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REFERENCES.

French Army, 1st Movement, in the afternoon of 27th July.

- A. 1st Corps, Marshal Victor
- B. 1st Corps, General Sebastiani
- C. Reserve, General Drouot
- D. Division of Light Cavalry, General Merle
- E. Division of Dragoons, Gen^l Lascaris-Moubray
- F. Division of Light Cavalry, General Milhaud

French Army, 2^d Movement, on the evening of 27th July.

- Aa. 1st Corps
- aa. Attack made at dusk upon the left of the 1st British Division, viz. the King's Own Light Cavalry
- Va. Forward movement made at dusk by Milhaud's Division of Cavalry. This movement was the immediate cause of the panic on the right of the Spanish Line
- Fa. Position taken up by Milhaud's Cavalry on entering
- b. Attack made, after dusk, upon the left of the 2^d Division of British Infantry
- Ba. 1st French Corps
- Dd. Merle's Division of Light Cavalry
- Ee. Lascaris-Moubray's Division of Dragoons
- Cc. Drouot's Reserve

British Army on the 27th July.

- G. 3^d Division of Infantry, Gen^l Mackenzie, and Arago's Brigade of Cavalry. These troops observed the Enemy's advance, and fell back gradually to the position previously fixed upon by the General commanding the two Allied Armies
- H. Arago's and Arago's Brigades of Cavalry
- Gg. The 2^d Division of Infantry after falling back to the position fixed in second line to the 1st Division
- Hh. The three Brigades of British Cavalry after falling back into the position

General position of the British Infantry on the evening of the 27th July

General position of the Spanish Troops on the evening of the 27th July

Reference to movements shown under the first appellation

French Army, 1st Movement, on the morning of the 28th July.

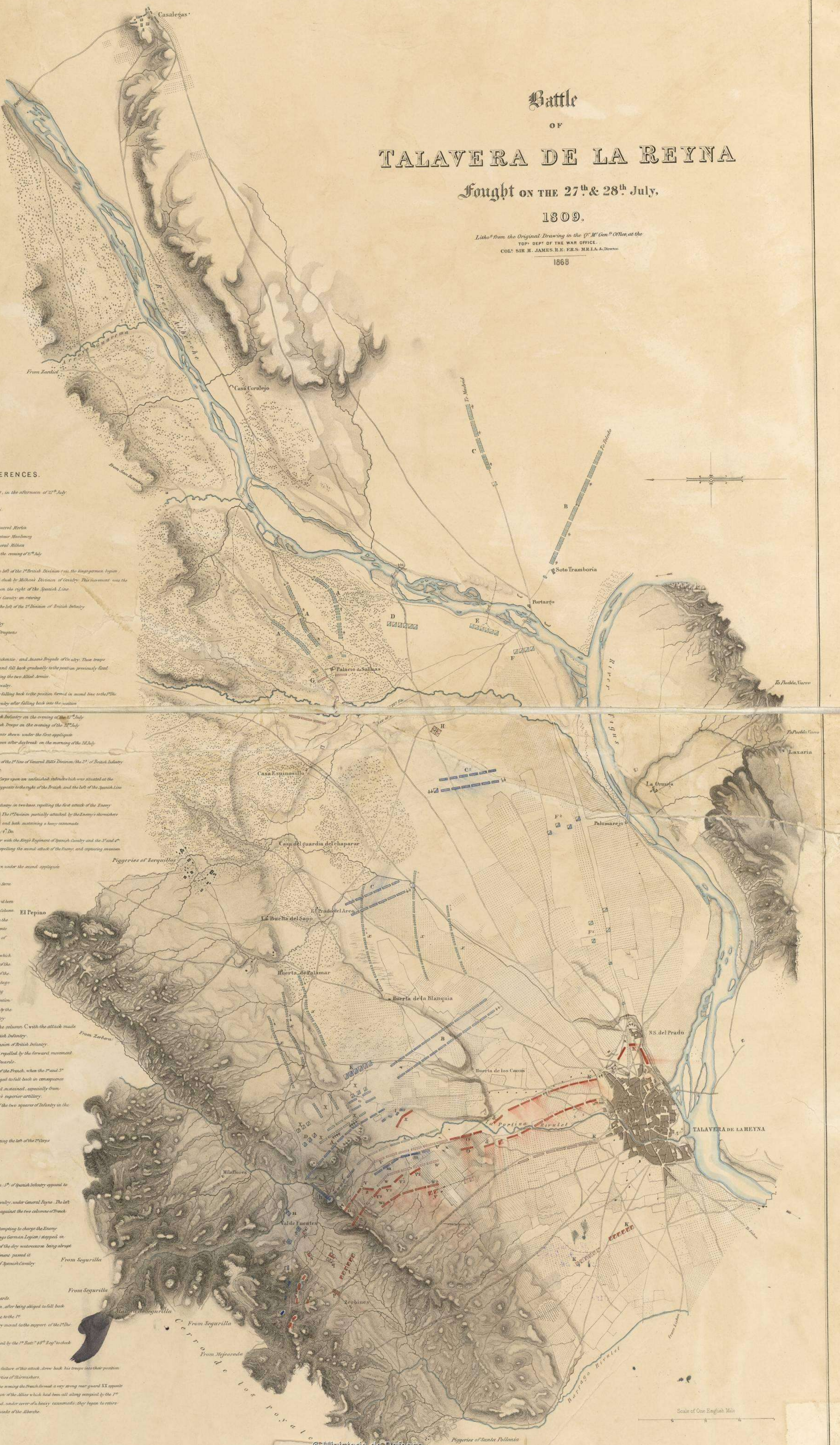
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- acc. Attack made on the left flank of the 1st Division of British Infantry, viz. the King's Own Light Cavalry
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- ddd. Attack made by part of the 4th Corps upon an unfinished redoubt which was situated at the extremity of a tongue of land, opposite to the right of the British, and to the left of the Spanish Line
- Allied Army
- ll. 1st Division of Infantry, 2^d of British Infantry, in two lines repelling the first attack of the Enemy
- mm. 1st Division of Infantry, 2^d of British Infantry, in two lines repelling the second attack of the Enemy
- nn. 1st Division of Infantry, 2^d of British Infantry, in two lines repelling the third attack of the Enemy
- oo. Alexander Campbell's Division of Dragoons
- eee. The 1st British Division, together with the King's Regiment of Spanish Cavalry and the 3^d and 4th Divisions of Spanish Infantry repelling the second attack of the Enemy, and capturing various pieces of artillery

