

## Blocher's Knoll A scenario for Longstreet



### Federal Briefing

#### Union forces

It is the afternoon of 1 July, 1863. This morning, Howard's XI Corps received orders to hurry to the town of Gettysburg, where I Corps had run into a sizeable enemy force. General Reynolds, senior officer in command, died early in the action and command devolved to General Howard. General Schurz now leads XI Corps.

The Corps forms the right of the line, facing North. The end of the line rests on Blocher's Knoll, the only high ground in the farmland north of town.

After a period of heavy combat involving I Corps to the West, Secessionist troops have appeared marching down the Harrisburg Road from the North, aiming straight for Blocher's Knoll. Prepare to defend the hill.

XI Corps has a reputation for bad luck, having been badly mauled by Jackson at Chancellorville earlier in the year. Other formations even accuse it of cowardice. The Corps has something to prove.

One map square is 12BW across. All waterways are streams (fordable with an extra action card; count as difficult in combat for troops attacking across them) NB woods only count as difficult for moving artillery.

Use the 1863 deck and add a DYO card at the first reshuffle. A Confederate objective is placed on Blocher's knoll.

The Union troops deploy first and the Confederates take the first turn.

Shattered point 38 (75) stands.

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Howard's XI Corps

Barlow's Division

Von Gilsa's brigade (Deploys on and around Blocher's Knoll facing North/Northwest).

54th New York. 3 stands. Cautious veterans.

68th New York. 4 stands. Cautious veterans.

153rd Pennsylvania. 8 stands. Seasoned veterans.

4th US, battery G, Wilkeson. 2 stands Napoleons.

Ames' Brigade (Deploys to the left of Von Gilsa and no further North than Blocher's Knoll)

17th Connecticut. 6 stands. Seasoned veterans.

25th Ohio. 4 stands. Cautious veterans.

75th Ohio. 4 stands. Seasoned veterans.

107th Ohio. 8 stands. Cautious veterans.

New York 13th independent, Wheeler. 2 stands Rifles.

Merkle's section, 1 stand Napoleons.

Weidmann's section, 1 stand Napoleons.

Schimmelpfennig's Division

Krzyzanowski's Brigade (deploys to the rear and left of Barlow, up to 8 BW in from the South table edge, facing North,)

58th New York 3 stands. Cautious veterans.

119th New York. 4 stands. Cautious veterans.

82nd Ohio. 5 stands. Cautious veterans.

75th Pennsylvania. 3 stands. Cautious veterans.

26th Wisconsin. 7 stands. Cautious veterans.

1st Ohio Light, battery I, Dilger. 3 stands Napoleons.

Von Amsberg's brigade (arrives as reinforcement on Southern edge, when DYO card is drawn).

157th New York. 7 stands. Seasoned veterans.

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### Confederate briefing

#### Confederate forces

It is the afternoon of 1 July, 1863. Earlier today, Ewell ordered the 2nd Corps to advance Southwards to link up with the rest of the army, which has encountered the enemy outside the town of Gettysburg. The end of the enemy line rests on Blocher's Knoll, the only high ground in the farmland north of town. Jubal Early's division, advancing along the Harrisburg Road, is ideally placed to outflank the Yankee position. Despite a hard march, your troops are in excellent spirits.

One map square is 12BW across. All waterways are streams (fordable with an extra action card; count as difficult in combat for troops attacking across them) NB woods only count as difficult for moving artillery.

Use the 1863 deck, with one DYO card added from the start.

Place a Confederate objective in the centre of Blocher's knoll.

The Union troops deploy first and the Confederates take the first turn.

Shattered point 38 (99) stands.

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Ewell's 2nd Corps

Rodes' Division

Dole's Brigade (deploy up to 12BW onto the table from the North edge, astride the Newville Road.)

4th Georgia. 6 stands. Seasoned veterans. Blackford's sharpshooters attached.

12th Georgia. 5 stands. Seasoned veterans.

21st Georgia. 5 stands. Seasoned veterans.

44th Georgia. 6 stands. Seasoned veterans.

King William battery. 1 stand Rifles, 1 stand Napoleons.

Early's Division

Gordon's Brigade (deploy up to 18BW onto the table from the North edge, in any formation, astride and/or to the west of the Harrisburg road.)

13th Georgia. 5 stands. Eager veterans.

31st Georgia. 4 stands. Eager veterans.

38th Georgia. 6 stands. Seasoned veterans.

60th Georgia. 5 stands. Seasoned veterans.

61st Georgia. 5 stands. Seasoned veterans.

Avery's Brigade (deploy up to 12BW onto the table from the North edge, in any formation, to the east of the Harrisburg road.)

6th North Carolina. 8 stands. Seasoned veterans.

21st North Carolina. 7 stands. Seasoned veterans.

57th North Carolina. 5 stands. Seasoned veterans.

Hay's Brigade (arrive on the Harrisburg Road, in any formation, the first time the DYO card is drawn).

5th Louisiana 3 stands. Seasoned veterans.

6th Louisiana 4 stands. Seasoned veterans.

7th Louisiana 4 stands. Seasoned veterans.

8th Louisiana 5 stands. Seasoned veterans.

9th Louisiana 6 stands. Seasoned veterans.

Artillery (All deploy with Avery, in any formation.)

Courtney battery. 2 stands Rifles.

Charlottesville battery. 2 stands Napoleons.

Louisiana Guard battery. 2 stands Rifles.

Staunton battery. 2 stands Napoleons.