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Antietam National Battlefield (American Civil War History: Battle Of Antietam And The Emancipation Proclamation)



Synopsis

The Battle of Antietam has been called the bloodiest single day in American History. By the end of the evening, 17 September 1862, an estimated 4,000 American soldiers had been killed and over 18,000 wounded in and around the small farming community of Sharpsburg, Maryland. Emory Upton, then a captain with the Union artillery battery, later wrote, "I have heard of 'the dead lying in heaps,' but never saw it till this battle. Whole ranks fell together." The battle had been a day of confusion, tactical blunders, individual heroics, and the effects of just plain luck. It brought to an end a Confederate campaign to "liberate" the border state of Maryland and possibly take the war into Pennsylvania. A little more than one hundred and forty years later, the Antietam battlefield is one of the best-preserved Civil War battlefields in the National Park System. Respected civil war historian and author Frederick Tilberg will take you on a thrilling ride through the events of the day in this official National Park Service Guide. Newly reformatted for the Kindle, this edition is packed with photographs and maps, setting the stage of the battle with visual impact, and bringing the characters to life. (As with the print edition, all images except the cover art are in black and white.) Also included is a special section on the Emancipation Proclamation, including the full text of this historic document that changed the direction of the country.

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As an American, I feel it is my duty to know the facts throughout our history and the Antietam Battle is one that certainly cannot be missed. I was confounded by the scores of men, patriots and rebels, that perished on that field. When the sun set, over 22,000 men had either been killed or wounded. You often hear vague details from the unbelievably tragic event, but this book was perfect in laying out the whole battle in an easy to understand way. I found that I could feel the history coming alive in my mind with the vivid detailing and remarkable accounts of that day. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to know more about the Civil War, the Antietam Battle or just looking for a part of our history to learn from.

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