

The Race to the Dan

The Race to the Dan River in Virginia is part of the efforts by American Major General Nathaniel Greene to wear down and stretch supply lines for the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis. Cornwallis had entered North Carolina near Charlotte after an embarrassing defeat at Cowpens in South Carolina. The ensuing chase of American troops stretched across the western Piedmont and into Virginia before culminating at the [Battle of Guilford Courthouse](#). Cornwallis technically won the day at Guilford, but his men were tired, poorly supplied, and many were injured. Cornwallis marched to Wilmington and then northward to Virginia, ending in his surrender at Yorktown. Without the harassment and damage inflicted on Cornwallis in the North Carolina campaign, the engagement at Yorktown may have had a very different outcome.

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