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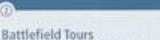
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"Let their homes be laid waste—Their lands destroyed-Their towns laid in ashes, and then they will be disposed to make...peace."

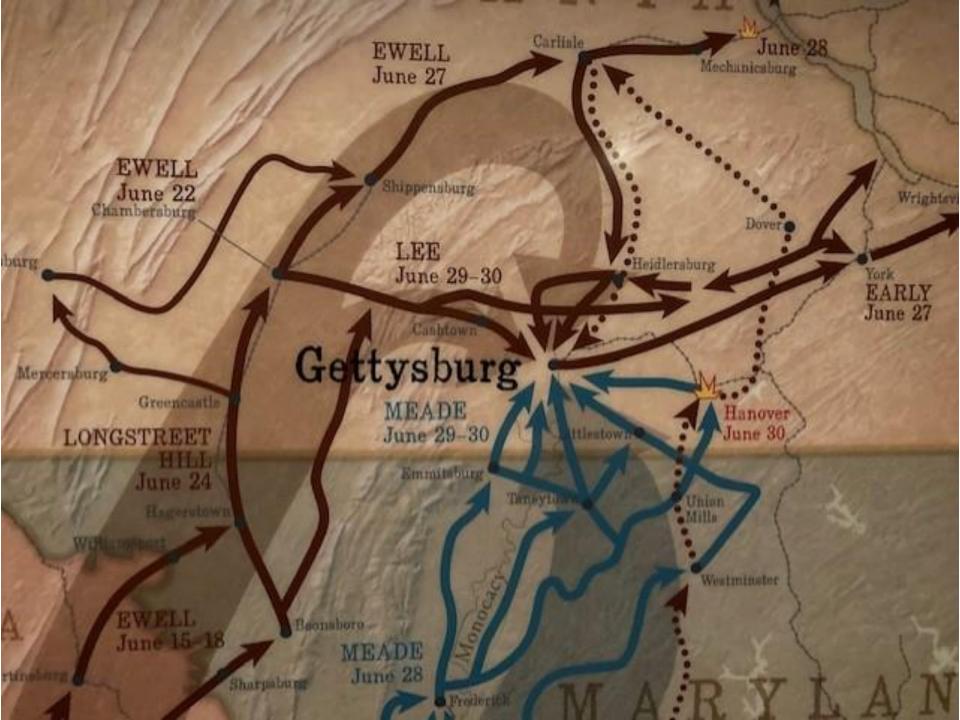
Lt. William Blount, 47th North Carolina, June 23, 1863



ONFEDERATE MISSION

Gen. Robert E. Lee took a great risk in leading his army north. But he hoped for great rewards.

- A Confederate victory in Pennsylvania might terrify civilians, encourage peace talks, and even persuade the United States to end the war.
- Two years of war had devastated much of Virginia, and Lee was short of supplies moving the struggle north would give Southern farmers a chance to plant and harvest.
- Pennsylvania's fields and barns would supply the Army of Northern Virginia, and the army could send crops and livestock south.
- In Mississippi and Tennessee, Union armies were gaining ground, and an invasion of Pennsylvania might relieve some pressure in the West.







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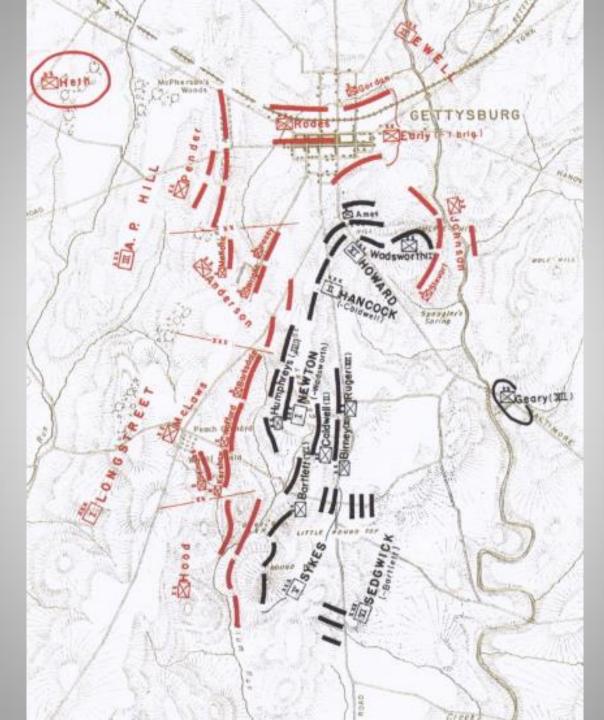
Lydia Leister's house was behind Union lines but sell close to the fighting—a good spot for beadquarters. The building still stands on the burtlefield.

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THE BATTLE'S BLOODIEST DAY

July 2 seas a day of hand fighting. Together, the two armies suffered some 19,000 casualties. Both sides brought thousands more troops onto the battlefield and extended their lines. But otherwise the two armies ended the day nearly where they began.







The 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry brought 386 men to Gettysburg, of whom **29 were killed**, **91 wounded**, **and 5 missing**. The names of the casualties are listed on the monument on Little Round Top . Colonel Chamberlain and Sergeant Andrew Tozier were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions on July 2nd.

For the entire War:

Casualties [edit]

- . 1,621 Enrollment (Soldiers assigned to the regiment)
- · 147 killed or died of wounds
- · 381 wounded
- 146 died of disease
- 15 in Confederate Prisons^[7]

20th Maine Infantry Regiment	
Country	United States
Allegiance	Union/Federal/North
Branch	Infantry
Туре	Regiment
Engagements	American Civil War (1861–1865)
	Antietam (1862)
	 Fredericksburg (1862)
	Chancellorsville (1863)
	Gettysburg (1863)
	 Spotsylvania Court House (1864)
	 Petersburg (1864–1865)
	 Five Forks (1865)
	 Appomattox (1865)
	Commanders
Notable	BG. Adelbert Ames
commanders	BG. Joshua Lawrence
	Chamberlain
	LTC. Ellis Spear

'For every Southern boy fourteen years old, not once but whenever he wants it, there is the instant when it's still not yet two o'clock on that July afternoon in 1863, the brigades are in position behind the rail fence, the guns are laid and ready in the woods and the furled flags are already loosened to break out and Pickett himself with his long oiled ringlets and his hat in one hand probably and his sword in the other looking up the hill waiting for Longstreet to give the word and it's all in the balance, it hasn't happened yet, it hasn't even begun yet, it not only hasn't begun yet but there is stll time for it not to begin against that position and those circumstances which made more men than Garnett and Kemper and Armstead and Wilcox look grave yet it's going to begin, we all know that, we have come too far with too much at stake and that moment doesn't need even a fourteen-year-old boy to think This time. Maybe this time with all this much to lose and all this much to gain: Pennsylvania, Maryland, the world, the golden dome of Washington itself to crown with desperate and unbelievable victory the desperate gamble ... '

Evening, July 2

....Longstreet visits and consoles the wounded General Hood.

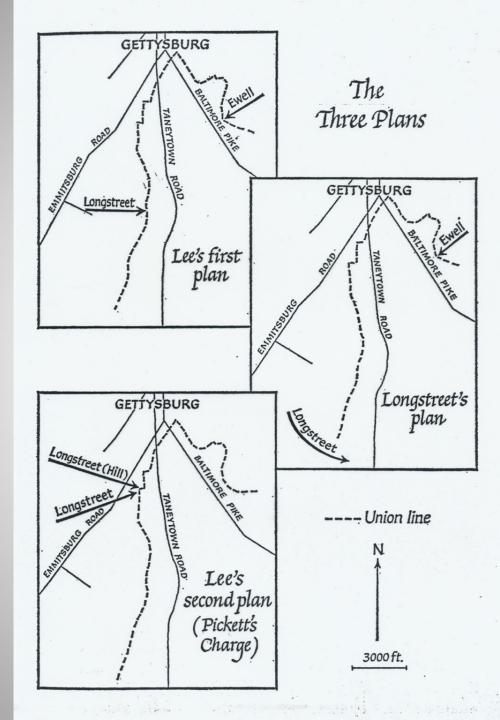


....Longstreet once again urges General Lee to move the Army to the right, flanking the Union position.



