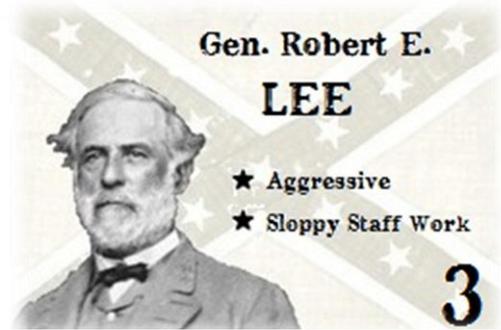


CONFEDERATE ARMY COMMAND BRIEFING



Strategic Overview:

It is late June 1863. Masked by the Blue Ridge Mountains, our army has slipped north over the last two weeks. Our leading elements are already in Pennsylvania, with the rest of the army strung out across forty miles. Most of the Federal army is believed to be south of the Potomac, giving us a head start to concentrate on northern soil. If we can spend the summer gathering supplies in the bountiful, rich Pennsylvania countryside, it will provide much-needed relief to war-weary northern Virginia.

Objectives:

The primary objective for this campaign is to **secure as many supplies** and provisions as possible to carry back to Virginia, all while **maintaining our line of retreat** to the lower Shenandoah Valley. Protecting the Potomac crossings is essential. We have supply depots at Winchester, Martinsburg, and Chambersburg, currently totaling **7 Staff Dice**. Secondary objectives include the capture of political prizes like Harrisburg or Baltimore, and defeating the Federal army north of the Potomac in a major engagement.

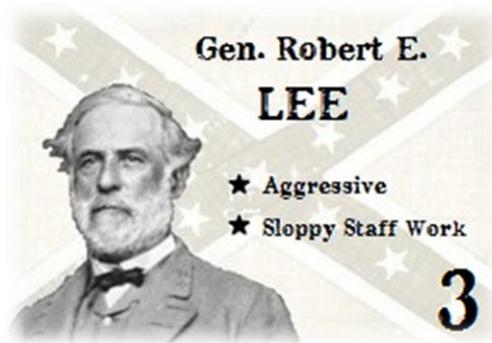
Order of Battle:

The Army of Northern Virginia currently fields 75,000 men, with a full OOB listed on the second page. You are responsible for movement of Stuart's two cavalry pickets and our reserve artillery formation. When Stuart's cavalry arrives as reinforcements, they will also be your direct responsibility. The remainder of the divisions will be maneuvered by your three corps commanders. Captured baggage trains will be moved automatically by the GM via the shortest possible route to Virginia—they cannot be sped up or enhanced with Staff Dice.

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CONFEDERATE ORDER OF BATTLE

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I CORPS

McLaws' Division	Pickett's Division	Hood's Division
6,700 men reporting	5,200 men reporting	6,900 men reporting

II CORPS

Early's Division	Johnson's Division	Rodes' Division
4,800 men reporting	6,000 men reporting	7,500 men reporting

III CORPS

Anderson's Division	Heth's Division	Pender's Division
6,700 men reporting	7,100 men reporting	6,300 men reporting

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 1, Late June 1863

Genl. Lee,

There are no reports of enemy activity in Pennsylvania, though northern papers confirm a militia army is now forming under General Darius Couch around Harrisburg. The size and condition of this force remains unconfirmed.

We have no reports of Hooker's main body, last sighted below the Potomac near Manassas Junction. A Federal garrison of unknown size continues to hold Harper's Ferry. General Stuart remains missing and has sent no reports. His pickets along the Potomac report no activity or sight of the enemy.

Hill and Longstreet are nearby, between Chambersburg and Hagerstown, but the exact disposition of Ewell's II Corps is unknown. He was last reported marching on Harrisburg.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General

Army of Northern Virginia

To: Genl Lee

Sent: Turn 1 (GM roll = 6)

From: Longstreet's I Corps HQ

Gen. Lee, the troops are in good spirit and itching for a fight. I believe it necessary to slow the advance of the Army of the Potomac northward whilst our army requisitions supplies from the Pennsylvania cities. Grant me control of a picket to use for scouting eastward to determine their strength on the east side of Harper's Ferry. With this information, I will choose an advantageous location to bring fight to the Union lines with my Corp. Keeping the yankees bottled up in Maryland may provide valuable time for Gen. Early to make his presence known and to collect valuable supplies our army desperately requires. I will be marching eastward on the morrow. Kind regards, your humble servant, Gen Longstreet

To: Genl Lee
From: Ewell's II Corps HQ

Sent: Turn 1 (GM roll = 5)

I pray this message finds you well. I write to inform you of my current situation and intentions, then, if I may be so bold, to make a request and offer a suggestion.

