

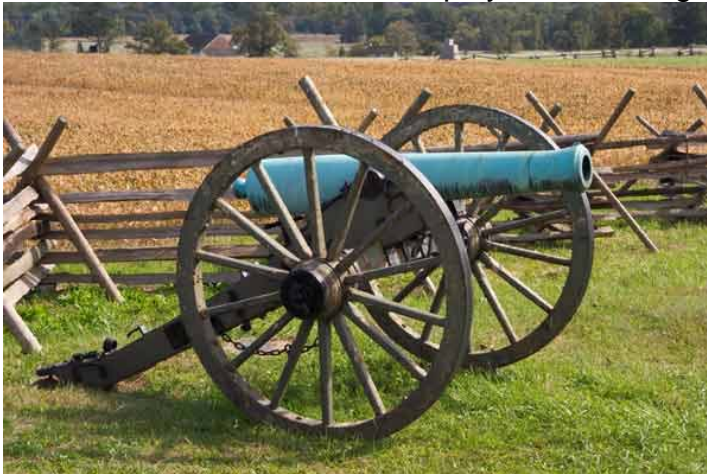
GETTYSBURG

DAY 1

In 1863 Gettysburg had a population of 2,400 and was at the center of a network of some ten roads. Small farms with cultivated fields, orchards, and woodlots that concealed outcroppings of granite boulders surrounded the town.

The battle of Gettysburg was a culmination of General Robert E Lee's Pennsylvania Campaign, which he launched in June. By the end of the month the 75,000 soldiers were spread from Chambersburg to Carlisle and York. When Lee learned the 95,000-man Army of the Potomac, led by Major General George Meade might soon strike his scattered force, Lee ordered his army to concentrate east of the mountains in the Gettysburg-Cashtown area in order to give them battle.

On July 1st at mid-morning the Confederates met Union Cavalry picket just west of town, which caused them to deploy on Herr Ridge and the battle began.



Join Gary Kross Associate Editor of the magazine Blue and Gray, who writes articles for each issue and has written at least eight entire issues as you study the first day in detail. As a Licensed Gettysburg guide for 20 years his expertise is from June 30 through July 14, 1863.

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Mr. Kross's knowledge of the Battle of Gettysburg has made him one of the most popular speakers for the Civil War Round Tables throughout the United States. He has also spoken at many colleges and for the Smithsonian Institute

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