

The relative positions of the 151st Pa. & 20th N.Y. to each other I cannot determine from the recollection of any of us.²⁷⁸ We only understood that the line to our right rear was formed by those two regiments. Gen. Doubleday's order issued the next morning, indicates that they were in the front line also.

I think, supposing the 151st Pa. to have been the one nearest us, that its left was about five or six rods to the rear and as many to the right of the 13th's right. It may not have been quite as much to the rear as that.

Our three regiments were put into the front, on the left centre Thursday night, before dark, and all changed position somewhat during the day on Friday. At daylight the 14th was close to the battery in its rear²⁷⁹ and lost some men by explosion of a caisson. It was then moved to the front perhaps two rods to lower ground, where some trees & bushes afforded a little cover. Its right was right in front of a spring, and a little stream ran through the grass in its rear.²⁸⁰ The 13th lay through a small knoll, covered with small trees, its line extending each side of it, till it was thrown out on the flank of [Brig. Gen. James L.] Kemper's brigade in the afternoon. It returned after that to the same position.

The 16th Vt. was half of it on the skirmish line, its skirmishers extending from about where I have put the letter H down to connect with those of the 5th Corps. The other half of the regiment lay by division just in point of the left of the 14th, as reserve for the skirmishers.

The skirmishers were called in and the regiment joined the 13th in the flank attack. It left that position to take on the flank a rebel brigade which came in later on the left and was all taken prisoners. The 16th was then withdrawn behind and a little to the right of the 13th. This must have been as late as four o'clock of Friday, and it was then for a few hours in the same line with the regiments to our right.

There were two lines of battle in the rear of our brigade Friday. Our regiments were pretty full ones, having about 700 men apiece, on the field.

278. See footnote previous letter of Gates for these positions.

279. Rorty's Battery B, 1st New York. See Map [3] P-18.

280. Somewhat to the rear of the Codori farm (O-18) at right angle to the line of battle.

The spot where Hancock fell I can locate within five feet, as I helped to catch him as he fell.

I advise you to call on Genl. Stannard, 44 Blesker St. He or Lieut. Hooker of his staff may recollect more positively as to the exact position of the 20th N.Y.S.M.

I think in my diagram I have not got the left of the 14th out far enough. It was quite a distance in front of anything behind its left.

I am impatient to see your completed plate.

Very Sincerely
G. G. Benedict.

Letter of John B. Bachelder

[Form letter and diagram sent to Daniel B. Allen, Lt. Col.
154th New York.]

59 Beekman St. New York Mar. 17, 1864

Dear Sir

On arranging the positions of troops on my great picture of the Gettysburg Battlefield,²⁸¹ and the key accompanying it, I find that I still lack some items regarding your regts. to show them as fairly as I can other brigades of your corps. I mark out a table as sample which will show you the material wanted and by filling this out, with the assistance of your officers, and forwarding it at your earliest convenience, you will confer a favor, besides enabling me to do justice to your troops. Give the names of your regts. their successive commanders as far as known, whether killed or wounded, and their order from right to left, & regts. in front or supporting (at that battle). Send what you know if it is but one regt. or battery. Do so at once as I am nearly ready to go to proof.

281. This Painting was seven feet high and twenty feet long. It was designed by Bachelder, painted by Walker and exhibited throughout the country. An engraving was made of it and a key published to identify the participants. Walker also painted several smaller versions, one of which is in the possession of the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire There are many references to this painting in the ensuing letters.

Yours with respect,
 Jno. B. Bachelder
 Print publisher.

P.S. Answer by return mail if possible.

[There follows a chart and printed diagram of the battlefield.
 See Plate 3]

Letter of Col. Thomas O. Seaver
 Head Quarters 3d Vt. Infy.
 March 22d, 1864

Sir,

Yours was received tonight. In reply my regiment was not engaged at Gettysburg. I was in position to the left and rear of Round Top Mt. on a line nearly at a right angle with the main line of battle. The brigade to which my regiment was attached held the extreme left of the army—the 2d Vt. Regt. was on my left, the Pa. Reserves on my right. I do not know by whom they were commanded.