I am pleased to report that Second Corps' three divisions are currently in control of, and free to maneuver in the fertile farmlands to the south and west of Harrisburg. We have located only small Union picket forces in Hanover, on the Susquehanna River at Wrightsville and, of course, in Harrisburg. I intend to fall upon Harrisburg with two divisions with all possible speed, sack the city, and no doubt send the entire north into a mighty tizzy at the loss of a state capitol. With my third division I intend to give Carlisle the same treatment.

It is because of these plans that I put forth my request. I beg of you to provide my Corps with at least three staff dice each of the next three turns. It is my fervent hope that the provision of such dice will allow me to close on Harrisburg and Carlisle as quickly as possible, burn them to the ground, and then begin a hasty march back to the south to join with the First and Second Corps in the event Meade marches north to meet us. Failure to provide these staff dice would likely result in my ability to move south being greatly hindered.

I close with a suggestion. In those turns where you do not have vital messages to send, I suggest you make a habit of producing false messages that can be intentionally provided to the enemy. It is my understanding this is possible. Through such subterfuge I expect we should be able to greatly confuse the enemy regarding our intentions, even in the disastrous event that a "real" dispatch is intercepted.

I have, and always shall remain,

Your Obedient Servant, Lt. Gen Richard S. Ewell

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 2, Late June 1863

Genl. Lee,

There are rumors circulating throughout the Pennsylvania countryside that Harrisburg has either fallen into our hands, or is under immediate attack. We have received no confirmation from General Ewell directly, aside from his days-old message.

No word at all from General Hill, but his corps appears to be slowly marching toward Cashtown. To the south, there are dire reports from our cavalry pickets at Shepherdstown. Sickles and his III Corps have stolen a march through the Middletown gap and are now in Sharpsburg, threatening our rear. General Longstreet has already taken the initiative to march south and meet the enemy, but no battle or skirmish has yet been reported.

We remain in desperate need of information about the Army of the Potomac, which is clearly much closer than we expected. The rest of their army cannot be far behind Sickles...but is he the vanguard, or merely a flank of the Yankee force?

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General
Army of Northern Virginia

To: Genl Lee

Sent: Turn 2 (GM roll = 5)

From: Longstreet's I Corps HQ

General Lee, The III Corp have secured the high ground at the Mecanicstown and Boonsboro Gaps. McLaws has to his front a significant unidentifiable Yankee force, likely 2 or more divisions taking positions in Mecanicstown. Gen. Pickett, from his position at the Boonsboro Gap, has spied an element of V Corp to his front, likely Barnes' division, who are camped in Middletown. Gen. Hood has checked the northward advance of Sickles III Corp. Two Union divisions sit across from his lines. The Union are in a bad position, with the Potomac to their left and rear and the mountains to their right. This is an opportune time to engage them. However, without support on my right flank, I cannot prevent Sickle's boys from advancing through Sheperdstown and crossing the Potomac! Please send **WITH HASTE** the unit west of Shepherdstown to support my effort at Sharpsburg. Your humble servant, Gen. Longstreet

To: Genl Lee
From: Ewell's II Corps HQ

Sent: Turn 2 (GM roll = 7)

General Lee,

It is my great pleasure to report that General Rodes and his division have seized Harrisburg and control the city. General Johnson's division has likewise seized Carlisle. I pray that you will continue to provide at least three staff dice to allow us to requisition all necessary supplies and wreck the river crossing (in the case of Harrisburg) over the next turn or two and then move south to join I and III Corps. Hopefully our work in the cities will be done quickly.

I have received reports from General Early (whose division should be in Lewisberry by the time you read this) that Union forces are pursuing my Corps north, with forces of indeterminate size currently located west of Wrightsville and in the vicinity of Abbotstown/New Berlin. It is my humble opinion that this may present an opportunity to bloody their nose a bit. Should the Union forces continue north and should at least III Corps be able close in behind these Union forces and come up from the south we could envelop them.

I am, and always shall remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

Lt. General Richard Ewell

To: Genl Lee
From: Hill's III Corps HQ

Sent: Turn 2 (GM roll = 7)

General Lee--My divisions are marching through Cashtown to Gettysburg on their way to secure supplies at Hanover.

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 3, Early July 1863

Genl. Lee,

The newspapers here in Chambersburg are filled with reports of General Ewell's men sacking the city of Harrisburg! Apparently there was a minor battle and General Rodes covered himself in glory, charging across the bridges before the Yankee militia could burn the crossing. While this is fantastic news, it does leave the II Corps very far north and our army badly extended at a dangerous time.

General Hill's corps has crossed the Blue Ridge into the unknown—without Stuart's cavalry, we have no way of knowing what Federal forces may be in southern Pennsylvania. General Longstreet's message indicates he may be facing at least two Federal corps around Sharpsburg and Boonsboro.

