Lee's rear guard, put into position by Washington to delay British while American main body deployed.

NOTE: Washington had detached Lee (6,400) to force retreating British to fight. Overtaking the British rear guard as it broke camp near Monmouth, Lee maneuvered indecisively. Clinton rapidly concentrated and advanced. Lee fell back until halted by Washington with the American main body (7,000). Covered by a rear-guard action, the American army then took up a position behind West Ravine. Clinton attacked the left first, then the right, and finally the center of this position but was repeatedly repulsed. He retired behind the Middle Ravine as darkness approached. Both armies slept on the battlefield. Clinton withdrew undetected before dawn.