Reference to changes shown under the second appellation

- French
- ff. Light Troops detached into the line from the right of the 1st Corps
- gg. Two battalions of Infantry which, after advancing along the valley in column, but which formed squares on the approach of the two Regiments composing Arago's Brigade of British Cavalry
- h. A strong column of Infantry which remained, during the whole of the day, in the valley, ready to profit by any advantage which might favour its getting possession of the top of the position of the Allies which was held by the 2^d Division of British Infantry
- ii. Stormashers connecting the column C with the attack made upon the 1st Division of British Infantry
- k. First attack made by the 1st Division of British Infantry
- l. The left of the above attack repelled by the forward movement of the Brigades of British Cavalry
- iii. Last forward movement of the French, when the 1st and 3^d British Divisions were obliged to fall back in consequence of the severe losses they had sustained, especially from the heavy fire of the Enemy's superior artillery
- n. Cavalry support in rear of the two squares of Infantry in the valley
- A. 1st Corps
- B. 1st Corps
- u. King's Own Light Cavalry supporting the left of the 1st Corps
- D. Merle's Cavalry
- E. Lascaris-Moubray's Cavalry
- C. Drouot's Reserve
- Allies
- p. General Bessières's Division, 5th of Spanish Infantry, opposed to the French in the line
- q. Two Brigades of British Cavalry, under General Byng. The left Brigade, Arago's, moving against the two columns of French Infantry
- r. The 2^d Light Dragoons attempting to charge the Enemy
- s. The 1st Light Dragoons (King's German Legion) stopped in consequence of the banks of the dry watercourse being steeper than where the other regiments passed it
- t. Arago's Division of Spanish Cavalry
- u. 2^d British Division
- v. 1st British Division
- w. 3^d British Division
- x. Advance of the British Cavalry
- vi. Division of the 1st Division, after being obliged to fall back
- ws. 3^d Division, in second line to the 1st
- y. Arago's Division of Cavalry moved to the support of the 1st Division
- o. 1st British Division
- z. Forward position assumed by the 1st Batt^l 45th Reg^t to check the Enemy's advance
- 6. Left of the Spanish Line

The Enemy, after the failure of this attack, drew back his troops into their position covered by large parties of skirmishers.