Our commissary reports that a large wagon train of captured supplies successfully crossed the Williamsport ford safely into Virginia.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General
Army of Northern Virginia

To: Genl Lee

Sent: Turn 3 (GM roll = n/a)

From: Hill's III Corps HQ

Unknown enemy presence reported in Hanover and Littlestown, Buford's cavalry directly south of Gettysburg, Reynolds' I Corps near Gettysburg on the Fairfield road. Heth is in Gettysburg, my HQ and Anderson are in Cashtown and Pender is on the road just east of Cashtown.

To: Genl Lee
From: Ewell's II Corps HQ

Sent: Turn 3 (GM roll = 6)

General Lee,

In response to your latest query, I will tell you that the only forces with which I have engaged in any hostile action were the rather pathetically ineffective militia that attempted to defend Harrisburg and which have now retreated to Middletown. I have suffered no losses. All other Union forces have thus far remained at a distance, though with each passing day my scouts report more of them converging in the Hanover-East Berlin-York triangle.

To provide you with the clearer picture you request, as I send this message, here is the disposition of both my and Union forces observed by my scouts:

My headquarters remains with Rhodes' Division in Harrisburg. We successfully looted the city and are sending a baggage train along the rail line towards Chambersburg. We attempted to wreck the river crossings here, but have thus far failed. Johnson's Division remains in Carlisle and has not yet successfully looted the city. Early's Division remains in Lewisberry.

The Union's Dept. of the Susquehanna HQ is currently located in Middletown, presumably with some fighting forces. Two other Union units of unknown strength are known to be east of the Susquehanna – one in Lancaster, and one in the map square immediately to the south-west of Mt. Joy.

One Union unit of indeterminate strength is located in E. Berlin. One Union unit of indeterminate strength is located in Hanover. One Union unit of indeterminate strength is located in York, with a second located immediately adjacent to the east. I wish I could provide more information, but this is the situation as I know it to be from my own scouting reports.

By the time you read this message, I expect the following will have occurred:

Early's division will decamp from Lewisberry and march toward Bermudian. Rhodes' Division will attempt to wreck the bridges at Harrisburg, but whether successful in that endeavor or not, will then march south towards Bermudian in support of Early. Johnson will attempt to loot Carlisle. If he succeeds then he will march towards York Springs. If he fails to loot Carlisle he will remain in place to attempt it again next turn (and thus I would continue to require the provision of staff dice).

I also intend to engage in some subterfuge and place a false dispatch in the hands of at least one Union commander indicating that I have burned the Harrisburg bridges and intend to march on York post haste. It is my hope that this will draw Union forces to the north and East and provide for easier opportunities to consolidate our corps.

If I may be so bold, I think such a consolidation is advisable as soon as practicable. Based on the reports I have thus far received it appears our forces are excessively spread out, and that I and III corps have been moving over-cautiously (if at all). In my estimation this leaves all three corps vulnerable to being attacked seriatim by Union forces that I suspect will soon outnumber us. That is why I am moving south this turn. If we were to consolidate our corps quickly, it is we who could potentially attack and destroy the Union forces facing us in the Hanover-East Berlin-York triangle before adequate support can be brought up from the south and thus even the odds a bit.

I am, and always shall remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

Lt. General Richard Ewell

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 4, Early July 1863

Genl. Lee,

We have learned from our close proximity to General Hill's HQ that his corps was engaged near a crossroads at Gettysburg, attempting to withdraw in the face of overwhelming Federal forces. The condition of Hill's corps is unknown at this time.

General Ewell appears to have completed his mission at Harrisburg, and from the nature of his most recent message, is marching south to secure a rendezvous with Hill. Not a moment too soon! No word from Longstreet in the last few days, but our cavalry pickets at Shepherdstown report that Hood's division mounted a glorious attack and routed Sickles' III Corps, dividing the enemy in two! While this is splendid news indeed, it does continue to leave Longstreet's corps quite far from the rest of the army.

[Random Event] Word arrived early this morning from President Davis that Richmond may be under threat from Federal operations. If you move one infantry division south of the Potomac and remove it from the campaign within the next two days, additional victory points will be awarded to us by Davis.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General
Army of Northern Virginia

To: Genl Lee

Sent: Turn 4 (GM roll = 9)

From: Longstreet's I Corps HQ

General Lee, Today was a glorious sight to behold: watching Birney's line crumble and fall back towards the Middletown Gap under General Hood's fearless assault! We have successfully split III Corp and have trapped Sickles HQ between the Potomac and Antietam Creek! I am continue to press our advantage, God willing. Continue to grant my boys maneuver dice as many as you seem appropriate to keep them Yankees on their heels! Supporting attacks from the east or north would also keep the union distracted and unable to support Sickles. Your humble servant, Gen. Longstreet

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 5, Mid July 1863

Genl. Lee,

A courier arrived from Chambersburg last night, with a telegram from President Davis. It simply reads: "The Army of Northern Virginia has covered itself in glory once more." Unfortunately, ill tidings from the west claim that Vicksburg has fallen and over 30,000 of our men have surrendered to General Grant. It is all the more critical that decisive victory result from our efforts here.