....Stuart's Confederate cavalry arrives at last. J.E.B. Stuart is chastised by Lee, and reminded that more must be done the next day.



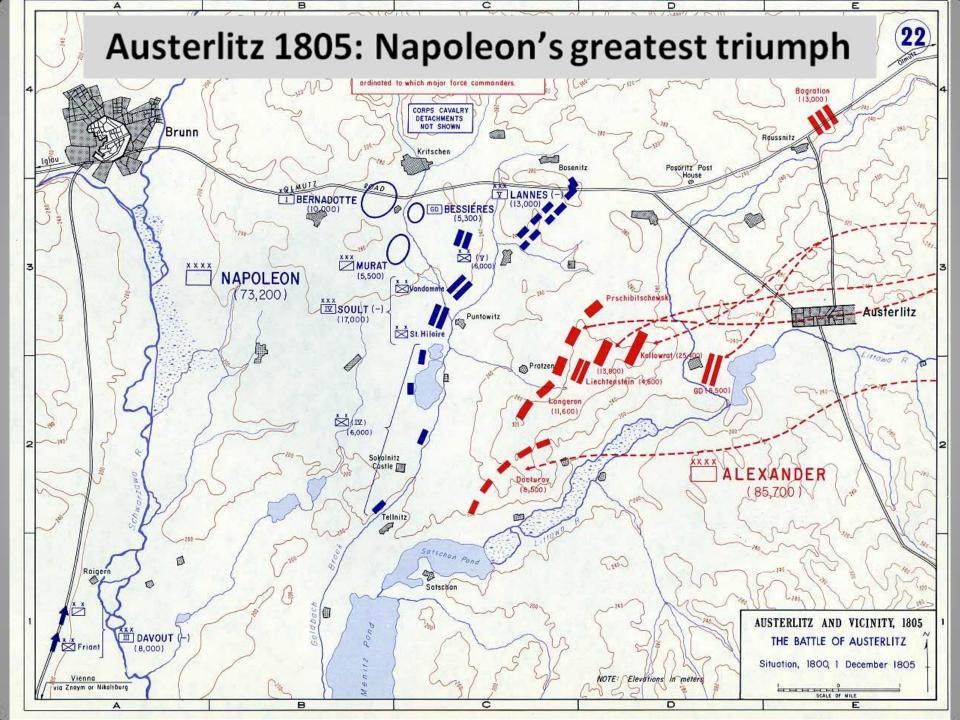


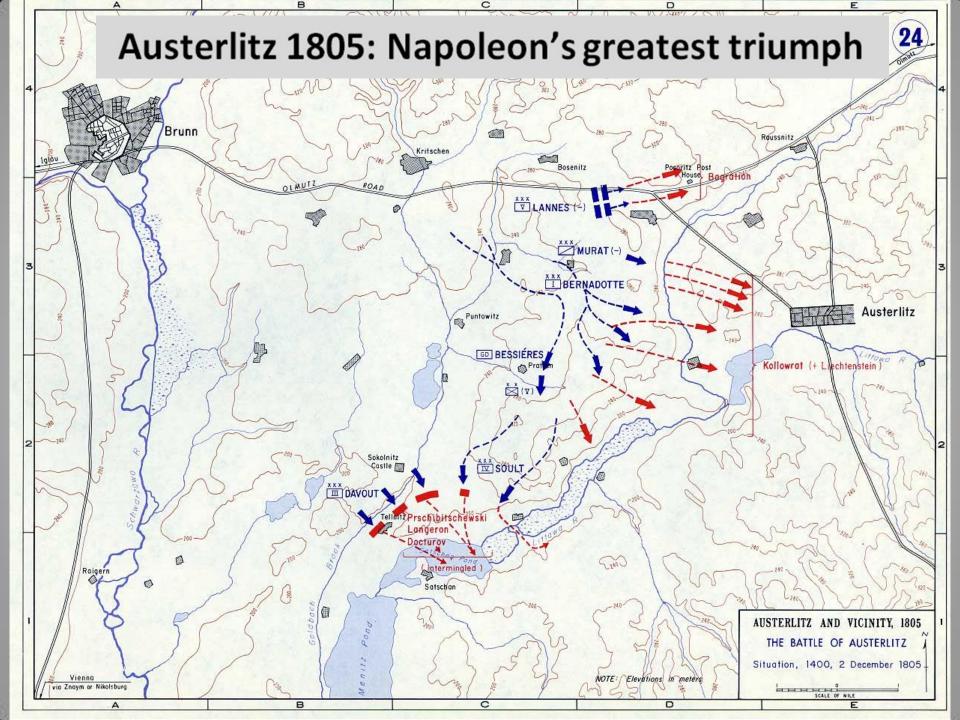
Frontal Assaults—

These generals knew that history had examples of frontal assaults that shattered enemy armies.



Austerlitz 1805: Napoleon's greatest triumph



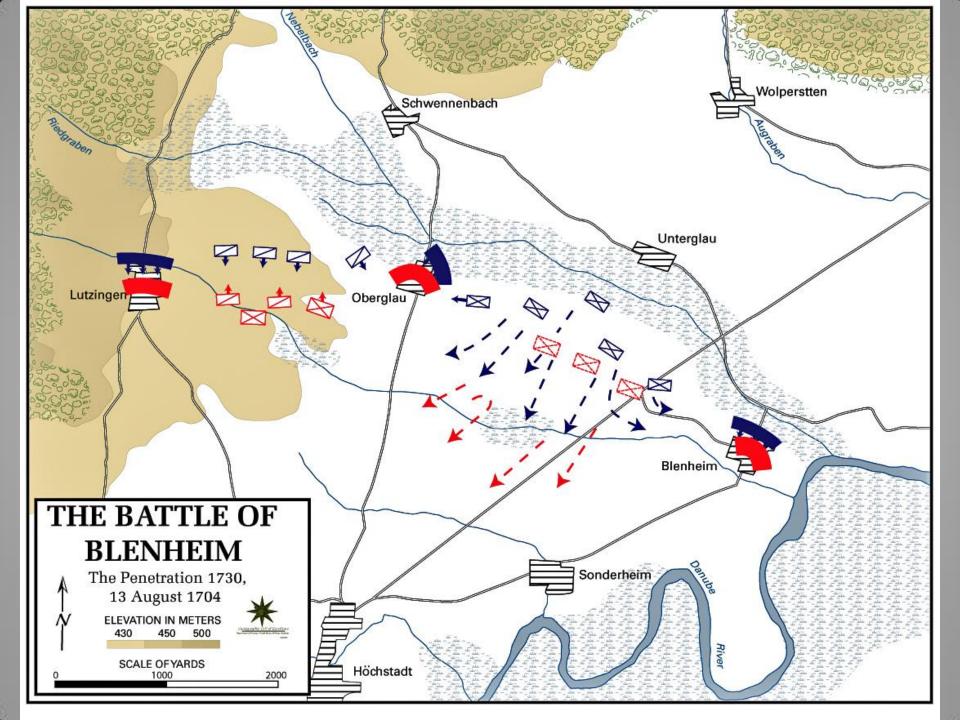


100 years earlier, the Duke of Marlborough won repeated victories by attacking the enemy flanks to draw reserves there, then breaking through a weakened center.



