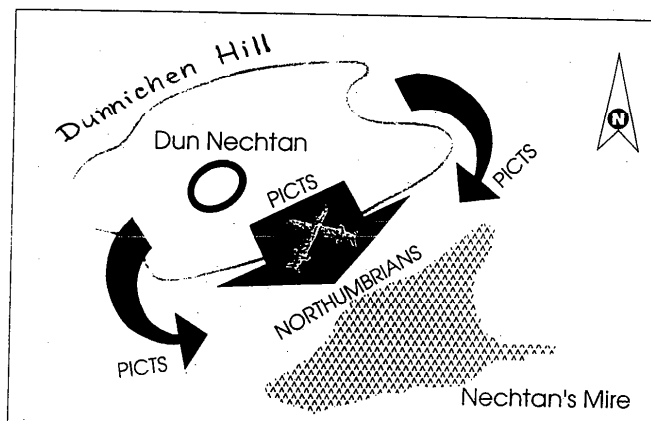


Line of approach *The likely route by which the Northumbrians arrived at Dunnichen*



Deployment of forces *Showing the tactics which the Picts may have employed to spring the trap and defeat their enemy.*

It must be emphasised ~~the~~ diagrams such as the above, which purport to illustrate how events from more than thirteen centuries ago actually happened on the ground, are of necessity speculative to a certain extent. They are nonetheless presented here with a degree of confidence, in accordance with the rule of "best evidence available."

Interpretation of the Battle of Dunnichen: some thoughts

Short-term:

- Reorientate the approach to the commemorative cairn. The present situation is not only inconvenient but positively dangerous, with the risk of a serious accident occurring.
- Reposition the signboard as part of the above work.
- The text on the signboard and the plaque on the cairn both require to be rewritten.
- Reorientate the Dunnichen Stone replica.
- Instate an interpretation board adjacent to the battle site giving basic details of the Battle of Dunnichen.
- Instate an interpretation board in Aberlemno Kirkyard linking the battle-scene on the Pictish stone there with events which took place on the battlefield at Dunnichen.

Longer term:

- Create an on-site interpretation centre at Dunnichen of the type which already exists at Bannockburn, Culloden, and Killiecrankie. The importance of the Battle of Dunnichen requires no less.
- Preserve the whole area which encompasses the Battle of Dunnichen, the landscape of which was so crucial in helping to secure a Pictish victory.

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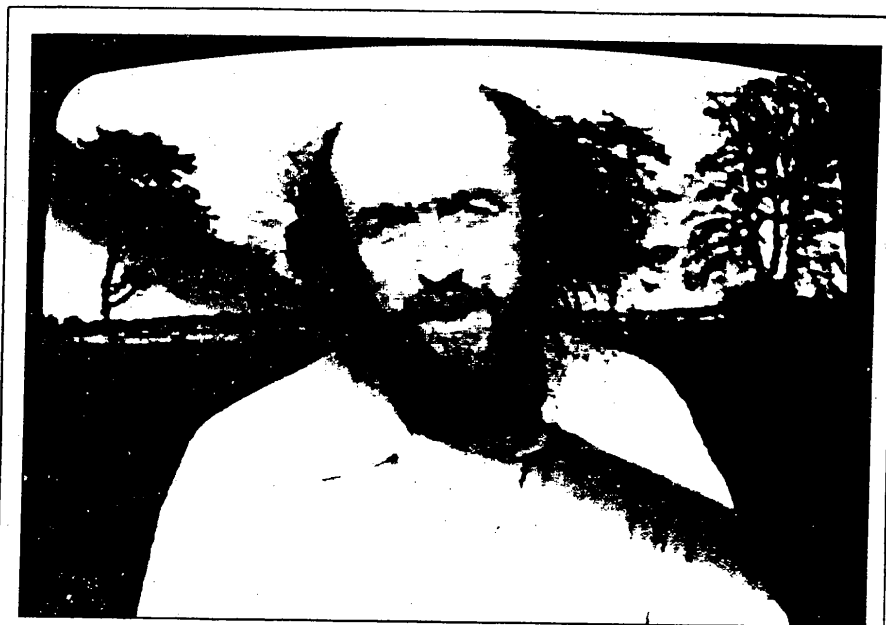
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Addendum

Because of learning rather late in the day about the SHEP on Historic Battlefields, and having a number of deadlines to meet in mid and late July (mostly concerned with the centenary of the founding of the Old Edinburgh Club), this submission has been put together in great haste, in the space of barely four days - and nights. It was mentally composed and committed to paper as a single act (no time for drafts) without any real opportunity for amendment. This accounts for some of the rough edges which would have benefitted from a more polished finish, but time constraints dictated otherwise. Nevertheless, I can only trust that the resultant submission will have the desired effect.

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