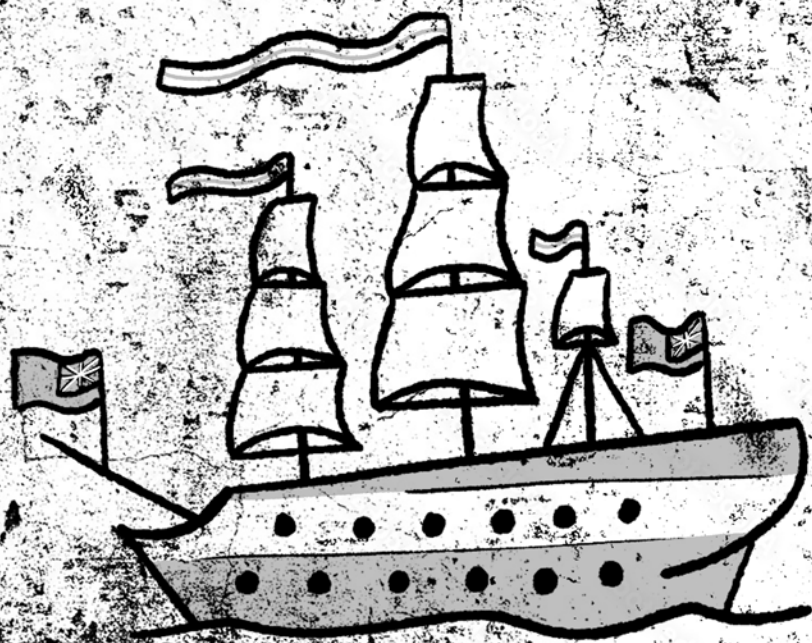


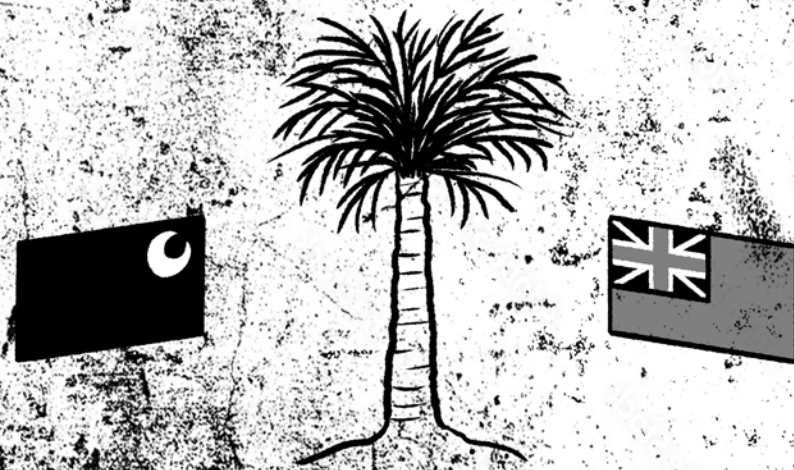
The Patriot victory at Sullivan's Island was one of the first of the Revolutionary War. 28 June is commemorated each year as Carolina Day, and the state flag of South Carolina reflects the same blue field with white crescent as the Moultrie Flag which flew on Sullivan's Island in 1776, alongside a Palmetto tree to symbolize the fort that defended Charleston from the British fleet.



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# BATTLE OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

## 28 JUNE 1776



In early June of 1776, a fleet of British ships commanded by Sir Peter Parker sailed toward Charleston Harbor while British troops commanded by Sir Henry Clinton gathered on Long Island (today, Isle of Palms). Patriot forces hurried to build up a defensive fort on the edge of Sullivan's Island (today, Fort Moultrie). On 28 June, the British ships navigated around the shoals and sand bars and approached Sullivan's Island. Patriot troops commanded by General William Moultrie fought from the unfinished fort on Sullivan's Island, which was mostly made of sand and felled Palmetto trees. The spongy trunks of Palmetto trees served as a great defense against British cannon balls, and the Patriots were able to hold the fort and repulse the British fleet from Charleston.