John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough





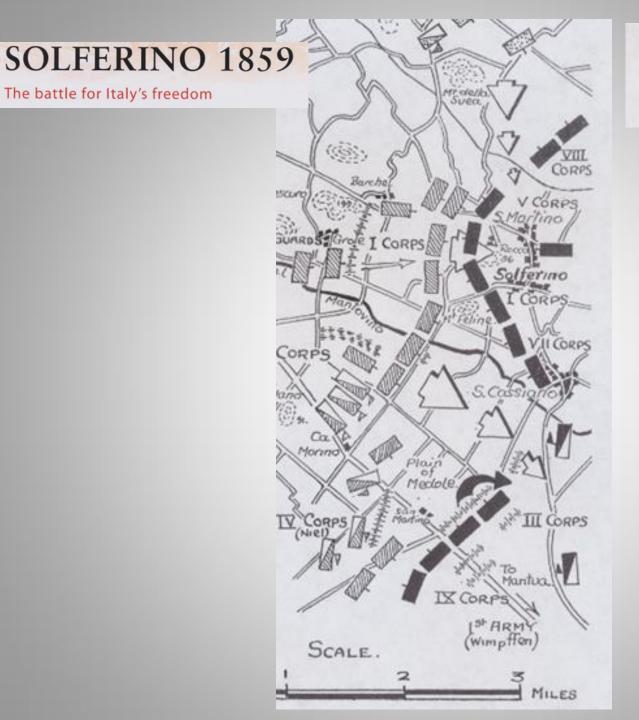
More recently, the French victory over the Austrians at Solferino in 1859 ended with the collapse of the Austrian center (though this battle was clumsily fought....).

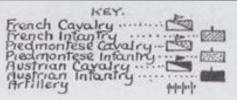
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RICHARD BROOKS

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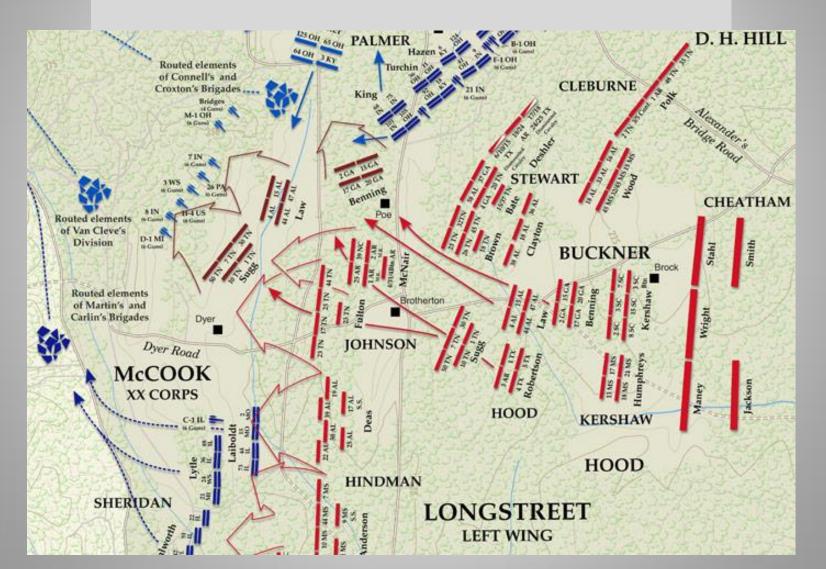




After Gettysburg:

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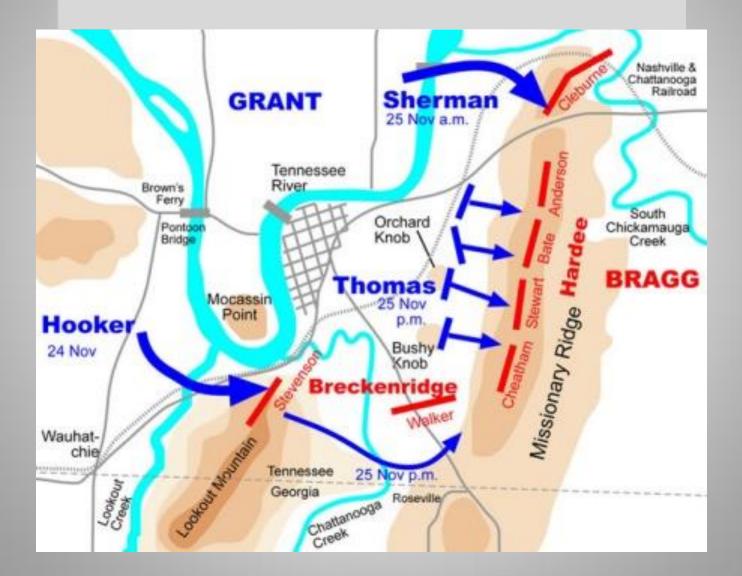
-at Chickamauga (with Longstreet's troops, sent west!)



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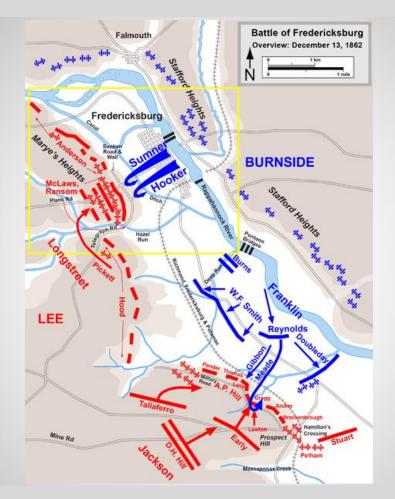
Frontal assaults succeeded-

-and at Chattanooga (against an even stronger position!)



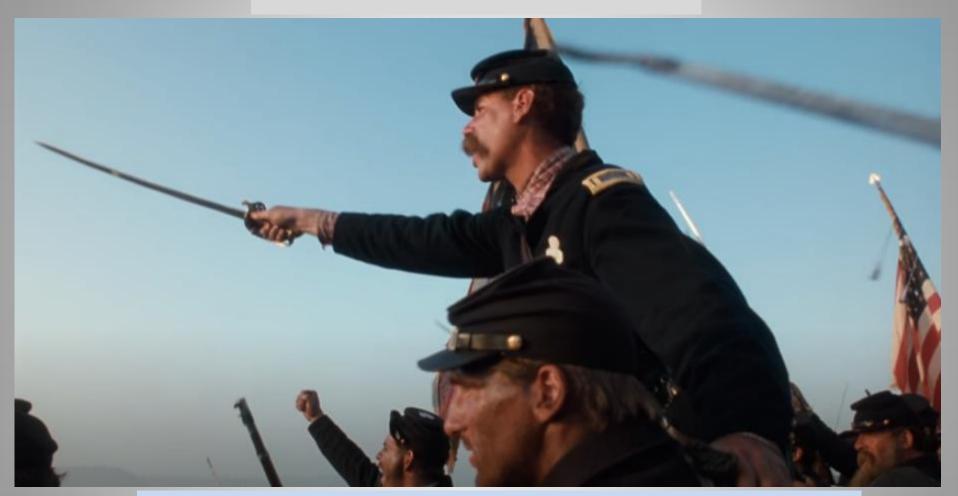
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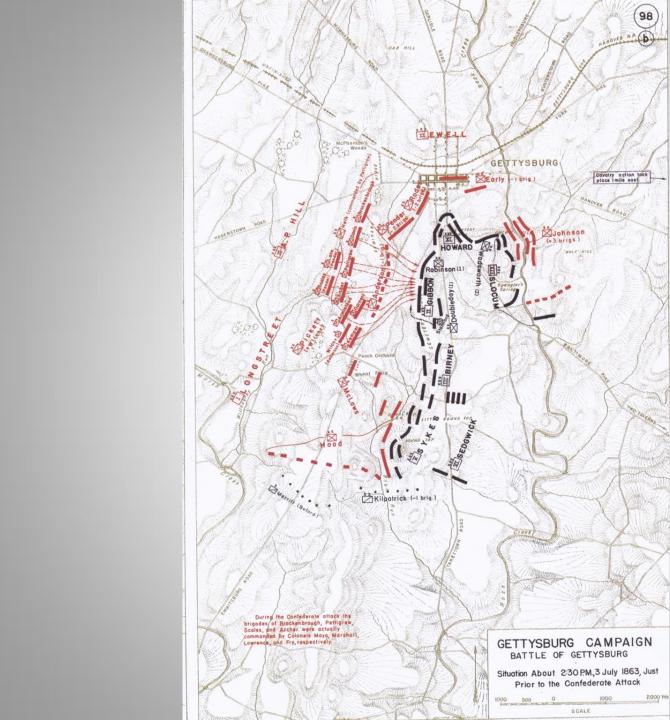