Respectfully yours,
 T. O. Seaver
 Col. 3d Vt. Infy.

My regt. belongs to the 2d Brigade 2d Divis. 6th Corps. Vols.

Letter of Maj. Gen. David B. Birney
 Hd. Qrs 1st Div., 3d Corps
 March 22d, 1864

John B. Bachelder, Esq.
 New York
 My dear Sir,

I have yours of the 21st and return the sketch. My Division,²⁸² Commanded by Brig. Gen. [J. H. Hobart] Ward, brigades commanded by Cols. [Regis] De Trobriand, [Henry J.] Madill, and [Hiram] Berdan, were immediately on Humphrey's right, and before dusk relieved the Vermont troops and occu-

282. Maj. Gen. David B. Birney commanded Third Corps, July 3rd.

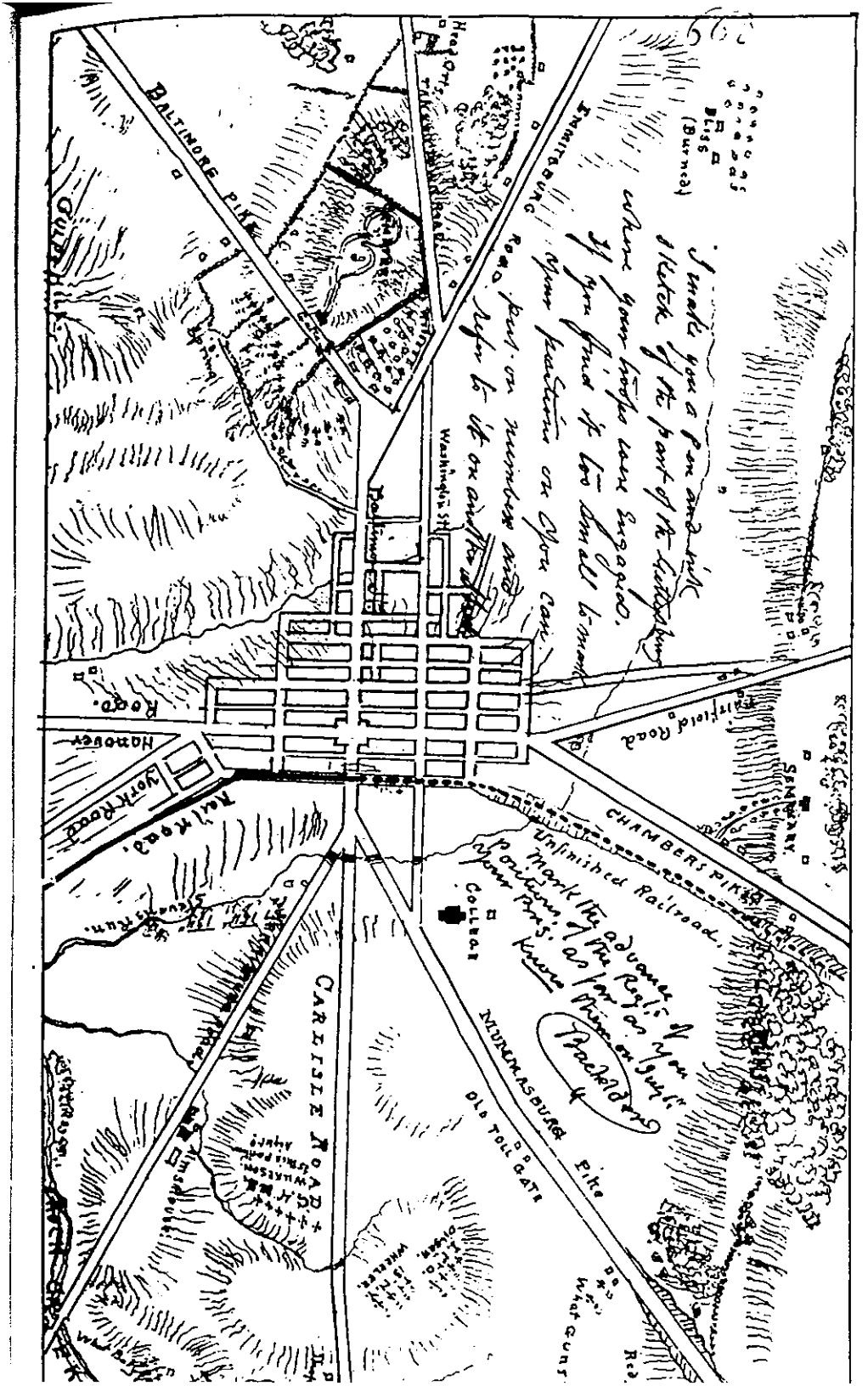


PLATE 3

The 3d Regt. Wis. Infantry belongs and was then attached to 12th Corps 3d Brigade 1st Div. commanded by Col. Wm. Hawley⁴⁵ and were on the extreme right of the line of battle from the position we held accounts for the small loss sustained as the line was not attacked during the fight. Our loss was in skirmishing, not in actual battle. Changed position several times but providentially were saved from the usual slaughter as in other former engagements. I can not give the full history time and space forbid. On the night of the 2d of July our Div. recd. orders to move to the support of the left center, but finding it safe from further danger were moved back to our old line to which, during our absence was taken to the enemy. The div. rested on arms until morning of the 3d when the battle opened with firing on the right and lasted until our former position was wrenched from the foe.⁴⁶ The heavy fighting was further to our left falling on the 2d Div. 12th Corps and partly covering our line. I have given I presume all you ask in reference to that battle.

I am very respectfully
Geo. W. Stevenson
Lt. Col. 3 Wis. Inft.

Letter of Col. Philip P. Browne⁴⁷

*Hd Qrs. 157th N.Y. Vols.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Apr. 4th, 1864*

Jno. B. Bachelder, Esq.
Sir;

I herewith return the circular sent me with all the information I am able to give. I have numbered the different positions occupied by my regiment.

Our first position was near the Carlisle road (marked 1)⁴⁸ immediately behind Dilger's battery.⁴⁹ I then moved up with the rest of the brigade and occupied the position (marked 2)⁵⁰ a short distance from the "Red Barn." I then changed front and

45. *OR* states 3rd Wisconsin commanded by Lt. Col. Martin Flood. *OR*, vol. 27, pt. 1, p. 1043.

46. See Map [3] S-17.

