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First Blood and Its Aftermath This map shows the situation at Bull Run in July. When viewing the enlargement, note how close the fighting was to the Northern capital of Washington, DC.

Situation morning, July 21 Situation at The inexperienced units immediately developed logistical problems. The later units found the approach roads to Sudley Springs were inadequate, little more than a cart path in some places, and did not begin fording Bull Run until 9: Nevertheless, he ordered demonstration attacks north toward the Union left at Centreville. Bungled orders and poor communications prevented their execution. Although he intended for Brig. Ewell to lead the attack, Ewell, at Union Mills Ford, was simply ordered to "hold Jones was supposed to attack in support of Ewell, but found himself moving forward alone. Holmes was also supposed to support, but received no orders at all. According to John Parker, a former slave, he was forced by his Confederate captors to fire a cannon at U. Nathan "Shanks" Evans and his reduced brigade of 1, men. Schenck were merely feints. In the first use of wig-wag semaphore signaling in combat, Alexander sent the message "Look out for your left, your position is turned. Barnard Bee and Col. Bartow , bringing the force on the flank to 2, men. William Tecumseh Sherman , crossed at an unguarded ford and struck the right flank of the Confederate defenders. This surprise attack, coupled with pressure from Burnside and Maj. George Sykes , collapsed the Confederate line shortly after Imboden and his battery of four 6-pounder guns, who held off the Union advance while the Confederates attempted to regroup on Henry House Hill. Ricketts Battery I, 1st U. Hampton had purchased about British Enfield rifles to equip the men with, however it is not clear if his troops had them at Bull Run or if the weapons arrived after the battle. If so, they would have been the only foreign-made weapons on the field. It has been claimed that Hampton deliberately targeted officers of the 79th New York in revenge for the death of his nephew earlier in the day, although he had in fact been killed by soldiers of the 69th New York. Jackson posted his five regiments on the reverse slope of the hill, where they were shielded from direct fire, and was able to assemble 13 guns for the defensive line, which he posted on the crest of the hill; as the guns fired, their recoil moved them down the reverse slope, where they could be safely reloaded. Unlike many engagements in the Civil War, here the Confederate artillery had an advantage. The Union pieces were now within range of the Confederate smoothbores and the predominantly rifled pieces on the Union side were not effective weapons at such close ranges, with many shots fired over the head of their targets. As Ricketts began receiving rifle fire, he concluded that it was coming from the Henry House and turned his guns on the building. Jackson, a former U. Army officer and professor at the Virginia Military Institute , is said to have replied, "Then, Sir, we will give them the bayonet. Let us determine to die here, and we will conquer. Rally behind the Virginians. Bee was shot through the stomach shortly after speaking and died the next day, thus it is unclear exactly what he meant, moreover none of his subordinates wrote reports of the battle. At approximately 3 p. Barry , to mistake them for Union troops and to order Griffin not to fire on them. As additional Federal infantry engaged, the guns changed hands several times. Although McDowell had brought 15 regiments into the fight on the hill, outnumbering the Confederates two to one, no more than two were ever engaged simultaneously. Jackson continued to press his attacks, telling soldiers of the 4th Virginia Infantry , "Reserve your fire until they come within 50 yards! Then fire and give them the bayonet! And when you charge, yell like furies! At about 4 p. Also at 4 p.

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The aftermath of Bull Run produced the first signs of the harsh reality of the bloody war that was only beginning. Chris Calton recounts the controversial history of the Civil War. This is the 16th episode in the third season of Historical Controversies.

When the carnage began, no one had fully prepared for the violence and tragedy that brought about 3,000 casualties within twenty-four hours. In the days following the battle, several private homes and buildings in the area transformed into hospitals where inexperienced surgeons and assistants faced horrible challenges and shortages in caring for the wounded that would reveal just how catastrophic the war would be. Sudley Church Like the nation in , the locations of the various hospitals marked a division between North and South. For the Union Army, many of the hospitals were located on the northern side of the battlefield, spanning east towards Centreville as the army retreated to Washington D. A few of the more well-known Union hospitals included Sudley Methodist Church, where the sanctuary was cleared and the pulpit converted into a surgery table due to a lack of prepared space. When the building overflowed with wounded, the patients spilled into the neighboring John Thornberry House and wheelwright shop. Due to its location in the middle of the battlefield, the Stone House was not used as a primary hospital. However, there were still a few Union soldiers hastily treated there by inexperienced surgeons with limited supplies that would later be captured by Confederate troops. An unnamed Confederate soldier later remembered: In this building were thirty-two wounded, many of them dreadfully mangled by cannon shot. There was but a single surgeon, and he was young and apparently inefficient. Men lay on the floor with their clotted wounds still undressed. Some had died and not been removed. For the Confederate Army, many hospitals were on the south side of the battlefield, spanning towards the Manassas Junction and west towards the town of Haymarket. Today, many of these hospitals were in homes, such as Pittsylvania, the Conrad House, Hazel Plain, Willow Green, and Rosemont, and the structures have been lost through destruction or development. The famously unlucky Wilmer McLean saw his property commandeered by the armies at both the beginning and end of Civil War and had his barn converted into a hospital in July Several accounts remarked the medical scene at the Lewis family home turned hospital, and it was a horrifying and sickening site. Fanny Ricketts, who visited the hospital to look after her husband, James B. Ricketts, recorded in her diary: Oh nothing, no words can describe the horrors around me. Two men dead and covered with blood were carried down the stairs as I waited to let them pass. On a table in the open hall a man was undergoing an amputation of the leg. At the foot of the stairs two bloody legs lay and through all that I went to my husband I found my dear husband lying on a hospital stretcher still covered with blood! Further down the road, a Confederate Hospital Steward, Dr. Unique to some of the other hospitals in the area, the Pringle family stayed in the house while it was used until the end of August. Forced to live out of one room in the house, with as much furniture as they could fit in that room, the Pringles endured horrors of war that many more would face, with personal property damaged, food and supplies taken, and even lives destroyed. The Battle of First Manassas was just the beginning of four long years of war that would result in more than 600,000 deaths. However, there is a silver lining. While medical staff at the beginning of the faced unimaginable circumstances like little supplies, unpreparedness, and a lack of modern medical knowledge, these mass casualties created an opportunity for new procedures to be found, discoveries to be made, and inventions to be created. Visit the site around the 150th anniversary of the battle and learn from historians and Civil War re-enactors how soldiers were treated during the Civil War and how the conditions of these hospitals differ from the hospitals we have today. The event will be open to the public 10am-4pm and 6: For more information or evening tour reservations, please call