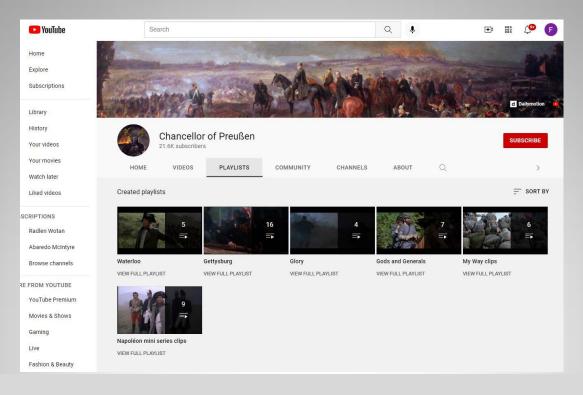
At Fredericksburg, Union frontal assaults were repulsed in a bloody defeat.

After Pickett's charge was defeated......

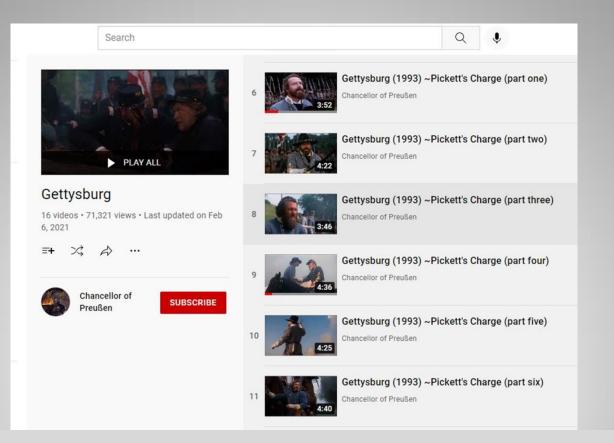


"Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!"





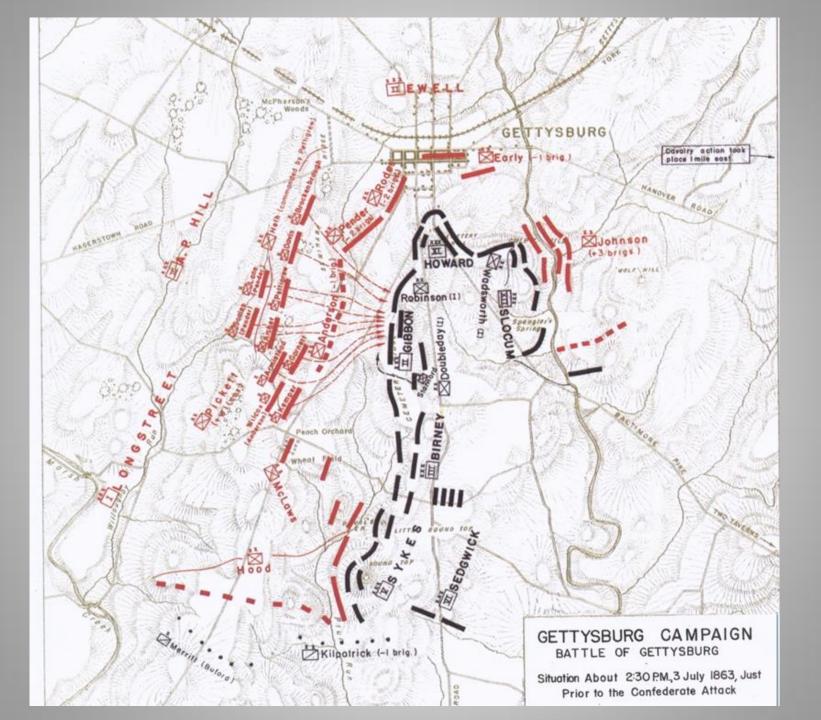
Although we'll cut part of the movie's "Pickett's Charge" scenes, you can see them on YouTube. The YouTube channel of someone calling himself "Chancellor of Preussen" has six segments that can be viewed. They will run continuously if you start with "Gettysburg (1993) Pickett's Charge (Part One)".

