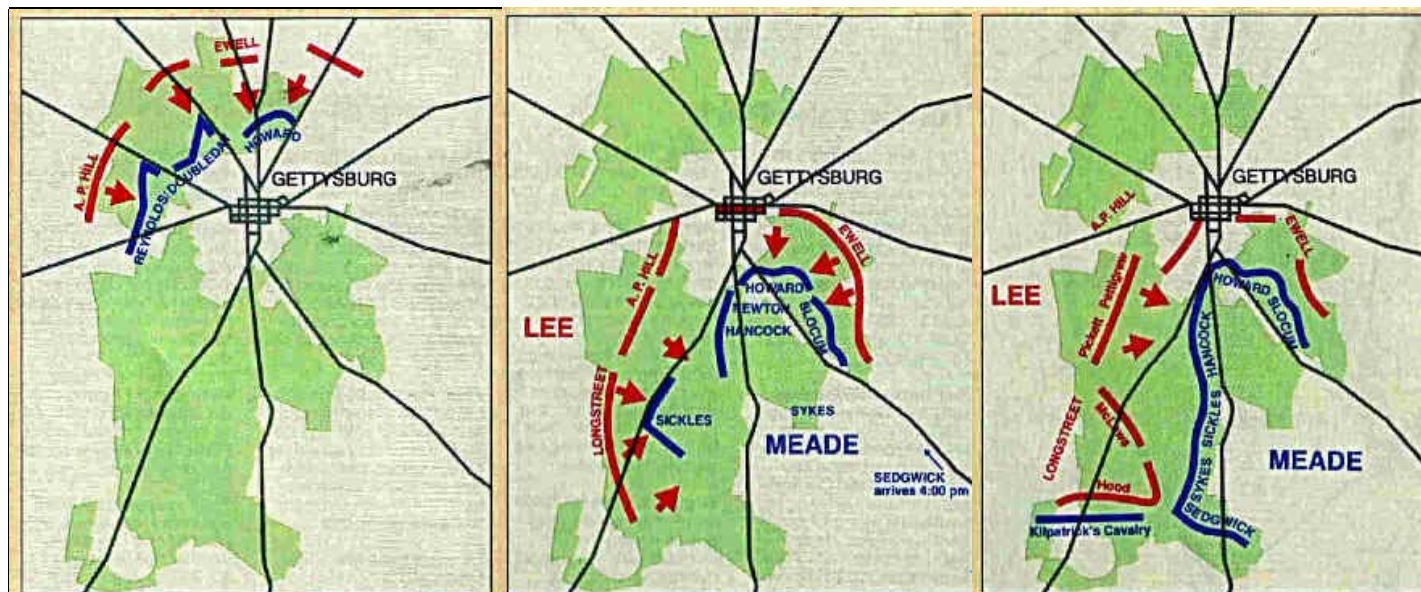




Battlefield Maps



July 1

Elements of the two armies collide west of Gettysburg during the early morning hours. The fighting escalates throughout the day as more Union and Confederate troops reach the field. By 4 p.m. the defending Federal troops are defeated and retreat through Gettysburg, where many are captured. The remnants of the Union force rally upon Cemetery and Culp's Hills.

July 2

The main strength of both armies has arrived on the field by the morning hours. General Lee launches attacks against the Union left and right in an attempt to dislodge Meade's army from its strong position. Longstreet's assault upon the Union left makes good progress but is eventually checked by Federal reinforcements from the center and right. On the Union right, Ewell's Confederate troops are able to seize part of Culp's Hill, but elsewhere they are repulsed.

July 3

While Ewell renews his efforts to seize Culp's Hill, Lee turns his main attention to the Union center. Preceded by a two-hour artillery bombardment, approximately 12,000 Confederate infantry attempt to break the Federal lines on Cemetery Ridge. Despite great courage, the attack (subsequently called "Pickett's Charge" is repulsed with heavy losses. East of Gettysburg, Lee's cavalry is also checked in a large cavalry battle. Crippled by extremely heavy casualties, Lee can no longer continue the battle and on July 4th he begins to withdraw from Virginia.

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