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The aftermath of Bull Run. It didn't take much time for the shockwave from the Battle of Bull Run to reach the Confederate capital. The jubilation over the victory was quickly tempered by the influx of hundreds of wounded soldiers and prisoners steadily streaming into the city via railroad car.

When viewing the enlargement, note how close the fighting was to the Northern capital of Washington, DC. Map by Hal Jespersen, www. When President Lincoln called upon the governors and states of the Union to furnish him with 75,000 soldiers, he asked for an enlistment of only 90 days. When the Confederacy moved its capital to Richmond, Virginia, miles from Washington, everyone expected a decisive battle to take place on the ground between the two cities. In the spring of 1862, Confederate troops led by General Pierre Beauregard moved north to protect Richmond against invasion. Pressured to act, on July 18 three months after the war had begun McDowell marched his army of 37,000 into Virginia. Hundreds of reporters, congressional representatives, and other civilians had traveled from Washington in carriages and on horses to see a real battle. It took the Northern troops two and a half days to march 25 miles. He consolidated his forces along the south bank of Bull Run, a river a few miles north of Manassas Junction, and waited for the Union troops to arrive. During the first two hours of battle, 4,000 Confederates gave ground grudgingly to 10,000 Union soldiers. But as the Confederates were retreating, they found a brigade of fresh troops led by Thomas Jackson waiting just over the crest of the hill. Frequently, major battles had two names. The South named battles after the nearby cities. The North named them after the nearby waterways. Unlike modern-day photojournalists who often find themselves in the thick of battle, photographers hoping to get a shot of the battlefield at Bull Run waited until Southern forces left Manassas in March. During the afternoon, thousands of additional Confederate troops arrived by horse and by train. The Union troops had been fighting in intense heat — many for 14 hours. By late in the day, they were feeling the effects of their efforts. At about 4 p.m. a retreat by the Union became a rout. Four children watch the federal cavalry at the Battle of Bull Run. Curious onlookers made the journey from nearby Washington, DC to observe the skirmish. Over 4,000 soldiers were killed, wounded, or listed as missing from both armies in the battle. McClellan took command of the new Army of the Potomac and signed legislation for the enlistment of one million troops to last three years. The high esprit de corps of the Confederates was elevated by their victory. For the North, which had supremacy in numbers, it increased their caution. Seven long months passed before McClellan agreed to fight. Meanwhile, Lincoln was growing impatient at the timidity of his generals. In many ways, the Civil War represented a transition from the old style of fighting to the new style. During Bull Run and other early engagements, traditional uniformed lines of troops faced off, each trying to outflank the other. As the war progressed, new weapons and tactics changed warfare forever. There were no civilian spectators during the destructive battles to come. In addition to a wealth of history about that battle, the site also features general information on the park and upcoming special events. Organized by state, the database provides "capsule" reviews of the battles and includes vital info about each one, including the location, commanding officers, units engaged, casualties, and, of course, which side emerged victorious.

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The bull run in US shares that began in the aftermath of the financial crisis in March has now officially passed the previous record of 3, more-up-than-down days from October to March.

View Slideshow In the summer of , President Lincoln faced pressure to make a move against the Confederates in Virginia. Politicians and newspaper editors clamored for action. Furthermore, in the wake of Fort Sumter, Lincoln had issued a proclamation on April 15 for 75,000 men to serve for three months. As the expiration of their term of service approached, pressure mounted to employ the men. To do nothing with these men would squander their patriotism and result in demoralization. The elderly general-in-chief of the army, Winfield Scott, advised caution. Scott had been skeptical of the abilities of militia and volunteer troops since his service in the War of 1812. He feared that the men in service lacked the skills necessary to perform well. Scott instead suggested that the United States bide its time, train troops to proficiency, and institute a blockade of the Confederacy. At the head of the Shenandoah Valley stood general Robert Patterson, an aging veteran of the War of 1812 with nearly 18,000 men under his command. The Union enjoyed the advantage of superior numbers on both fronts, but only if they could prevent Confederate forces from uniting. In eastern Virginia, Confederate general P. Johnston in the Shenandoah Valley. In the event of a Union advance against either force, the Confederate generals could utilize the railroad to concentrate their men to meet it. Under orders from Lincoln, McDowell began his advance south on July 16, intending to move to Centreville and then to Manassas Junction, where he would sever the Confederate rail line connecting the Shenandoah Valley and the east. He depended on Patterson to occupy Johnston, however, and Patterson proved utterly inept at the task. Confederate forces in the Valley expected they could slip away undetected. Beauregard Indeed, on July 17, in the face of the Union advance, Beauregard informed Confederate president Jefferson Davis that "the enemy have assailed my outposts in heavy force" and that he had "fallen back on the line of Bull Run. Johnston, confident that Patterson would stay put, immediately agreed to shift his forces to Manassas. A sharp skirmish on July 18 set the stage for the Battle of Manassas. There, Confederate general James Longstreet lay in wait. Confederate detachments protected all of the crossings up to the Stone Bridge. Accordingly, McDowell planned to flank the Confederate line by crossing far beyond the Confederate left at Sudley Ford and then wheeling behind the Confederate line. Confederates from the Valley began arriving on July 19—the first time in history that troops had been transported to the battlefield by train—with Johnston himself arriving on July 20. With the Confederate forces united, an assault on their part became imperative. Thus, early on July 21, Johnston decided that the Confederates needed to shore up their left and center, and he moved the brigades of Virginian Thomas J. Jackson and South Carolinian Barnard Bee toward the left. Meanwhile, the flanking column started toward Sudley Ford. Evans had acquired the nickname at West Point as a mocking reference to his spindly legs spindle shanks. Infamous for having an orderly carry around a keg of whiskey he had nicknamed "barrelito," Shanks and his brigade remained impassive in the face of the Union troops who seemed content to remain on their side of Bull Run. Porter Alexander caught sight of the flanking column just making its way across Sudley Ford and immediately informed both headquarters and Evans—"Look to your left, you are turned"—the first use of wigwag signaling in combat. Grasping the gravity of the situation, Evans moved the bulk of his men to block its advance, leaving only a few to hold Tyler. As he took position on the slopes of Matthews Hill, it appeared as though Evans, with a lone brigade, would confront a full two Union divisions. Bee, meanwhile, had heard the firing earlier in the morning and moved his brigade, along with the brigade of Francis Bartow, from its position in the center to a location farther left. The battle had begun in earnest. For nearly an hour, Evans and his Confederates held. As fighting seesawed between Burnside and Bartow, Bee, and Evans, another Union commander took steps that would unravel the Confederate line on Matthews Hill. His brigade entered the fray, prompting a Confederate retreat. Manassas Momentarily, it looked as if McDowell had put the Confederates to flight, as the battered remnants of the three brigades on Matthews Hill streamed eastward. McDowell, unaccountably, paused and failed to closely pursue the Confederates. This proved a fatal error, as a brigade of Virginians under Colonel Thomas J. Jackson began

