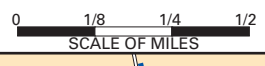
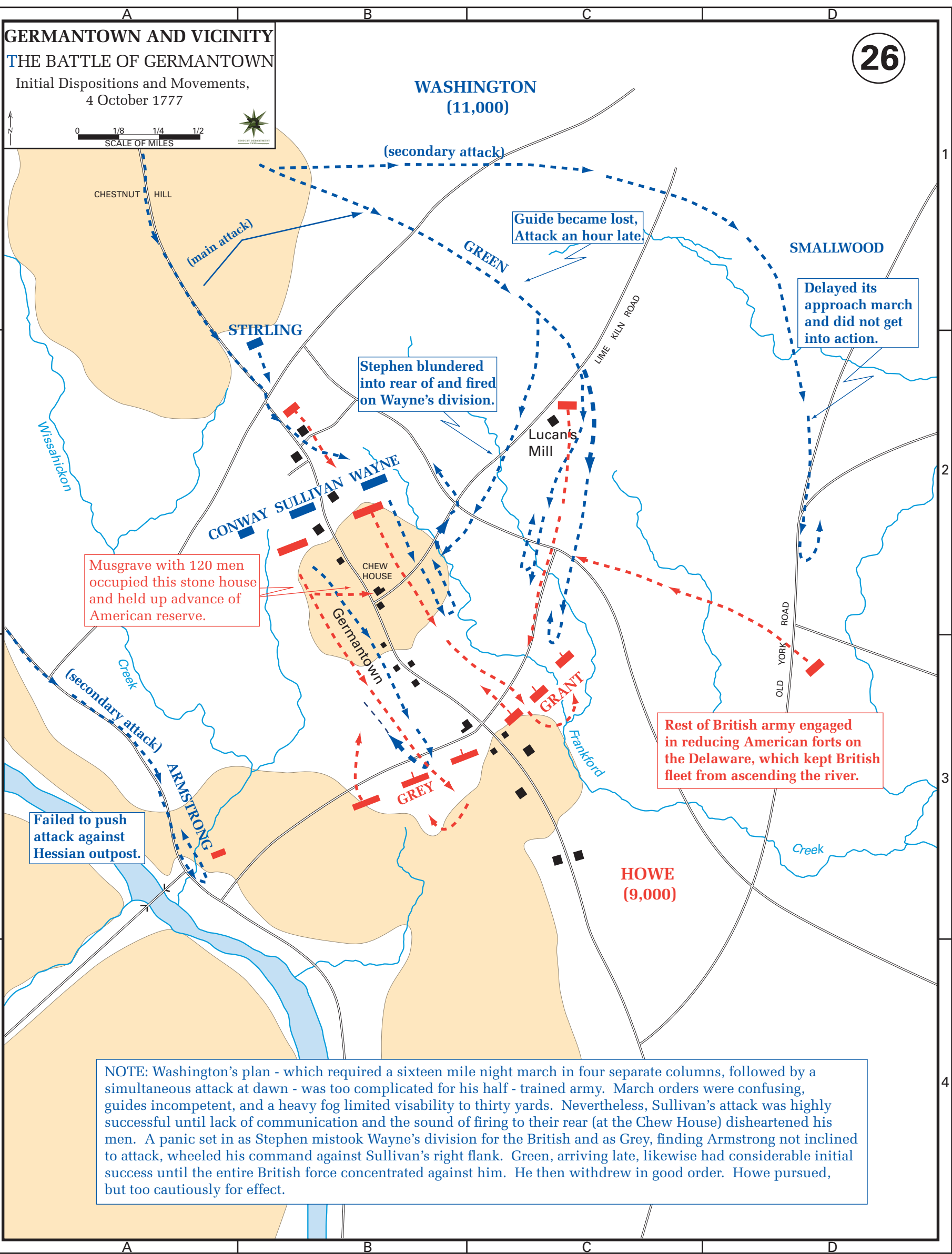


GERMANTOWN AND VICINITY
THE BATTLE OF GERMANTOWN
Initial Dispositions and Movements,
4 October 1777



WASHINGTON
(11,000)

HOWE
(9,000)



Musgrave with 120 men occupied this stone house and held up advance of American reserve.

Failed to push attack against Hessian outpost.

Stephen blundered into rear of and fired on Wayne's division.

Guide became lost, Attack an hour late.

Delayed its approach march and did not get into action.

Rest of British army engaged in reducing American forts on the Delaware, which kept British fleet from ascending the river.

NOTE: Washington's plan - which required a sixteen mile night march in four separate columns, followed by a simultaneous attack at dawn - was too complicated for his half - trained army. March orders were confusing, guides incompetent, and a heavy fog limited visibility to thirty yards. Nevertheless, Sullivan's attack was highly successful until lack of communication and the sound of firing to their rear (at the Chew House) disheartened his men. A panic set in as Stephen mistook Wayne's division for the British and as Grey, finding Armstrong not inclined to attack, wheeled his command against Sullivan's right flank. Green, arriving late, likewise had considerable initial success until the entire British force concentrated against him. He then withdrew in good order. Howe pursued, but too cautiously for effect.