47. Commanded 157th New York.

48. See Map [1] O-7.

49. Capt. Howard Dilger commanded Battery I, 1st Ohio Light.

50. See Map [1] O-6.

moved over alone to the position (marked 3) near the Carlisle Road, but a short distance from the forks on the north edge of your map.

I did this in order to attack the flank of the enemy's line which was advancing over the field between the Carlisle and Harrisburg road driving one of our brigades. In the position marked (3)⁵¹ I did all my fighting on the 1st of July. The force opposed to me was a brigade of Ewell's men composed mostly of Georgians.⁵²

Here I lost all my officers killed and wounded and most of my men.

I was repulsed and took my next position in front of the College (marked 4).⁵³ My next was on Cemetery Hill a short distance in rear of the stone-wall (marked 5).⁵⁴

I enclose the statistic desired.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. servt.
P. P. Browne

Letter of Lt. Col. Daniel B. Allen

*Hd. Qrs. 154th N.Y. Vols.
Lookout Valley Tenn.
Apr. 5th, 1864*

A. B. Bachelder, Esq.⁵⁵

Dear Sir;

Enclosed I return your map with positions and statistics noted as you request.⁵⁶ Our regt. belongs to the 1st Brigade, 2d Div. 11th Corps. The brigade (Buschbeck's)⁵⁷ is composed of the 154th & 134th N.Y. & the 27th & 73d Pa. The 73d Pa. Vols. was stationed in the town. The rest of the brigade went down front of the town and took the position I have indicated on the map a little before 3 o'clock P.M. July 1. ~~During the~~ There were no other troops down there at the time we marched down. The First and Third Divisions, had fought a little to the left & front of this ground earlier in the day, but had been driven back into the town just as we marched through it to the front to check

51. See Map [1] P-5.

52. Map indicates Doles' Brigade of Rodes' Division.

53. See Map [1] P-8.

54. See Map [3] Q-15.

55. The error in Bachelder's first initial is in the original letter.

56. This map is not in the collection.

57. Under command of Col. Charles R. Coster at Gettysburg.

the enemy.⁵⁸ We were soon overpowered there and compelled to fall back. During the remainder of the battle we occupied a position on Cemetery Hill.⁵⁹

I do not know whether you have got those roads located correctly in front of the town, At all events our position was immediately to the right of the right hand road leading out of town and in front of a house and a brick kiln.