to form a new defensive line along Henry House Hill. It was here that Bee purportedly implored his men to rally on Jackson "standing like a stone wall. In the confusion, both Confederate and Union troops fell victim to friendly fire. At this early date in the war, uniforms had not been standardized and both armies carried similar-looking flags. In part, the Confederate battle flag was born out of this confusion. More than once, troops fired on their comrades, convinced that they were the enemy. Bartow and Bee lost their lives, and the widow Henry, who had refused to leave her house, also perished during the fighting. McDowell, in midafternoon, attempted to salvage the situation. From there, he could potentially flank the Confederate position. Unfortunately for McDowell, the Confederates anticipated this maneuver. Brigades under Arnold Elzey and Jubal A. Early stymied the Union advance toward Chinn Ridge. Manassas McDowell, with nothing left to gain on the south side of Bull Run, ordered a withdrawal. Covered by United States Regulars, the retreat began in an orderly fashion. Yet as the Union troops got farther from the battlefield, panic mounted. Cries went up that the Confederate cavalry was closing in on the retreating troops. In reality, Beauregard and Johnston possessed only a small force of horsemen under J. Although they attempted a pursuit, little came of it. Instead, as the Union troops proceeded they became more disorganized. By the time they reached Centreville, McDowell decided that further withdrawal was needed in order to reorganize and calm his men. Although some units certainly fled in a panic, enough Union troops maintained their composure to hold the Confederates at bay. The Confederates, for their part, exhausted after the fighting of the day and badly disorganized themselves, were in no shape to mount a sustained pursuit of the fleeing army. First Manassas was the bloodiest battle in American history to date; yet it would not compare to the bloodletting still to come. In fact, the historian Ethan Rafuse has argued that the most important effect of the battle was to convince numerous persons, North and South, that the Civil War would last longer and would exact a toll much greater in both blood and treasure than many had expected. Prior to First Manassas, many believed that a single battle would decide the war. Afterward, it became clear that much more than one victory would be needed to win the war. McClellan, fresh from his successes in western Virginia, reported to Washington, D. July 19, - Joseph E. Beauregard near Manassas Junction. July 20, - Confederate general Joseph E. Johnston arrives at P. July 21, , 6: July 21, , 9: Burnside, cross Sudley Ford across Bull Run. July 21, , Union general Irvin McDowell halts his advance, giving the Confederates time to consolidate their new position. July 21, , 2: McDowell determines the army must return to Washington, D. July 26, - George B. McClellan, having been summoned to Washington, D. The First Battle of Manassas: An End to Innocence, July 18â€™21, A Single Grand Victory: The First Campaign and Battle of Manassas. Cite This Entry Luebke, P. First Battle of Manassas. Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, 6 Dec. September 27, Last modified: Give feedback about this entry Name Optional.

5: The aftermath of Bull Run

Aftermath of The Battle of Bull Run The ferocity of the fighting and the number of casualties at First Bull Run were a wake-up call to both sides. Five days after the battle, McDowell, blamed for the defeat, was replaced by Major General George B. McClellan as Union army leader.