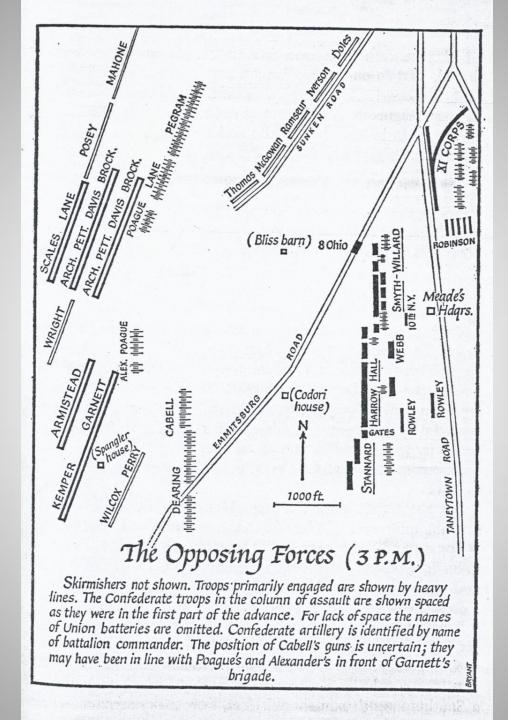


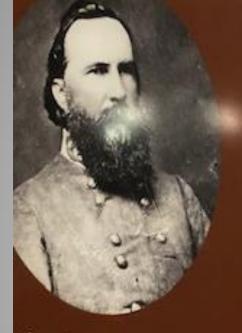
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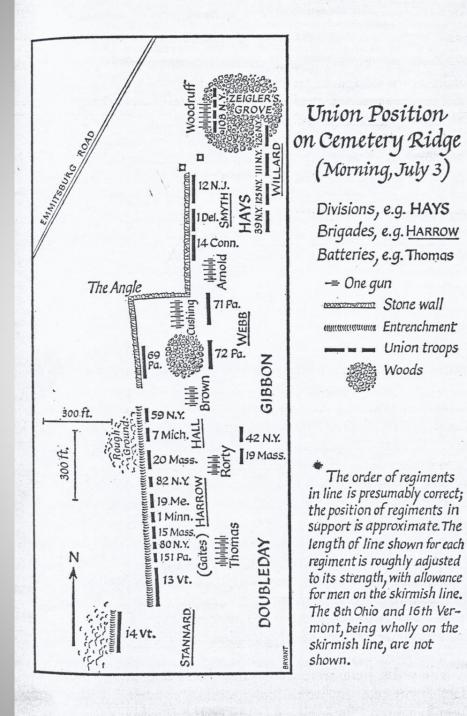
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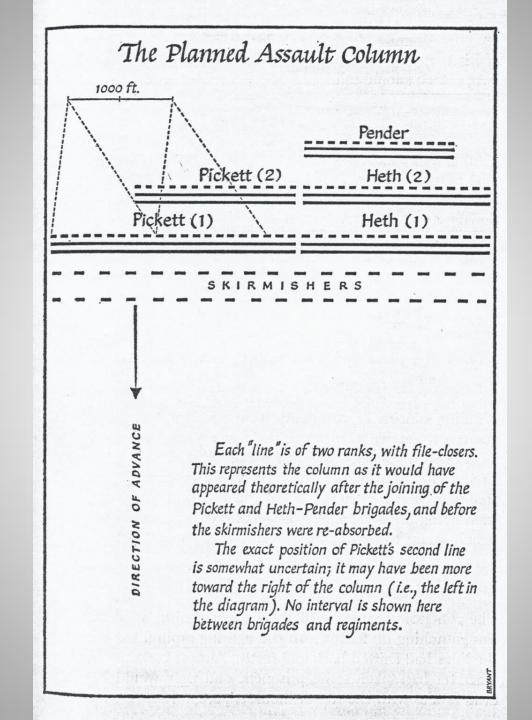
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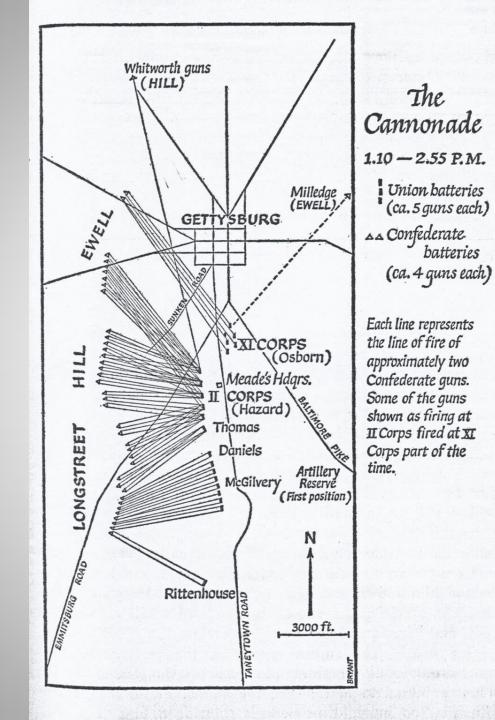
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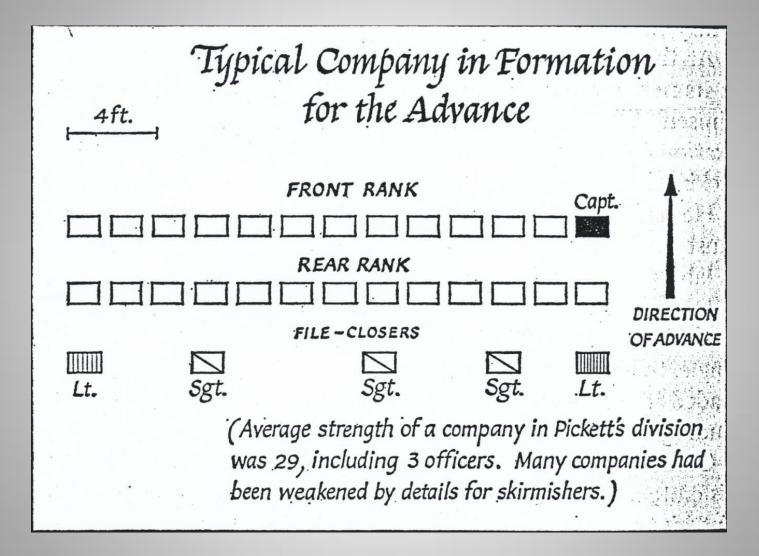
"General I have been a soldier all my life... and should know, as well as anyone what soldiers can do. It is my opinion that no 15,000 men ever arrayed for battle can take that position."

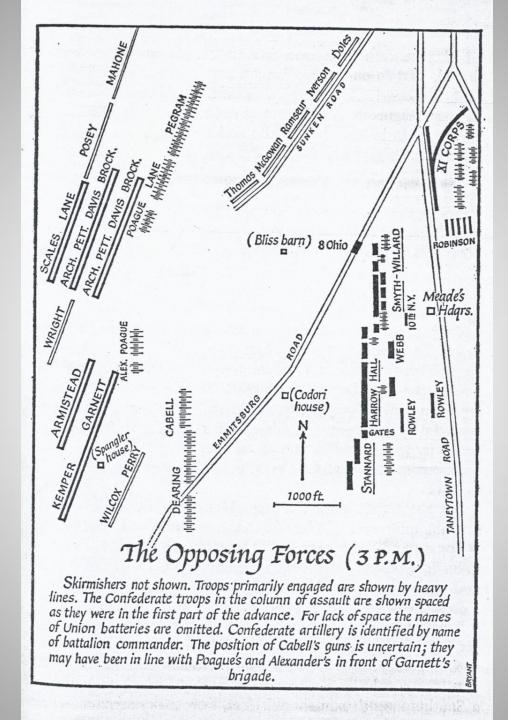
Gen. James Longstreet, recalling his words to Gen. Robert E. Lee, July 3, 1863







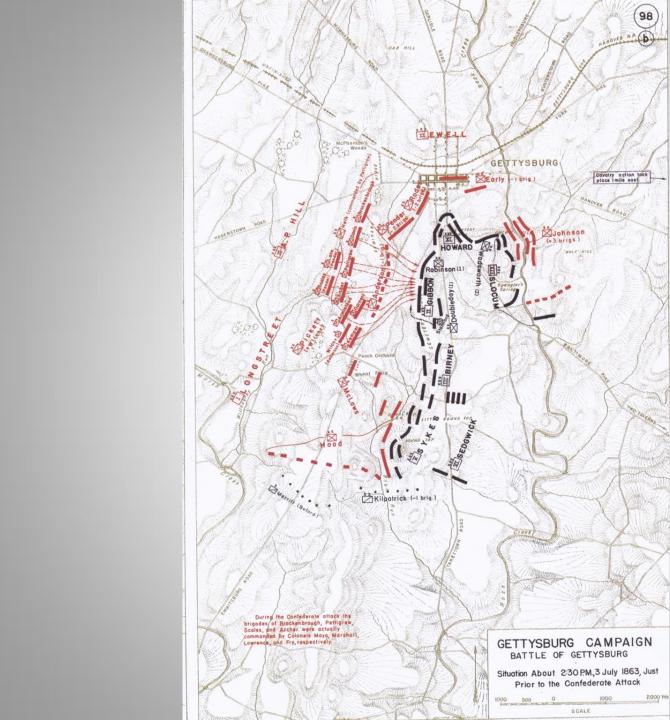


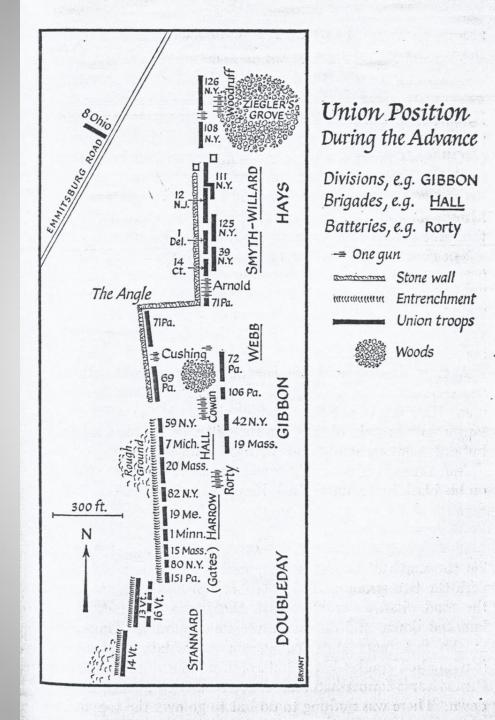




The first half-mile About 3:00 to 3:15 p.m. July 3, 1863

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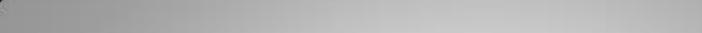