About six o'clock in the evening the French formed a very strong rear-guard XX opposite the part of the position of the Allies which had been all along occupied by the 1st British Division, and, under cover of a heavy cannonade, they began to retire (see) towards the banks of the Alarcos.



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- G. 3^d Division of Infantry, Gen^l Mackenzie, and James' Brigade of Cavalry. These troops observed the Enemy's advance, and fell back gradually to the position previously fixed upon by the General commanding the two Allied Armies.
- H. Cotton's and Ross' Brigades of Cavalry.
- Ga. The 3^d Division of Infantry after falling back to the position formed in second line to the 1st Div.
- Hc. The three Brigades of British Cavalry after falling back into the position

1. General position of the British Infantry on the evening of the 27th July

K. General position of the Spanish Troops on the evening of the 27th July

Reference to movements shown under the first application

French Army, 1st Movement, on the morning of the 28th July.

A. 1st Corps, Marshal Victor

ccc. Attack made on the left flank of the 1st line of General Hill's Division, the 2^d of British Infantry

French Army, 2^d Movement

ddd. Attack made by part of the 4th Corps upon an unfinished redoubt which was situated at the extremity of a tongue of land, opposite to the right of the British, and the left of the Spanish Line

Allied Army

ll. Hill's Division, 2^d of British Infantry, in two lines repelling the first attack of the Enemy

mm. Skerrett's Division, 1st of Div. The 1st Division, partially attacked by the Enemy's skirmishers

nn. Maitland's Division, 3^d of Div. and both sustaining a heavy cannonade

oo. Alexander Campbell's Division, 1st Div.

eee. The 4th British Division, together with the King's Regiment of Spanish Cavalry and the 3^d and 4th Divisions of Spanish Infantry, repelling the second attack of the Enemy, and capturing various pieces of artillery.

Reference to changes shown under the second application

French

ff. Light Troops detached into the line from the right of the 1st Corps

gg. Two battalions of Infantry which, when advancing along the valley in column, had which formed squares on the approach of the two Regiments composing Alexander's Brigade of British Cavalry

h. A strong column of Infantry which remained, during the whole of the third attack upon the slope of the road, to profit by any advantage which might occur in getting possession of the top of the position of the Allies which was held by the 2^d Division of British Infantry

ii. Skirmishers connecting the column C with the attack made upon the 1st Division of British Infantry

k. First attack made by the 1st Division of British Infantry

l. The left of the above attack repelled by the forward movement of the Brigades of British Cavalry

m. Last forward movement of the French, when the 1st and 3^d British Divisions were obliged to fall back in consequence of the severe losses they had sustained, especially from the heavy fire of the Enemy's superior artillery

n. Cavalry support in rear of the two squares of Infantry in the valley

A. 1st Corps

B. 2^d

C. King's German Legion supporting the left of the 1st Corps

D. Merin's Cavalry

E. Lattour-Maubourg's Cavalry

F. Drouot's reserve

Allies

P. General Basmont's Division, 5th of Spanish Infantry, opposed to the French in the line

q. Two Brigades of British Cavalry, under General Pym, the left Brigade, (James') moving against the two columns of French Infantry

r. The 5th Light Dragoons attempting to charge the Enemy

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u. 2^d British Division

v. 1st British Division

w. 3^d British Division

x. Advance of the British Cavalry

vi. Situation of the 1st Division, after being obliged to fall back

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y. Cotton's Brigade of Cavalry, moved to the support of the 1st Div.

