

# Kettle Run

August 27, 1862 Virginia

*".... fresh columns of the enemy were seen advancing, and it was apparent that his force was larger than ours."*

**BG. Jubal A. Early**

## **Background**

On August 22 Confederate cavalry carried out a raid on Catlett's Station, this action gained information that Union Major General John Pope's Army of Virginia, would soon be strengthened by troops returning from the failed campaign on the Peninsular. This would put its strength at upwards of 130,000 men. Acting on this threat Robert E. Lee split his forces with the intent of getting behind Pope and destroying his army before it could unite with the reinforcements.

In the early hours of August 25 Stonewall Jackson struck out to put his men astride the Federal communications. By the morning of the 27th the vast Union supply depot at Manassas lay within the grasp of Jackson's weary troops. The Confederates set about helping themselves to the immense stocks of military and logistical supplies. With most of his force in Manassas, Jackson took precautions against possible Union interference by leaving three brigades under Richard Ewell at nearby Bristoe Station.

All around Manassas Federal troops in large and small bodies were actively searching for the elusive Rebels. One such force under Major General Joseph Hooker found Ewell at Bristoe. A reconnaissance by the 72nd New York Infantry confirmed the presence of Confederates in large numbers. Hooker deployed and marched forward. Ewell's men fought well for more than an hour but soon found their flanks in danger as the Yankees probed for a way around the Confederate line. An anxious Ewell was eventually given permission by Jackson to withdraw and proceeded to carry out a skillful retreat.

None of the participants singled this action out from the main battles of the campaign therefore accurate losses are not available. Only the Federals hazard a number and put their killed, wounded and missing at 300

## **THE WARGAME**

The scenario begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

## **DEPLOYMENT**

Deployment is as shown on the map.

The 49th Virginia can enter at C at any time.

For the Federals the 2nd (Excelsior) Brigade enters at B at 3 p.m.

the 1st Brigade enters at A at 3 p.m., accompanied by Battery D, Pennsylvania Light Artillery; the rest of the Union artillery enters at B at 3:45.

## **TERRAIN**

All slopes are open, and woods simple movement.

## **VICTORY CONDITIONS**

The Federals must force the Confederates out of the woods, the Confederates must prevent this.

## **COMMANDS:**

Union - 3

Confederate – 3

## **SCALES:**

*Time* – 15 minutes per turn

*Units* – Strengths are base roughly on 100 to 1000 man Regiments and their Experience.

The nonlinear numbers for Infantry and Cavalry can be changed to a linear numbers, by reducing the next number in the row by one, down to the last number which should be a one.

*Map* - 1" = 40 yards / Each square is 12 inches

This Scenario was developed from **“Across a Deadly Space!”** by George Anderson & Ryan Toews, Potomac Publications. Their scenarios books can be Purchased at the Wargames Vault:

<https://www.wargamevault.com/browse/pub/4892/Potomac-Publications?term=potomac> **Highly recommend!**

To use this scenario, you will need a copy of the **“Blücher”** rules by Sam Mustafa are available at:

<https://sammustafa.com/store/> **Also, highly recommended!**

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## UNION ORDER OF BATTLE

### *Second Division, Third Army Corps*

MG Joseph Hooker

(2) (Inspiring &Hero) (Artillery)

#### *First Brigade*

BG Cuvier Grover

(3+1d6)

1st MA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

11th MA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/-

16th MA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

2nd NH (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

26th PA (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/-

#### *Second (Exelsior) Brigade*

Col. Nelson Taylor

(3+1d6)

70th NY (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

71st NY (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/+1

72nd NY (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

73rd NY (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(1) -/+1

74th NY (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/+1

#### *Third Brigade*

Col. Joseph B. Carr

(3+1d6)

5th NJ (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/-

6th NJ (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

7th NJ (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) +1/-

8th NJ (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

2nd NY (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/-

115th PA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/+1 #

#### *Attached artillery*

D PA Lt Art (6)(5)(5)(4)(3)(3) RL -/-

E 1st RI (6)(5)(5)(4)(3)(3) SBH +1/+1

E 4th US (6)(5)(5)(4)(3)(3) RL -/-

## CONFEDERATE ORDER OF BATTLE

### *Ewell's Division*

MG Richard S. Ewell

(4) (Inspiring &Hero)

#### *Early's Brigade*

BG Jubal A. Early

(5+1d6) (Inspiring &Hero) (Vigorous)

13th VA (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) +1/-

25th VA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/-

31st VA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/+1

44th VA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/-

49th VA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

52nd VA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(1) +1/

58th VA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

#### *Hay's Brigade*

Col. Henry Forno

(3+1d6)

5th LA (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) +1/-

6th LA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) +1/-

7th LA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) +1/-

8th LA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) +1/-

14th LA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) +1/-

#### *Lawton's Brigade*

BG Alexander R. Lawton

(4+1d6)

13th GA (6)(6)(5)(4)(3)(2) -/+1

26th GA (6)(5)(4)(3)(3)(2) -/+1

31st GA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/+1

38th GA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) +1/-

60th GA (6)(5)(4)(3)(2)(2) -/+1

61st GA (6)(5)(4)(4)(3)(2) -/+1

#### *Artillery*

Brown's Md. Bty. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) SBL +1/-

Latimer's VA Bty. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) SBH +1/+1

D'Aquin's LA Bty. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) RL -/-

Dement's MD Bty. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) SBH +1/+1

Johnson's VA Bty. (5)(4)(4)(3)(2)(2) RL -/-

Balthis' VA Bty. (4)(4)(3)(3)(2)(2) SBL +1/-

**Cavalry & Mobile = CC**

**Impetuous = II**

**Counter Battery = CB**

**Sharpshooters = SS**

**Repeaters = RR**