The right wing was commanded by Maj. James Longstreet ; The left wing was commanded by Maj. The total strength of the Army of Northern Virginia, cavalry and artillery included, was slightly less than 55, men. Factoring in only infantry, the effective Confederate strength was probably about 50, men, possibly as low as 47, The total Union strength with Banks added in was approximately 70, men. It consisted of units from Brig. King was not with his division because he had suffered a serious epileptic attack earlier that day. Returning to his position behind the tree line, he told his subordinates, "Bring out your men, gentlemen. Gibbon, a former artilleryman, responded with fire from Battery B, 4th U. Haskell to bring the veteran 2nd Wisconsin Infantry up the hill to disperse the harassing cannons. Gibbon met the 2nd in the woods saying, "If we can get you up there quietly, we can capture those guns. This stopped the rush of the enemy and they halted and fired upon us their deadly musketry. During a few awful moments, I could see by the lurid light of the powder flashes, the whole of both lines. Dawes , 6th Wisconsin [30] In a few moments our entire line was engaged in a fierce and sanguinary struggle with the enemy. As one line was repulsed another took its place and pressed forward as if determined by force of numbers and fury of assault to drive us from our positions. Stonewall Jackson [31] The 2nd Wisconsin, under the command of Col. Upon reaching the plateau, they deployed skirmishers who drove back Confederate skirmishers. They soon received a heavy volley into their right flank by men of the fabled Stonewall Brigade , commanded by Col. As units were added by both sides, the battle lines remained close together, a standup fight with little cover, trading mass volleys for over two hours. Jackson described the action as "fierce and sanguinary. Jackson, personally directing the actions of his regiments instead of passing orders to the division commander, Maj. Ewell , sent in three Georgia regiments belonging to Brig. Gibbon countered this advance with the 7th Wisconsin. Doubleday sent in the 56th Pennsylvania and the 76th New York , who advanced through the woods and checked the new Confederate advance. These men arrived at the scene after dark and both Trimble and Lawton launched uncoordinated assaults against them. The engagement ended around 9 p. The fight was essentially a stalemate, but at a heavy cost, with over 1, Union and 1, Confederate casualties. The 2nd Wisconsin lost of engaged. The Stonewall Brigade lost out of In all, one of every three men engaged in the fight was shot. Taliaferro wrote, "In this fight there was no maneuvering and very little tactics. It was a question of endurance and both endured. But he had achieved his strategic intent, attracting the attention of John Pope. Pope wrongly assumed that the fight at the Brawner Farm occurred as Jackson was retreating from Centreville. Pope believed he had "bagged" Jackson and sought to capture him before he could be reinforced by Longstreet. Philip Kearny stated, in part, "General McDowell has intercepted the retreat of the enemy and is now in his front Unless he can escape by by-paths leading to the north to-night, he must be captured. Reynolds and Sigel were some miles away and would not be on the scene until morning, by which time Jackson could easily crush King. Ricketts was closer, but had Longstreet following far behind. Since staying in place at Groveton was clearly unacceptable, the only other options were retreating either to Manassas Junction or Centreville. Gibbon recommended the former since the exact disposition of the enemy was unknown and going to Centreville risked a disastrous march across his front. King finally agreed, and the division formed up into column and moved south to Manassas Junction. At the same time, Ricketts had arrived at a similar conclusion and marched south and away from Jackson as well, in his case towards Bristoe Station. Jackson defends Stony Ridge[edit] August 29, 10 a. Longstreet arrives, Porter stalls August 29, 3 p. Aware that his position was geographically weak because the heavy woods in the area prevented effective deployment of artillery , Hill placed his brigades in two lines, with Brig. Alexander Lawton , and on the right, William B. While some parts of the railroad grade were a good defensive position, others were not, moreover the heavily wooded terrain largely precluded the use of artillery aside from the right end of the line, which faced open fields. Jackson thus placed the brigades of Early and Forno on the right end of the line, both large

brigades that had not been engaged the previous evening and were fresh. In addition, John Gibbon arrived at Centreville and informed Pope that the retreat from Groveton was a mistake, ignoring the fact that he had recommended it in the first place. Gibbon also stated that he had no idea what had become of McDowell, to which an infuriated Pope replied "God damn McDowell! In addition, King, exhausted and ill from epileptic attacks, had turned over command of the division to John Hatch. Pope on the 29th remained firmly wedded to the idea that Jackson was in a desperate situation and almost trapped, not only an incorrect assumption, but one that also depended on the coordination of all the corps and divisions under his command, none of which were where he intended them to be. Also a large portion of the men being German immigrants, suffering from prejudices, they had performed poorly in battles against Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley during the spring. Moreover, until Pope himself arrived, Sigel was the ranking officer on the field and would be in overall charge of the battle. He ordered Fitz John Porter to move toward Gainesville and attack what he considered to be the Confederate right flank. Although the unfinished railroad grade provided natural defensive positions in some places, in general the Confederates eschewed a static defense, absorbing the Union blows and following up with vigorous counterattacks. These were the same tactics that Jackson would employ at the Battle of Antietam a few weeks later. Alexander Schimmelfennig and Col. As Milroy heard the sound of battle to his right, he ordered his brigade forward, the 82nd Ohio and 5th West Virginia in front and the 2nd West Virginia and 4th West Virginia in the rear as support troops. James Cantwell, was shot dead and the regiment fled in panic, causing the 5th West Virginia behind them to also retreat in disorder. Medical personnel attempted to evacuate as many of the wounded as possible under the ongoing firefight. With his brigade in shreds, Milroy attempted to rally the survivors. He then came across Brig. Although a hundred or so Confederates came bounding out of the woods in pursuit of Milroy, they were quickly driven back by artillery fire and Stahel returned to his original position south of the turnpike. The fighting in the woods west of Sudley Road resumed and it came down to a standstill until the 14th Georgia came down to reinforce the South Carolinians. Kearny however did not move forward. Jackson ordered his wagons evacuated from the area and Maj. Nobody on the Union side realized that they were getting in the rear of the Confederate line, and the sight of grayclad infantry in the distance was enough to discourage Poe from advancing any further, so he pulled back across the creek. One was directed to support the corps artillery on Matthews Hill, another held idly in reserve, and the remaining three accompanied Poe to the banks of the creek until Confederate artillery fire became too hot for them and they pulled south into the woods where they joined in skirmishing with A. Historians have faulted Kearny for his actions that day, blaming a personal grudge that Kearny held against Sigel. Isaac Stevens IX Corps. Pope also arrived on the battlefield, where Sigel graciously ceded command to him. Instead, there was no sign of any of these troops anywhere. Pope momentarily considered withdrawing to Centreville, but became worried of the political fallout that would result if he was seen as insufficiently aggressive. Kemper and David R. Then a courier arrived with a message for Porter and McDowell, a controversial document from Pope that has become known as the "Joint Order. Hennessy described the order as a "masterpiece of contradiction and obfuscation that would become the focal point of decades of wrangling. It may be necessary to fall back behind Bull Run to Centreville tonight. Thomas Rosser deceived the Union generals by dragging tree branches behind a regiment of horses to simulate great clouds of dust from large columns of marching soldiers. At this time, McDowell received a report from his cavalry commander, Brig. John Buford , who reported that 17 regiments of infantry, one battery, and cavalry were moving through Gainesville at 8: The Union advance was again halted. Longstreet later remembered that Lee "was inclined to engage as soon as practicable, but did not order. Taken by surprise, the Georgians fell back and fierce hand-to-hand combat ensued. Bradley Johnson and Col. To check the Confederate counterattack, Pope pulled Schneck from south of the turnpike and with artillery support, forced the Confederates back to the shelter of the railroad embankment. While all this was going on, Kearny still remained out of the action. In any event, Porter was in no better position to attack than he had been earlier in the day. As they fell back onto the edge of a hillside, Gregg lopped some wildflowers with his old Revolutionary War scimitar and remarked, "Let us die here my men, let us die here. Hill sent a message to Jackson calling for help. Field , was severely wounded and command of his brigade, which had also taken a beating over the course of the day, fell to Col. Brockenbrough of the 40th