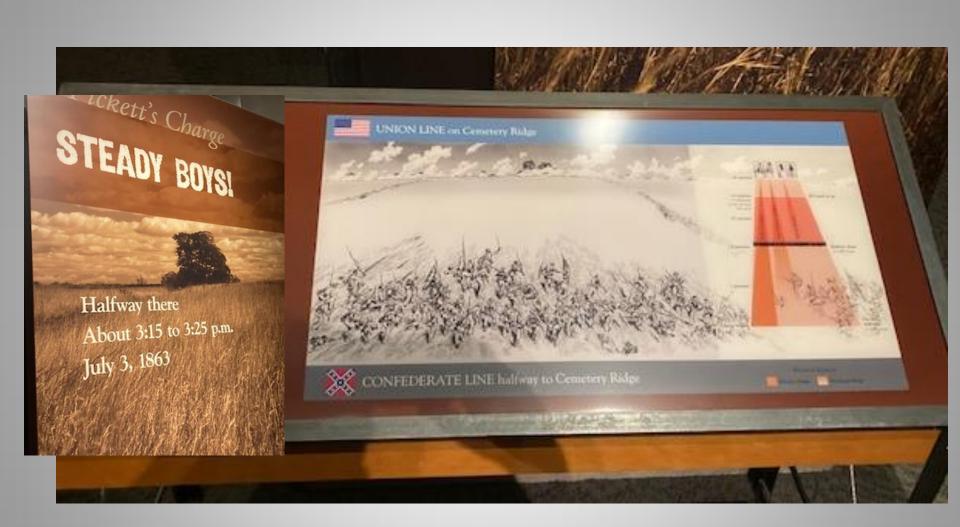














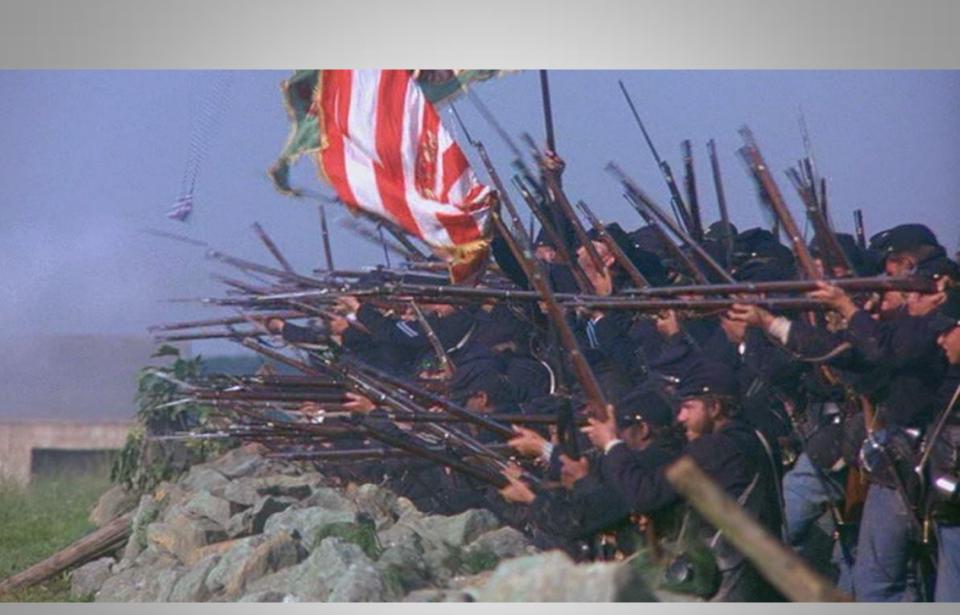


General Hancock's II Corps was the main target of the assault. He had his troops arranged as effectively as possible, and spent the hour mounted, displaying personal bravery for their inspiration. "There are times when a corps commander's life does not count."









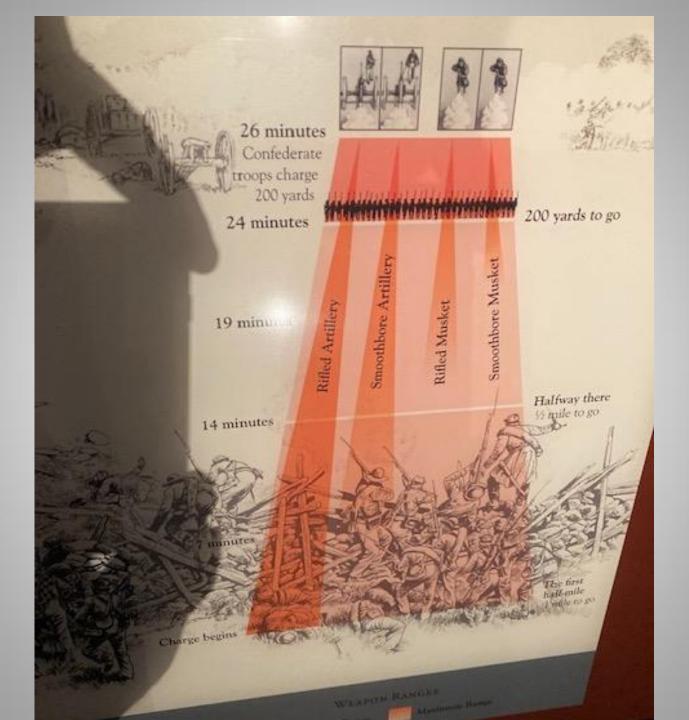


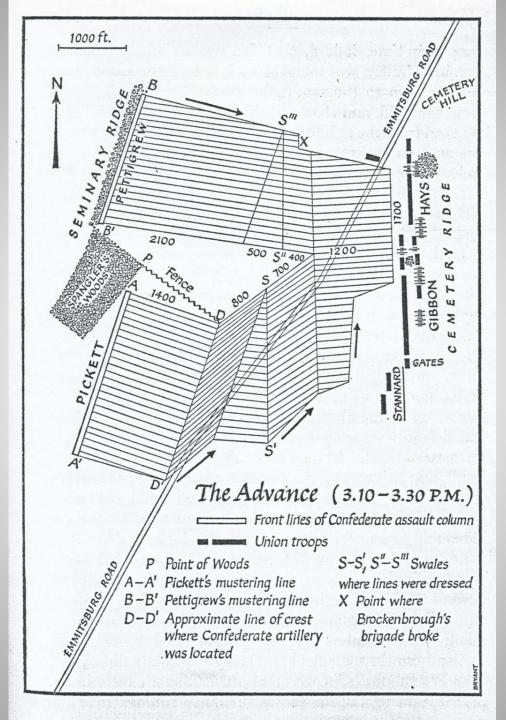


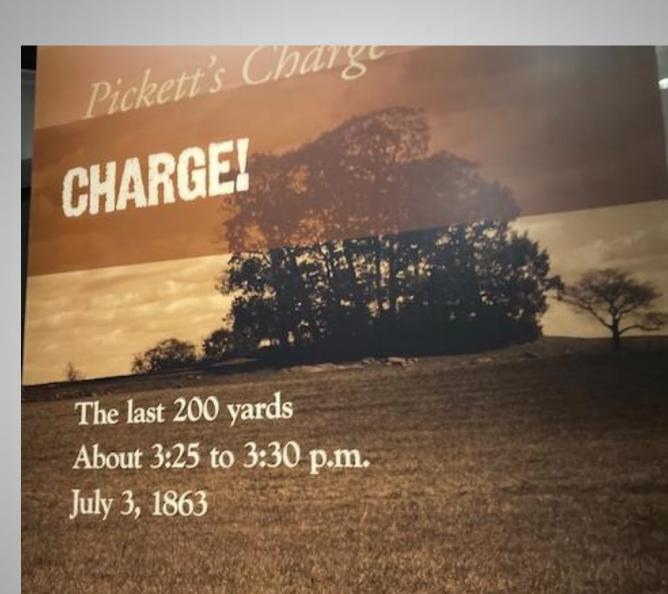
Where was Pickett during "Pickett's Charge?"