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CHARLESTON  
PENINSULA

SHUTE'S  
FOLLY

MOUNT  
PLEASANT

LONG  
ISLAND

JAMES  
ISLAND

SAND BAR

Fort Sullivan

SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

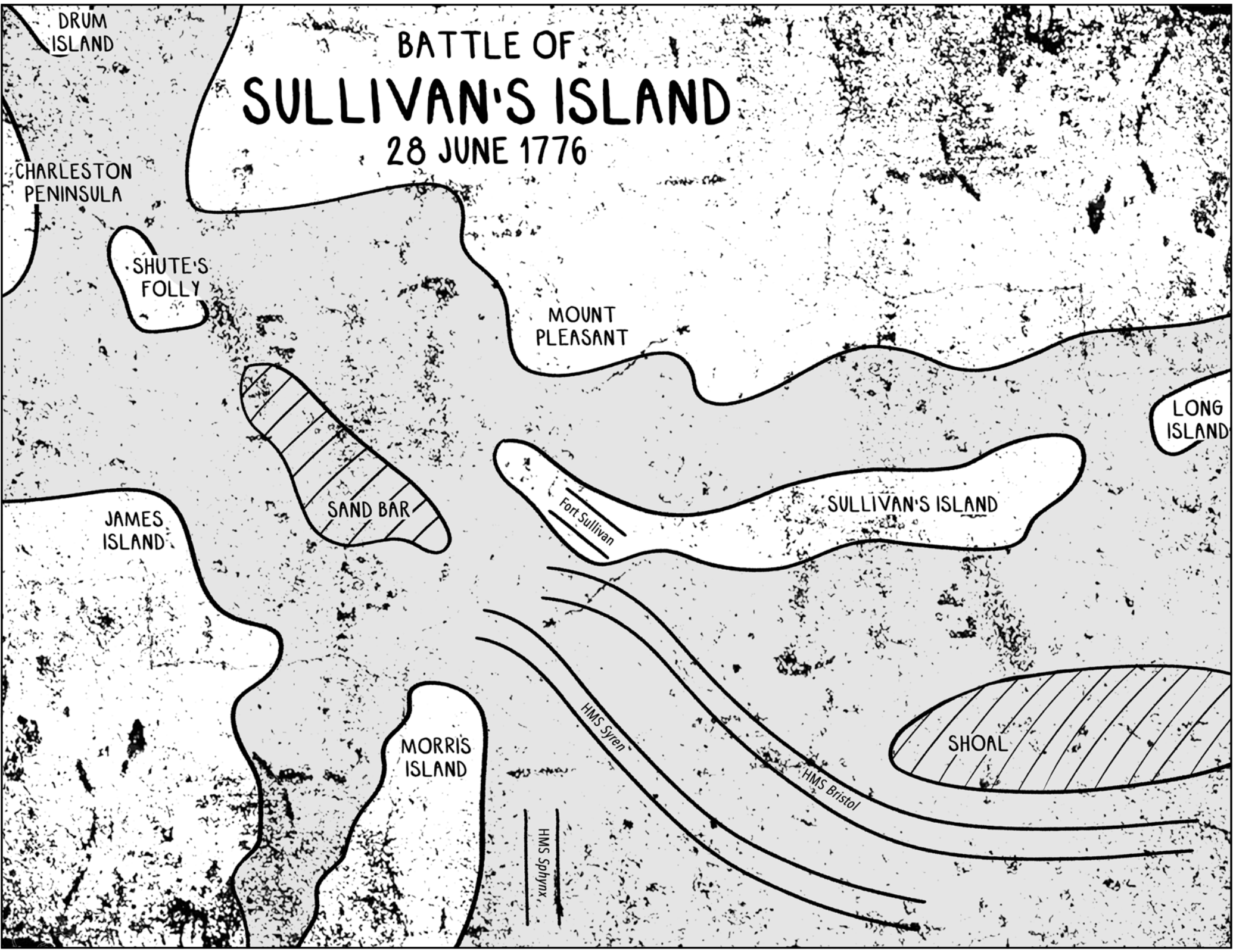
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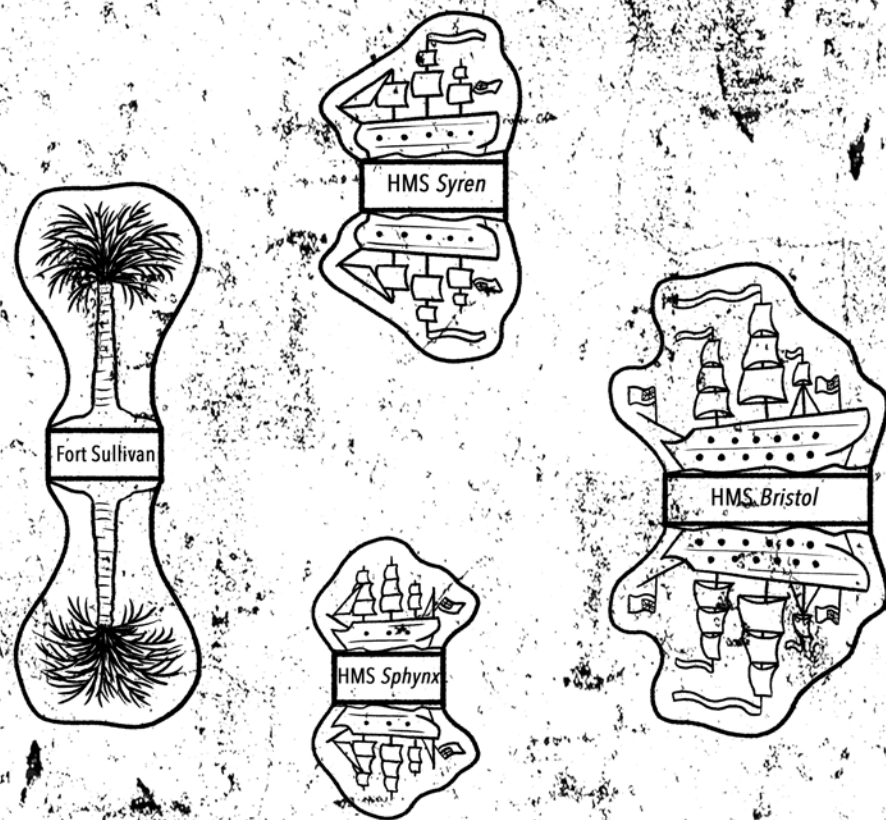
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## SULLIVAN'S ISLAND BATTLE MAP:

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