Yours truly
Daniel B. Allen
Lt. Colonel 154th N. Y. Vols.

Letter of Col. Andrew L. Harris

*Head Quarters, 75th Ohio Vol.
Jacksonville, Fla. Apl. 7, 1864
Captain I. M. Brown
A.A.G.*

Sir:

In compliance with your request I lay before you the following facts in regard to the different positions and the part taken by the 2d Brigade, 1st Div. 11th Corps, in the battle of Gettysburg.

I assumed command of the brigade late in the afternoon of the 1st of July and took my position, by order of Gen. Ames, at a stonewall on the right, and nearly at right angles with the Baltimore road, throwing a heavy line of skirmishers into the edge of the town.⁶⁰ During the night a few random shots were fired; but early in the morning of the 2d the enemy attacked my skirmishers firing from behind the fences and a brick kiln on the right, and from the houses on the left. This continued until near sundown, when the positions of the different regiments of the brigade were changed to that designated in the diagram yesterday. In moving the 17th C.V.⁶¹ to the extreme right and front of my line their place at the wall was left vacant, thus endangering the left flank of the 75th O.V.I.⁶² and the right flank of the 25th O.V.I. Before I could make any arrangements to remedy this breach in the line the attack of the enemy on Cemetery Hill was made and I was forced back by superiority of numbers with heavy loss.

58. See Map [1] R-9.

59. See Map [3] P-15.

60. See Map [2] Q-13.

61. 17th Connecticut Volunteers.

62. 75th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

After the repulse of the enemy, I took up a position at the stone wall in the rear of, and parallel with the one occupied the previous day, my left resting on the Baltimore Road. Before day on the morning of the 3d I was ordered to move to the right along the wall⁶³ until I joined the 1st Brigade and to throw a strong line of skirmishers to the front, which was done. At daylight my skirmishers commenced a heavy fire upon the skirmishers of the enemy, which they replied to with vigor. This was kept up the entire day, in which my command suffered severely.

Early on the morning of the 4th I was ordered by Gen. Ames⁶⁴ to throw my brigade forward into the town, which I did, finding but few of the enemy remaining who were easily made prisoners. I may safely add that the 2d Brigade was the first to enter the town of Gettysburg after the battle. While in the town Col. [William H.] Noble arrived and assumed command of the Brigade.

The 75th O.V.I. lost during the battle as follows:

Killed—Officers, 3	Enlisted men, 36
Wounded—Officers, 6	Enlisted men, 84
Missing—Officers, 4	Enlisted men, 50

Officers killed Capt. M[ahlon] B. Briggs. Co. "D," Capt. J[ames] C. Mulharen Co. "C," Lt. Thos. Wheeler "A."
Officers wounded; Lt. Col. Ben. Morgan, Capt. E[lias] R. Montfort Co. "F"; Lt. W[illiam J.] I. Rannells "I"; Lt. D[avid] A. Miller Co. "H"; Lt. G[eorge] A. Russell Co. "B"; Lt. Alonzo Ford Co. "D."
Officers Missing Lts. D[avid] McCully, D[avid] B. Caldwell, Jos. H. Potts and J[ohn] A. Mendenhall.

I am Captain,⁶⁵
Very Respectfully
Yr. Obdt. Servt.
A. L. Harris
Col. 75th Ohio Vols.

"The Iron Brigade"
7th Wis. Infantry at Gettysburg, Pa.
Report of Lt. Col. John Callis

63. See Map [3] R-13.

64. Brig. Gen. Adelbert Ames, Second Brigade, First Division, Eleventh Corps.

65. Copied from his report to A.A.G. Capt. Brown.