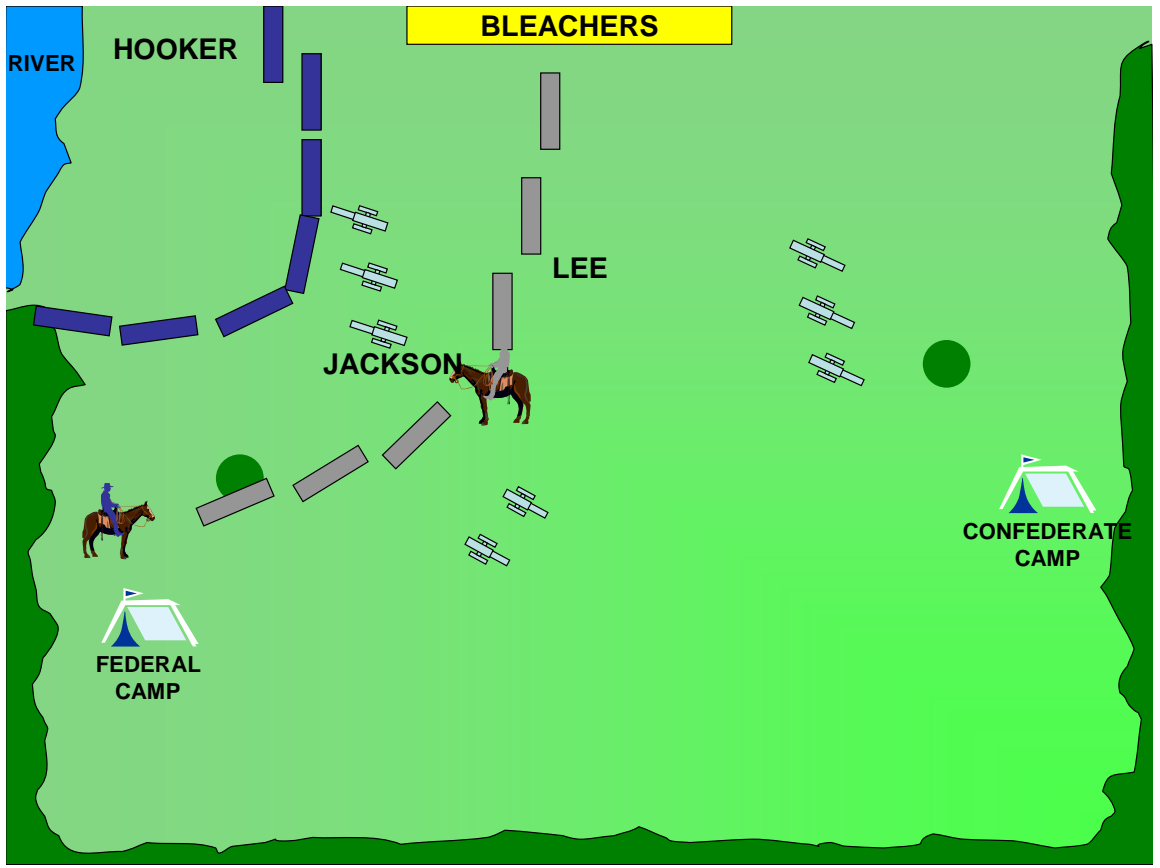
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