Virginia. This report caused Lee to revive his plan for an offensive in that sector. Longstreet once again argued against it, this time due to inadequate time before dusk. He suggested instead that a reconnaissance in force could feel the position of the enemy and set up the Confederates for a morning attack. McDowell then informed Pope that King had fallen ill and relinquished command of the division to Brig. Hatch , whom Pope had taken a considerable disliking to early in the campaign. Hatch had originally led a cavalry brigade and failed to carry out an order from Pope to raid down into the Richmond outskirts.

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The 1st Battle of Bull Run or as it was known in the South, the 1st Battle of Manassas was one of the first conflicts of the Civil War, having been fought on July 21st, The battle sticks out amongst the war for the recklessness and unpreparedness on both sides, with many Confederate men.

The jubilation over the victory was quickly tempered by the influx of hundreds of wounded soldiers and prisoners steadily streaming into the city via railroad car. August 4, ; Citizens anxiously awaited news of the battle and information about family and friends. The Richmond Dispatch described the scene at the train station: In a few days, we trust the anxiety of all as to the extent and bearing on each of the contest as it effects friends or relatives, will be gratified by the arrival of full particulars. Confederate wounded were loaded onto litters and taken to local hospitals or private homes for care. Union prisoners received varied reactions: It is filled with Yankees and Hessians, captured at the Battle of Manassas. Like bears in a cage, many of them look through the grated windows of their prison, and thus become visible to the curious people, who stroll to that portion of the city to obtain a view of the Northern lunatics. Just then, another projectile perforated his chest, fatally lodging in his heart. Some of his soldiers gathered around him, witnessing his last words: Francis Bartow and Gen. Bernard Bee, commanding officers who were instrumental in the Confederate victory at Bull Run. Bee and Bartow shared the distinction of being the first brigade commanders of the Confederate army to die in combat. Three hearses were in readiness, and the remains of the brave dead were conveyed, escorted by the Armory Guard, Lieut. Kerr, preceded by their band playing a funeral dirge, to the Capitol, where the bodies were attended during the night by a guard of honor specially detailed for that purpose. After the southward departure of Bartow and Bee, several more trains loaded with prisoners and wounded soon arrived in the city. For a city that was already experiencing growing pains from its designation as the capital of the Confederacy the rapidly increasing population of both prisoners and wounded were pains that required some delicate handling. Bull Run was just the beginning. Richmond would struggle to properly serve its population of prisoners and wounded for the rest of the war, often to the detriment of both groups.

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It consisted of units from Brig. King was not with his division because he had suffered a serious epileptic attack earlier that day. Returning to his position behind the tree line, he told his subordinates, "Bring out your men, gentlemen. Gibbon, a former artilleryman, responded with fire from Battery B, 4th U. Haskell to bring the veteran 2nd Wisconsin Infantry up the hill to disperse the harassing cannons. Gibbon met the 2nd in the woods saying, "If we can get you up there quietly, we can capture those guns. This stopped the rush of the enemy and they halted and fired upon us their deadly musketry. During a few awful moments, I could see by the lurid light of the powder flashes, the whole of both lines. Dawes, 6th Wisconsin [20] The 2nd Wisconsin, under the command of Col. Upon reaching the plateau, they deployed skirmishers who drove back Confederate skirmishers. They soon received a heavy volley into their right flank by men of the fabled Stonewall Brigade, commanded by Col. As units were added by both sides, the battle lines remained close together, a standup fight with little cover, trading mass volleys for over two hours. Jackson described the action as "fierce and sanguinary. Jackson, personally directing the actions of his regiments instead of passing orders to the division commander, Maj. Ewell, sent in three Georgia regiments belonging to Brig. Gibbon countered this advance with the 7th Wisconsin. Doubleday sent in the 56th Pennsylvania and the 76th New York, who advanced through the woods and checked the new Confederate advance. These men arrived at the scene after dark and both Trimble and Lawton launched uncoordinated assaults against them. The engagement ended around 9 p. The fight was essentially a stalemate, but at a heavy cost, with over 1, Union and 1, Confederate casualties. The 2nd Wisconsin lost of engaged. The Stonewall brigade lost out of In all, one of every three men engaged in the fight was shot. Taliaferro wrote, "In this fight there was no maneuvering and very little tactics. It was a question of endurance and both endured. As one line was repulsed another took its place and pressed forward as if determined by force of numbers and fury of assault to drive us from our positions. But he had achieved his strategic intent, attracting the attention of John Pope. Pope wrongly assumed that the fight at the Brawner Farm occurred as Jackson was retreating from Centreville. Pope believed he had "bagged" Jackson and sought to capture him before he could be reinforced by Longstreet. Philip Kearny stated, in part, "General McDowell has intercepted the retreat of the enemy and is now in his front Unless he can escape by by-paths leading to the north to-night, he must be captured. Jackson defends Stony Ridge Edit August 29, 10 a. Aware that his position was geographically weak because the heavy woods in the area prevented effective deployment of artillery, Hill placed his brigades in two lines, with Brig. He ordered Fitz John Porter to move toward Gainesville and attack what he considered to be the Confederate right flank. Although the unfinished railroad grade provided natural defensive positions in some places, in general the Confederates eschewed a static defense, absorbing the Union blows and following up with vigorous counterattacks. These were the same tactics that Jackson would employ at the Battle of Antietam a few weeks later. Alexander Schimmelfennig and Col. As Milroy heard the sound of battle to his right, he ordered two of his regiments to assist Schurz. They achieved some success, and the 82nd Ohio breached the Confederate lines in a ground depression known as the Dump, but were eventually repulsed. Schenck and Reynolds, subjected to a heavy artillery barrage, answered with counterbattery fire, but did not advance their infantry. Kearny did not move forward and the second assault failed. Historians have faulted Kearny for his actions that day, blaming a personal grudge that Kearny held against Sigel. Longstreet arrives, Porter stalls. Isaac Stevens IX Corps. Pope also arrived on the battlefield, expecting to see the culmination of his victory. Kemper and David R. Then a courier arrived with a message for Porter and McDowell, a controversial document from Pope that has become known as the "Joint Order". Hennessy described the order as a "masterpiece of contradiction and obfuscation that would become the focal point of decades of wrangling. It may be necessary to fall back behind Bull Run to Centreville tonight. Thomas Rosser deceived the Union generals by dragging tree branches behind a regiment of horses to simulate great clouds of dust from large columns of marching soldiers. At this time,