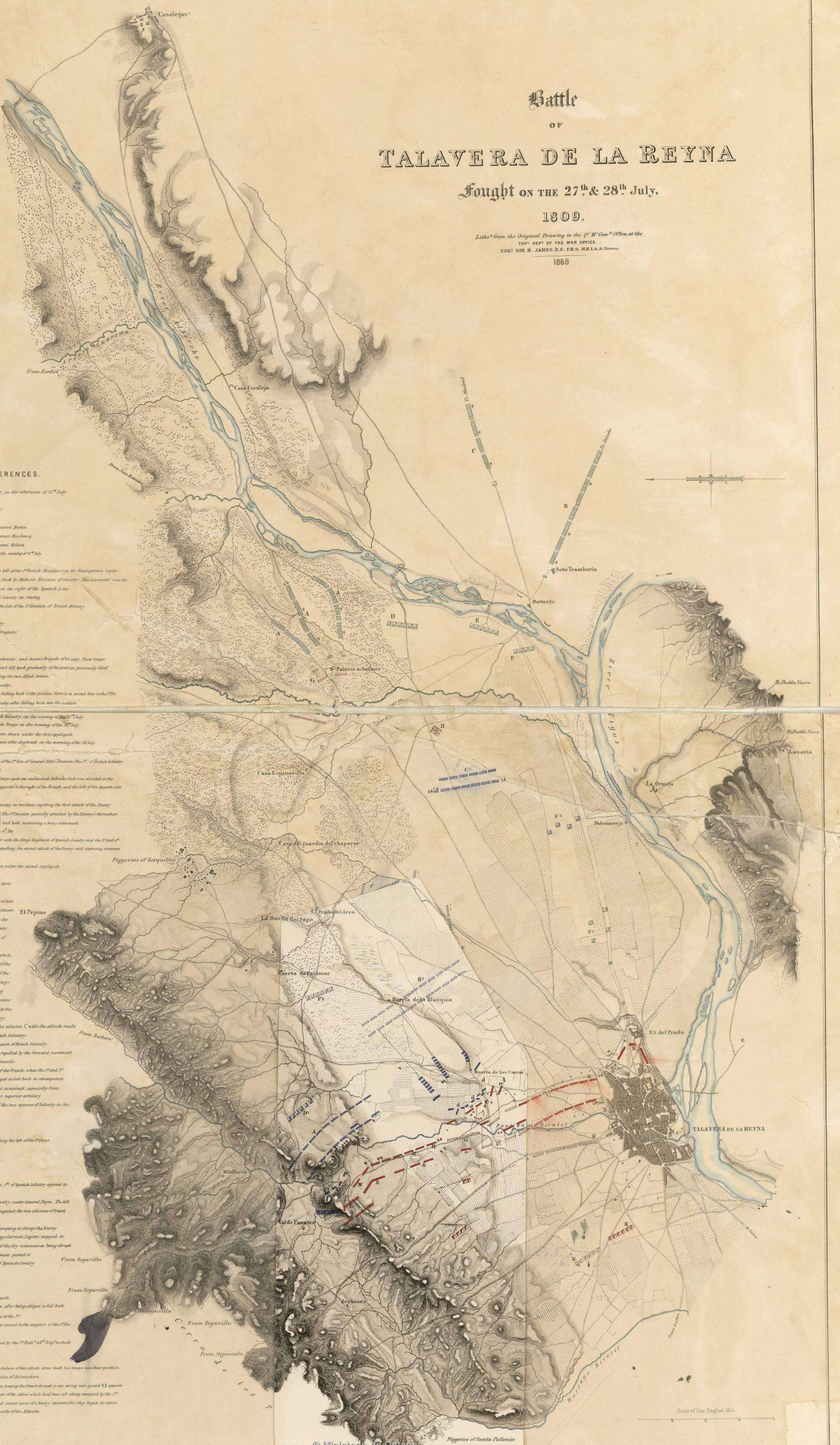
o. 1st British Division

z. Forward position assumed by the 1st Batt^l 48th Reg^t to check the Enemy's advance

6. Left of the Spanish Line

The Enemy, after the failure of this attack, drew back his troops into their position covered by large parties of Skirmishers

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Allied Army

ll. 10th Division. 1st of British Infantry in two lines repelling the first attack of the Enemy

mm. 10th Division. 2^d of British Infantry repelling the second attack of the Enemy's skirmishers

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x. Advance of the British Cavalry

yy. Retention of the 2^d Division, after being obliged to fall back

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