Generals Ewell and Hill are with us at Gettysburg, and it seems Meade's army has elected to take up positions on high ground just two miles to our south. Several Federal corps are unaccounted for and we must be wary of their positions. Still no word from Stuart, who is desperately needed.

Longstreet sent a report several days ago, which only just arrived. It indicates he is engaged around Sharpsburg, Maryland and may be enjoying some success.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General
Army of Northern Virginia

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 6, Mid July 1863

Genl. Lee,

The Battle of Emmitsburg will be remembered as a great victory for the Army of Northern Virginia. While morale in the army has soared to new heights, the unmistakable truth is that both of our recent battles were near-run things. Meade's army remains as potent and dangerous as ever. Rather than retreat deeper into Maryland, the enemy appears content to camp just a few miles east of our position. This may indicate they intend to continue the fight here, and with two entire Federal corps still missing, we must be alert.

General Stuart would be of great value at this time, but Baltimore newspapers report he was last seen menacing the enemy at Westminster. This report is now over a week old.

We have confirmed from multiple reliable news outlets that Federal militia recaptured Harrisburg in recent days, eliminating a potential supply source for our army. Two large wagon trains of provisions are now passing through the northern Cumberland Valley, thanks to General Ewell's earlier efforts.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General

Army of Northern Virginia

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 7, Late July 1863

Genl. Lee,

The Battle of Fairfield was nearly lost until Hood's division carried on a gallant assault to break the enemy lines on our far southern flank. The entire army is here with us, camped on the battlefield and watching the nearby campfires of the Army of the Potomac.

There is deeply disturbing news from Virginia, where Stuart's cavalry pickets are reporting considerable activity from the Yankees. Pickets along the Potomac report that elements of the Union V Corps under General Sykes marching on Martinsburg from the direction of Harper's Ferry, threatening our line of communication. Our pickets in Charleston report contact with the enemy and are falling back toward Winchester, pursued by General French and roughly 5,000 men of the Harper's Ferry garrison.

[Random Event] In more welcome news, General Stuart has reported to your headquarters tonight at Fairfield. He has completed a ride through Maryland and Pennsylvania and brings intelligence that scattered Federal infantry and cavalry elements are stationed near the Federal depot at Hanover. His division is now available for immediate action.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General

Army of Northern Virginia

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 8, Late July 1863

Genl. Lee,

The papers in Richmond are already signing songs of our triumph at the Battle of Fairfield and the Federal army is said to be in a state of disarray and plummeting morale. The enemy is fleeing east with all possible speed in the direction of Westminster, Maryland.

Our own army is slowly working through the Blue Ridge Mountains back to the safety of the Cumberland Valley. Our supply depot in Chambersburg is now under direct threat from marauding Federal cavalry—these people must be dealt with swiftly.

A dire development is also unfolding along the Potomac, where Stuart's cavalry pickets report multiple Federal corps have overrun our depot at Martinsburg and appear to be moving quickly to secure the critical river crossings we need to return home to Virginia. We have also lost all communication with our main Shenandoah Valley depot at Winchester....

[Random Events] A violent rain storm passed through Maryland yesterday, flooding parts of the Potomac and threatening ferry crossings.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General
Army of Northern Virginia

MORNING TELEGRAPH REPORT

Turn 9, Late July 1863

Genl. Lee,

The Army of Northern Virginia has disengaged from the enemy, putting the Blue Ridge Mountains between us and Meade's forces. There are reports of a small battle that erupted near Mechanicstown between AP Hill's rearguard and at least two Union corps attempting to pursue. The status of Hill's troops remains unknown.

To the north, Stuart's division raced ahead to occupy Greencastle, PA and safeguard the wagon trains moving south, but a corps of Federal cavalry overwhelmed us and drove Stuart back toward Hagerstown. In a second, follow-up skirmish, our cavalry held firm and drove those people away. Alas, the cost was steep. All our trains have been captured and our last supply depot at Chambersburg is now lost.

Stuart's troopers are reporting the ferry at Williamsport is washed out, which will force our army to cross at Shepherdstown, where pickets have detected Sickles and the III corps. Cut off from supplies, our ability for rapid maneuver is severely restricted.

Your Obedient Servant,

Maj. Walter Taylor

Asst. Adjutant General
Army of Northern Virginia