McDowell received a report from his cavalry commander, Brig. John Buford , who reported that 17 regiments of infantry, one battery, and cavalry were moving through Gainesville at 8: The Union advance was again halted. Longstreet later remembered that Lee "was inclined to engage as soon as practicable, but did not order. Grover was fortunate to accidentally strike through a gap in a line that opened between Thomas and Gregg. His spirited bayonet charge was successful temporarily, but Kearny once again did not move forward as ordered and Pope did not intend to support a major attack. In any event, Porter was in no better position to attack than he was earlier in the day. As they fell back onto the edge of a hillside, Gregg lopped some wildflowers with his old Revolutionary War scimitar and remarked, "Let us die here my men, let us die here. Hill sent a message to Jackson calling for help. This report caused Lee to revive his plan for an offensive in that sector. Longstreet once again argued against it, this time due to inadequate time before dusk. He suggested instead that a reconnaissance in force could feel the position of the enemy and set up the Confederates for a morning attack. At the same time, Pope, who maintained his delusion that the Confederates were retreating, sent the division of John P. Hatch west on the turnpike to pursue. Hood and Hatch collided briefly at the Groveton crossroads, but the short, violent confrontation ended at darkness and both sides withdrew. Longstreet and his subordinates again argued to Lee that they should not be attacking a force they considered to be placed in a strong defensive position, and for the third time, Lee canceled the planned assault. Longstreet counterattack, Union retreat Edit August 30, 3 p. Exhausted and unfamiliar with the area, they halted on a ridge east of Groveton. At dawn, they realized they were in an isolated position too close to the enemy and fell back. Probes of the Confederate line on Stony Ridge around 10 a. Reynolds indicated that the Confederates were in great strength south of the turnpike. Fitz John Porter arrived later with similar intelligence. At the same time, Ricketts, Kearny, and Hooker were to advance on the Union right. This dual movement would potentially crush the retreating Confederates. But the Confederates were not retreating, and were in fact hoping to be attacked. Although he was not certain that Pope would attack that day, Lee positioned 18 artillery pieces under Col. The lead division in the Union assault was commanded by Brig. Daniel Butterfield , replacing Maj. Two brigades of regular army troops under Brig. George Sykes were in reserve.

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Today, we are pleased to welcome back guest author Paige Gibbons-Backus One hundred and fifty-six years ago this July, Americans reached a deadly point in American history in Prince William County at the Battle of First Manassas (or Bull Run).