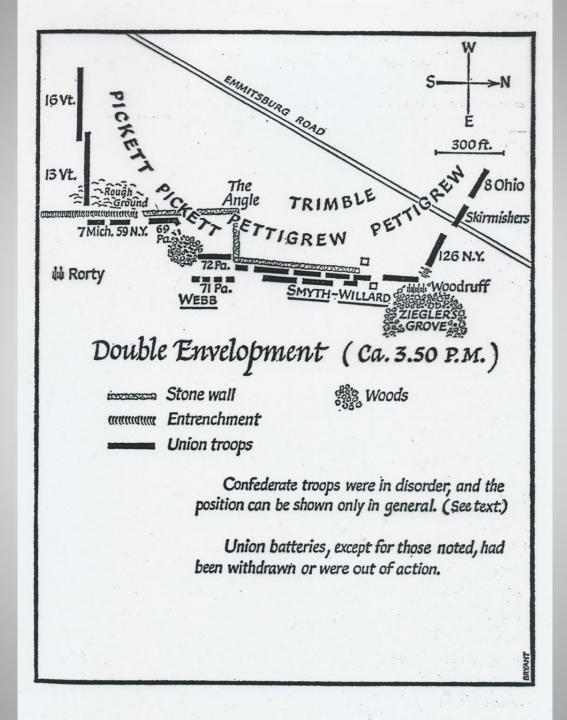


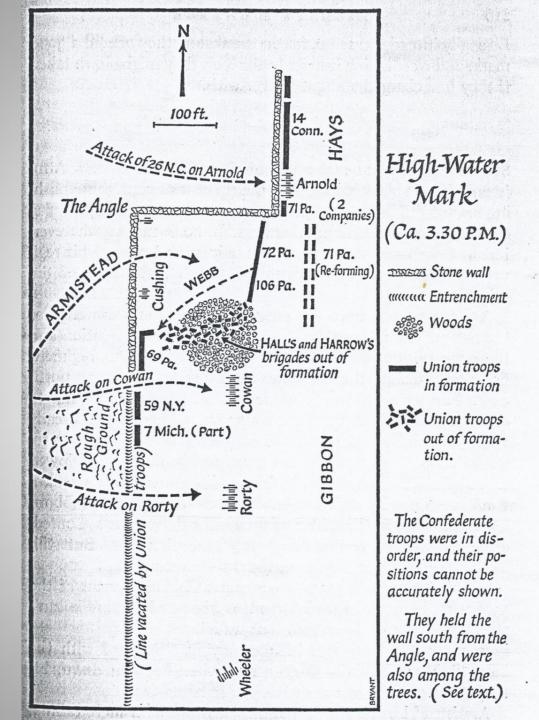
....where he was supposed to be. A division commander needed to control the movements of all his brigades from a position immediately to their rear.

