

“Well, well, General, bury these poor men, and let us say no more about it.”

The first assault at Bristoe Station, 14 October 1863. A scenario for Longstreet.

Chasing the Army of the Potomac as it retreated northeastwards, the Army of Northern Virginia had the chance to defeat Warren's isolated II Corps as it approached Broad Run. An inspired defence, combined with confusion in the Confederate command, resulted in a major opportunity missed for A.P. Hill.

This scenario represents the first stage of the battle, when Heth's Division assaulted the vanguard of II Corps drawn up behind the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. At this point in the engagement superior Confederate numbers were balanced by a strong defensive Union position.

Map.



Each square is twelve BWs across.  
Orders of battle

**Union troops. Shatter point 24**

II Corps, Warren

2nd Division, Webb

1st Brigade, Heath

19th Maine 4 seasoned veterans

15th Massachusetts 4 seasoned veterans

1st Minnesota, 82nd New York (2nd Militia) 4 seasoned veterans

3rd Brigade, Mallon

19th Massachusetts, 20th Massachusetts 5 seasoned veterans

7th Michigan 4 seasoned veterans

42nd New York 4 seasoned veterans

59th New York 3 seasoned veterans

3rd Division, Hayes

3rd Brigade, Owen

39th New York, 111th New York 5 seasoned veterans

125th New York 4 seasoned veterans

126th New York 3 seasoned veterans

Artillery

1st Pennsylvania Light, Battery F and G, 3 rifles

1st Rhode Island Light, Battery A, 2 napoleons

1st Rhode Island Light, Battery C, 3 rifles

**Confederate troops. Shatter point 24**

3rd Corps, A.P. Hill

Heth's Division

Kirkland's Brigade

11th North Carolina 4 seasoned veterans

26th North Carolina 4 seasoned veterans

44th North Carolina 4 seasoned veterans

47th North Carolina 4 seasoned veterans

52nd North Carolina 4 seasoned veterans

Cooke's Brigade

15th North Carolina 8 eager veterans

27th North Carolina 8 eager veterans

46th North Carolina 8 eager veterans

48th North Carolina 9 eager veterans

Elements of McIntosh's Artillery Battalion 3 rifles

## Deployment

The Confederate forces set up first, in the squares along the top/Northern row of squares. Infantry may deploy in any formation and in any square. The artillery must deploy limbered in the top left square, on the lower road in the square. The Confederate places an objective marker in the right hand square of the Union setup area, at least 4 BWs from the railroad.

The Union forces set up second, in any formation, anywhere in any of the bottom/Southern row of squares as well as in the woods in the left hand square in the second row from the bottom. Where the railway is on high ground, troops immediately behind the railway line count as being in field works. The hill along the southern edge of the map is higher than all other hills on the table. Artillery on this hill may fire over the railroad embankment, including over friends along the embankment.

The Confederates take the first turn.