Contact Privacy Cookie Policy Terms of Use Newly Unearthed Civil War Bones Speak Silently to the Grim Aftermath of Battle What the amputated limbs and full skeletons of a Manassas burial pit tell us about wartime surgical practices The bones were discovered at a very shallow depth, indicating that they had been disposed of in a hurry, and with little ceremony. Chaotically and desperately, they turned tail as unrelenting gunfire continued to cut them down. When the shooting was over, dead and wounded Yankee troops littered the approach. The next day, Union Maj. Fitz John Porter fell prey to an artillery trap. As Confederates under James Longstreet launched a massive 25,000-man counterattack, Union forces had no choice but to evacuate as quickly as possible. This result was in many ways a replay of the First Battle of Bull Run, another high-casualty Confederate victory that had forced a hasty Union retreat from the same location just 13 months earlier. Today, the battlefield near Manassas, Virginia is a protected site under the purview of the National Park Service. Site policy is to let lie the countless bones swallowed by the land—the goal of park personnel is to preserve the region, not disrupt it. But in late 2013, in the process of clearing a narrow trench for a utility project, personnel inadvertently unearthed what would prove to be an archaeological treasure trove. For Doug Owsley, reconstructing the deaths of centuries-old soldiers is just another day at the office. He loves every second of it. Donny Bajohr The first finds were miscellaneous bone fragments, which park-affiliated experts in Maryland took to be human. To confirm this, they enlisted the help of longtime Smithsonian collaborator Doug Owsley, lead physical anthropologist at the National Museum of Natural History. Once it was settled that these were indeed human bones, Owsley and his colleague, physical and forensic anthropologist Kari Bruwelheide, painstakingly reassembled the bones in their lab within the museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. One bone in particular, an incomplete distal left femur found in more than ten separate pieces, leapt out at them. Owsley and Bruwelheide set about doing what they do best: The location of the pit suggested the second battle, but it was two subtle aspects of the bones within that led Bies and his fellow park historians to reach an ironclad conclusion. For one, one of the skeletons was found with small metallic discs clustered near its shoulder. Bies and his colleagues confirmed that these were buttons—and not just any buttons, but buttons characteristic of an official Union sack coat. Kari Bruwelheide describes the bone fragments that kicked off a string of stunning archaeological findings at the site of Second Bull Run. Donny Bajohr At the time of the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861, troop uniforms were provincial and varied significantly. Union sack coats similar to the one that this soldier had been buried in were only in common use during the second battle. Even more persuasive evidence came in the form of a severely fractured femur, in which a bullet was lodged. Bies and his team could identify the source of the deformed bullet as an Enfield rifle musket. Owsley and Bruwelheide confirmed that the bones belonged definitively to Union men rather than Confederates with sophisticated isotopic analysis. By linking the chemical constituency of the bones with diet, the Smithsonian researchers were able to make some very impressive deductions. Finding two skeletons in the midst of a smattering of isolated limbs was completely unprecedented. The batch of limbs from the pit bore the same smooth sawing of the stray femur Owsley and Bruwelheide had rebuilt before its discovery. They soon concluded concretely that these were amputated parts. Owsley explains that a surgeon—highly skilled, judging by the precision of the cuts which Owsley and Bruwelheide inspected in microscopic detail—would first have run a scalpel around the circumference of the leg at the chosen spot, cutting through tendons to reach the bone. Then, after peeling back the intervening tissue, he would have taken a bone saw to the ruined bone, slicing clean through, and often very high up the limb. The clean cuts on many of the bones imply that they were amputated by a supremely talented field surgeon. Donny Bajohr In dialogue with Bies at the Manassas site, and with the aid of military medical logs and other primary sources, Owsley and Bruwelheide pinned down what likely happened. Following the Second Battle of Bull Run, Union battlefield surgeons would have been admitted to the grounds

by Confederate gatekeepers, with all but their most rudimentary supplies confiscated. There at the site, surgeons would have hastily operated on soldiers who had been baking in the sun and soaking in the rain without food for days on end. The exactitude of the amputations under the circumstances was striking. These were done by an experienced surgeon. This was not novice work. Why were those men buried with the severed limbs of their brothers in arms? Owsley says the answer is simple. In the early days of the war, before the advent of sophisticated triage, the categories battlefield surgeons relied on were simple: The two men left in the shallow grave with the remains of their peers fell into the latter classification. Bies notes that the Union men who died in battle were simply left on the field, though almost all were eventually afforded burials of their own. This femur was devastated by a bullet that entered in a transverse orientation. Structurally compromised by a longitudinal fracture, it snapped as the victim applied weight to his leg. Donny Bajohr To illustrate this theory, Owsley reconstructs the story of the man with the Enfield slug in his femur—a man who was between the ages of 25 and 29—in harrowing detail. No buttons suggestive of trousers were found with the skeleton, Owsley continues. He is eager to tell the story of the skeletons and amputated limbs formally on the Manassas grounds for visitors. A previous version of this article stated that First Bull Run was a deadlier defeat for the Union than Second. In fact, Second Bull Run claimed the lives of three to four times as many Union men as its predecessor. His avocations include moviegoing and crossword puzzle construction.

9: Second Battle of Bull Run - CivilWarWiki

The Second Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) proved to be the deciding battle in the Civil War campaign waged between Union and Confederate armies in northern Virginia in As a large Union force.

Stanton were searching for a solution to an embarrassing deadlock in Virginia. Federal operations in the trans-Allegheny west had gone relatively well with the capture of Forts Henry and Donelson and the standoff at the Battle of Shiloh. By comparison, in the east, Northern units had experienced a chain of defeats at the hands of Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley. The superbly equipped and trained Army of the Potomac from which so much had been expected was in an apparent stalemate before attempting to seize Richmond after inching its way for months up the Peninsula. The two civilian leaders brought two western generals to Virginia in the hope of reviving the situation. The first to arrive was Maj. John Pope, who was appointed on 26 June to command a new creation, the Army of Virginia. This force was composed of the various hitherto-independent commands that had operated to such little effect in Northern Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley that spring. Many of the units collectively had experienced a severe hammering from Stonewall Jackson while others were suffering from lack of discipline and poor leadership. General Pope was followed on 11 July by Maj. Halleck, who was appointed General in Chief with directing authority over both Pope and Maj. McClellan, commanding the Army of the Potomac on the Peninsula. The 26 June orders creating the Army of Virginia specified that it should "operate in such manner as while protecting Western Virginia and the national capital from danger or insult, it shall in the speediest manner attack and overcome the rebel force under Jackson and Ewell, threaten the enemy in the direction of Charlottesville and render the most effective aid to relieve Gen. McClellan and capture Richmond. Thus he saw his mission as covering Washington from any attacks from the direction of Richmond while deploying to assure the safety of the Valley. He felt further that he should position himself to pull Southern troops away from Richmond, thus indirectly aiding McClellan. Pope believed these objectives could be met best by concentrating his scattered forces in the Sperryville-Warrenton area. Doing so allowed him to safeguard the approaches to the Valley. At the same time his position threatened the important railroad and depot center at Gordonsville, virtually forcing Lee to send troops from Richmond to protect it. Bringing his forces together allowed Pope to assess the polyglot units he had inherited and to begin establishing teamwork and standards. The Army of Virginia needed all the training it could get. There were tensions among the senior officers, particularly those from the Army of the Potomac who saw Pope as a threat to their idol General McClellan. Staff inexperience was revealed throughout the summer campaign by poor march planning, improper terrain appreciation, and disregard of logistical aspects. The supply problem was compounded by poor load planning on the part of Army of the Potomac units deploying as reinforcements from the Peninsula. Many arrived without basic ammunition loads or critical equipment items. Its movements were slow and were accomplished with great friction. Staff work was poor and undeveloped, and the new commander did little to help. General Pope was a man of little tact, often discourteous and overbearing, arrogant and boastful. A pompous assumption of command address to his overworked troops compared them unfavorably to the men he had led in the West, alienating his Easterners permanently. Soon after taking command, Pope had issued orders that stirred up the civil populace and embittered many Southerners against him. The orders authorized foraging, directing Union troops to subsist off the country. The intent of the orders apparently was to restrict guerrilla activity but seemed more to encourage violence against civilians. His actions led General Lee to declare that Pope had to be "suppressed. These signs included such things as the retrograde of wounded and the diversion of reinforcements from the Hampton area to Aquia and Alexandria on the Potomac. McClellan protested and did not begin his redeployment until 14 August. The situation created an opportunity for General Lee. Pope was required at first to keep Brig. This extended Pope to the maximum. Even when King was released to him on 8 August, Pope still had to hold the river line. A skeleton Confederate force remained in Richmond to watch McClellan depart. Lee felt the best way for him to assure the full relief of Richmond was to unite his forces and move on Pope. He hoped to trap Pope in the triangle formed between the convergence of the Rapidan and