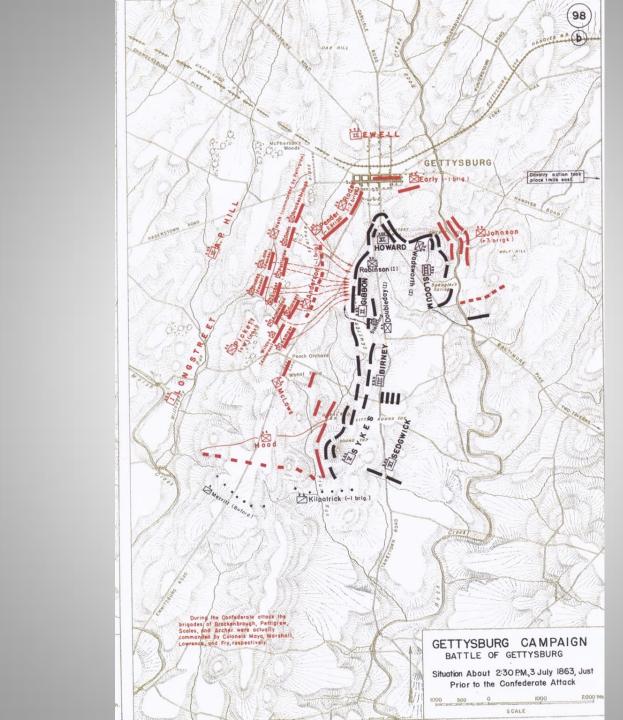


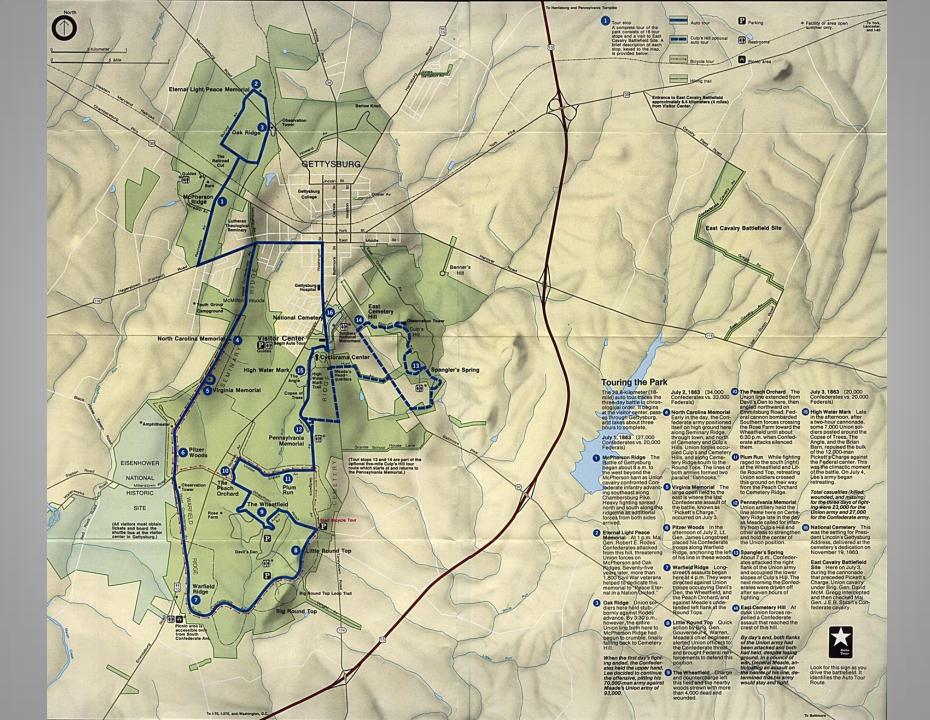


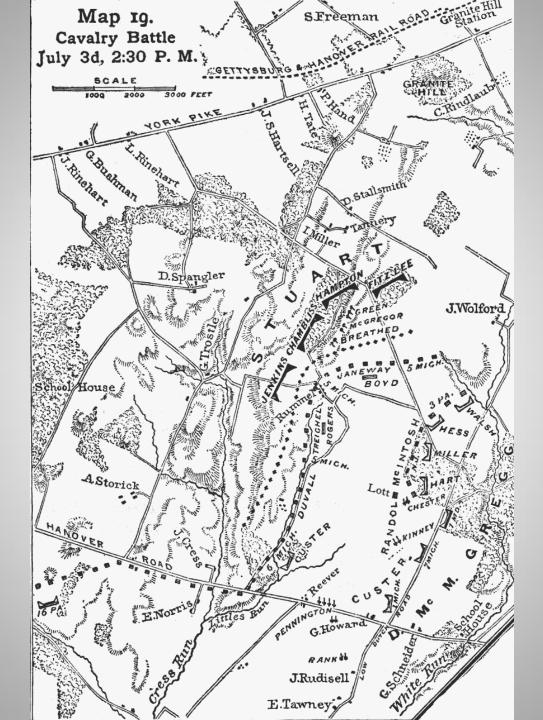




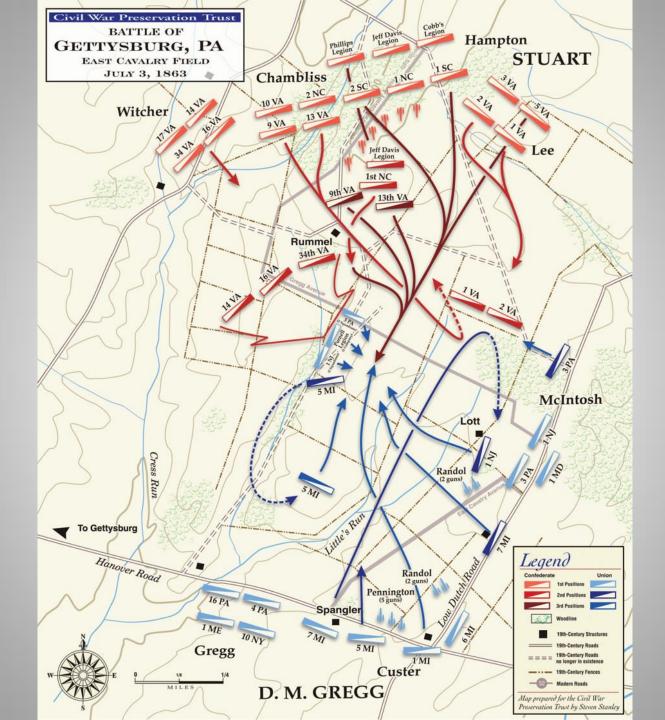


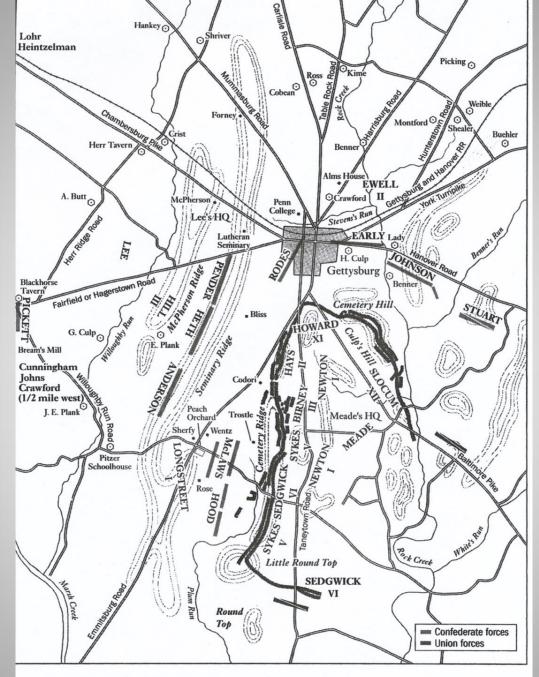


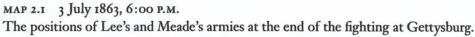






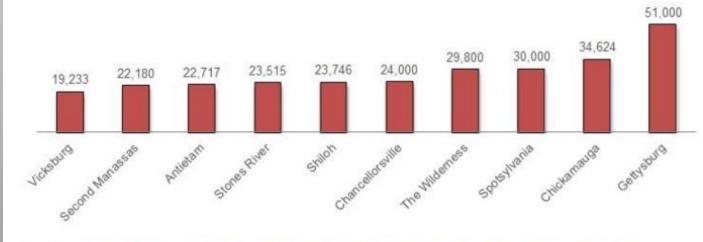








Civil War Battle Casualties



More American soldiers became casualties at the Battle of Gettysburg than in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 combined.

Units	involved		
Army of the Potomac ^[2]	Army of Northern Virginia ^[3]		
Str	ength		
104,256 ("present for duty") ^{[4][5]}	71,000-75,000 (estimated) ^[6]		
Casualties	s and losses		
23,049 total (3,155 killed; 14,529 wounded; 5,365 captured/missing) [7][8]	23,000–28,000 (estimated) ^{[9][10]}		

The first day's fighting (at McPherson's Ridge, Oak Hill, Oak Ridge, Seminary Ridge, Barlow's Knoll and in and around the town) involved some 50,000 soldiers of which **roughly 15,500** were killed, wounded, captured or missing.

Casualties on the second day numbered **some 20,000 killed**, captured, wounded, or missing; taken by itself, the second day of Gettysburg ranks as the 10th bloodiest battle of the entire war.

Third day: Pickett's charge: The Confederate casualty rate was over 50%. Pickett's division suffered **2,655 casualties** (498 killed, 643 wounded, 833 wounded and captured, and 681 captured, unwounded). Pettigrew's losses are estimated to be about 2,700 (470 killed, 1,893 wounded, 337 captured). Trimble's two brigades lost 885 (155 killed, 650 wounded, and 80 captured).

So Confederate losses in the charge were about 5, 240.

The Union lost about 1,500 killed and wounded.

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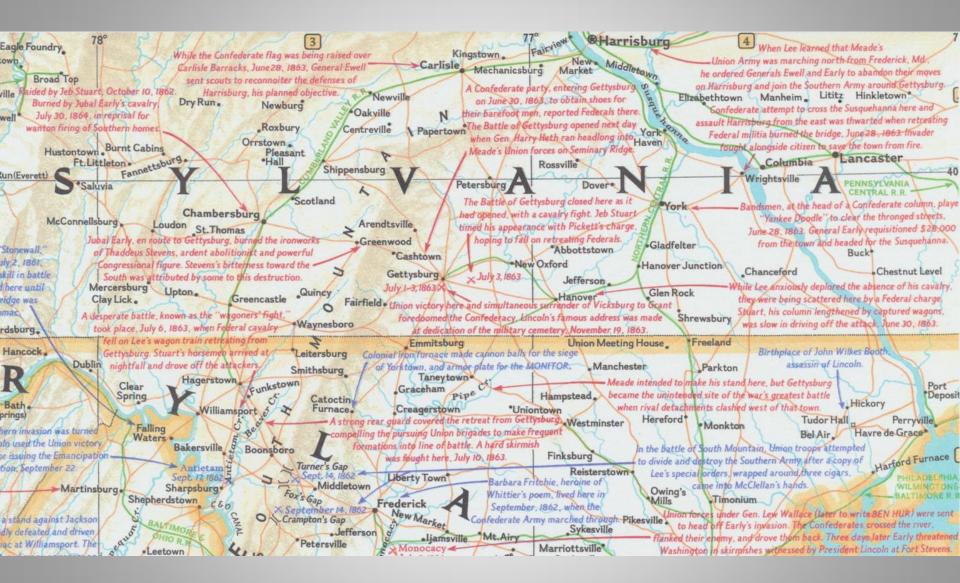
Union Corps	Casualties (k/w/m)			
I Corps	6059 (666/3231/2162)			
II Corps	4369 (797/3194/378)			
III Corps	4211 (593/3029/589)			
V Corps	2187 (365/1611/211)			
VI Corps	242 (27/185/30)			
XI Corps	3801 (369/1922/1510)			
XII Corps	1082 (204/812/66)			
Cavalry Corps	852 (91/354/407)			
Artillery Reserve	242 (43/187/12)			

Confederate Corps	Casualties (k/w/m)			
First Corps	7665 (1617/4205/1843)			
Second Corps	6686 (1301/3629/1756)			
Third Corps	8495 (1724/4683/2088)			
Cavalry Corps	380 (66/174/140)			









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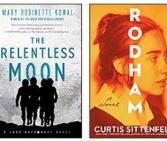
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