Rappahannock Rivers. Again, staff planning was poor and the Southern forces were slow to take up their attack positions. While this was taking place, on 18 August a patrol from the 1st Michigan Cavalry encountered Maj. Pope made use of the information to withdraw skillfully north of the Rappahannock on the night of August, basing himself in Warrenton. Lee decided he had to break the stalemate along the Rappahannock quickly before he was overwhelmingly outnumbered. The Federal fight was at Waterloo, six miles northwest of Warrenton. Lee saw only one chance to change the situation, "If one runs great risks, it is for the purpose of gaining great advantages. His objective was to bring about a decisive battle in which the advantages of position would be his, forcing Pope to fight on his terms. He knew from the captured papers that Pope was being controlled from Washington, which control required him to keep links to Aquia and along the river line, thus impairing his initiative and freedom of action. Jackson did not tell his senior commanders his plans, but merely started his corps moving after a conference with Lee, Longstreet, and Stuart. He left behind his quartermaster and subsistence trains, but brought along his cattle herd, ordnance, and ambulance trains. Keith Boswell and screened by cavalry raised in the region. Once across, elements of the 2d Virginia Cavalry moved ahead to screen the line of march. Thereafter, green corn and apples foraged along the way were the staple ration. The head of the column closed into bivouacs about a mile south of Salem at sunset. Later that night, Col. Munford with the rest of his 2d Virginia Cavalry Regiment rode into town and bedded down. There had been no encounters with the enemy the entire day. Late in the afternoon of the twenty-fifth Lee sent Stuart with all his cavalry eastward to rendezvous with Jackson. Doing so deprived Longstreet of any reconnaissance capability. General Pope on his side continued to array his forces on the defensive along the Rappahannock River line. The Federal headquarters dismissed the information as indicating a Confederate withdrawal into the Shenandoah Valley. They did not have their corps reserve stocks with them; consequently, the infantry units carried only the minimum basic ammunition load. Pope had failed to send guides or guidance to the corps commander while he was en route. Jackson renewed his advance early on 26 August. The horsemen found the Gap unoccupied, and the infantry followed them through White Plains to the Gap and on to the village of Haymarket. As the column entered Gainesville, it was joined by J. E. Stuart and the rest of his cavalry division. The presence of the larger cavalry force allowed a relaxation in the march discipline. His cavalry van arrived at sunset in time to interdict three Federal supply trains after tearing up the tracks and cutting the telegraph wires. They secured that place by , taking over prisoners in the process. Lee and Longstreet had considered forcing the river crossings and reuniting with Jackson by the most direct route but disregarded doing so as impracticable. Moving somewhat more cautiously because of the absence of cavalry, Longstreet camped the night of the twenty-sixth at Orleans, 11 miles from his starting point. Continued cavalry reports of these movements to the northwest persuaded General Pope to send out on the afternoon of the twenty-sixth a larger cavalry force under Brig. John Buford to investigate. The Army of Virginia was still deployed to defend the Rappahannock crossings. The forward divisions continued to engage the Confederates with artillery. George Sykes, was 6 miles east of Bealeton along the railroad. This information, plus loss of communications to the east along the railroad, led General Pope about to direct his forces to redeploy to the Gainesville area. Preparations went on through the night but there was little movement until the next day. Very early on the twenty-seventh, Jackson sent A. The main force in the meantime devoted itself to helping itself to the tons of Federal supplies in the dumps and box cars at the Manassas junction. George Taylor, east from the direction of Union Mills. Jackson ultimately deployed most of A. The veteran Jerseymen detrained north of the railroad bridge and advanced toward Manassas, apparently expecting to disperse a raiding force. General Taylor was mortally wounded, pleading with his officers "for God sake to prevent another Bull Run. The full Confederate force evacuated Manassas Junction late that night after destroying everything it could not eat or carry away. Each of the Confederate divisions took different routes to their new location on the old battlefield 7 miles to the north of Manassas. Taliaferro moved directly north up the Sudley Springs Road. Longstreet continued his progress eastward throughout the twenty-seventh. A Federal cavalry patrol rode into his van during a midday rest stop at Salem. The size and intentions of the Federal cavalry force could not be determined by Longstreet without cavalry of his own. Consequently, the Confederate move thereafter was even more cautious than before, arriving at White Plains late at night for its second halt. At the latter place,

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Brig. Major General Joseph Hooker began moving his division early in the day eastward down the railroad. Pope arrived at Bristoe Station that night. He assumed Jackson was "in the bag" at Manassas and directed his forces to concentrate there. He thus removed them from excellent blocking positions, opening the way for the rest of the Confederate Army to join Jackson in the vicinity of Groveton.

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