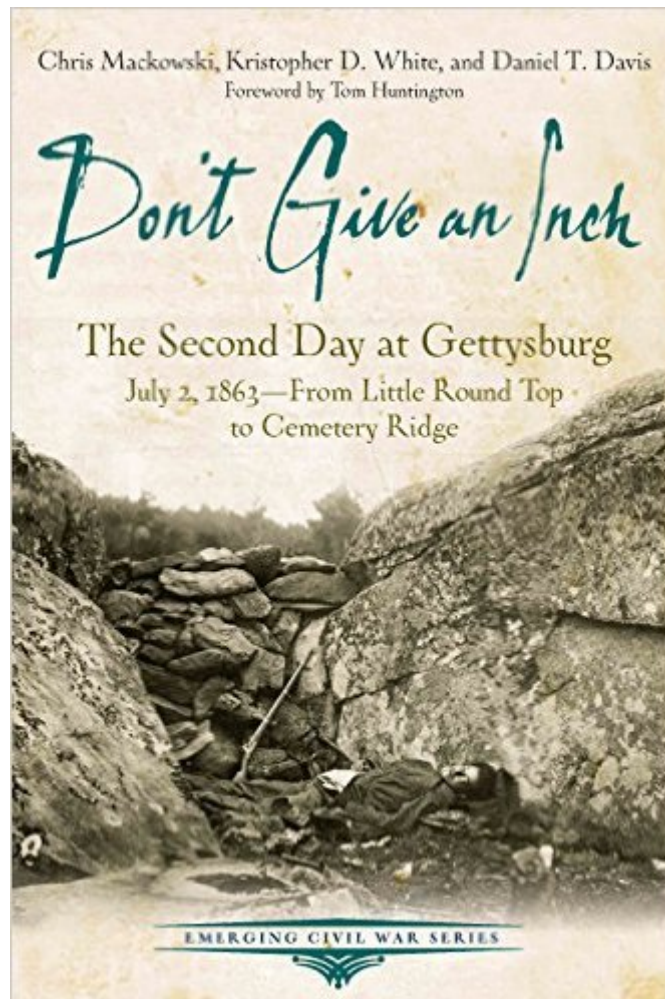


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# Don't Give An Inch: The Second Day At Gettysburg, July 2, 1863 (Emerging Civil War Series)



## Synopsis

George Gordon Meade could hardly believe it: only three days earlier, he had been thrust unexpectedly into command of the Army of the Potomac, which was cautiously stalking its long-time foe, the Army of Northern Virginia, as it launched a bold invasion northward. Meade had hardly wrapped his head around the situation before everything exploded. Outside the small college town of Gettysburg, Confederates had inexplicably turned on the lead elements of Meade's army and attacked. The first day of battle had ended poorly for Federals, but by nightfall, they had found a lodgment on high ground south of town. There, they fortified and waited. "Don't give an inch, boys!" one Federal commander told his men. The next day, July 2, 1863, would be one of the Civil War's bloodiest. Confederate commander Robert E. Lee would launch his army at the Federal position in a series of assaults that would test the mettle of men on both sides in a way few had ever before been tested and the Pennsylvania landscape would run red as a result. With names that have become legendary—Little Round Top, Devil's Den, the Peach Orchard, the Wheatfield, Culp's Hill—the second day at Gettysburg encompasses some of the best-known engagements of the Civil War. Yet those same stories have also become shrouded in mythology and misunderstanding. In *Don't Give an Inch: The Second Day at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863*, Emerging Civil War historians Chris Mackowski and Daniel T. Davis peel back the layers to share both the real and often-overlooked stories of that fateful summer day. In the same engaging style that has invited thousands of readers into the Civil War's most important stories, Mackowski and Davis share their intimate knowledge of the battlefield they both grew up on.

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The Emerging Civil War Series has been a collection of excellent books introducing campaigns and battles which are less travelled than some of the major Civil War sites. But recently, the series is tackling the most travelled of all sites: Gettysburg. However, they are going about this in a completely different way than some of the other works in the series. Instead of devoting one book to the Battle of Gettysburg, the authors are splitting up the work into three volumes on the battle and one guide to the campaign as a whole. This treatment from the series not only gives the Emerging Civil War a chance to tackle this popular subject, but also offers some much-needed information for those just getting into the realm of Civil War studies. Chris Mackowski is the editor-in-chief of Emerging Civil War and splits his time between teaching writing at Saint Bonaventura University and Fredericksburg, Virginia where he is the historian in residence. He has worked previously at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Kristopher D. White is the chief historian for the Emerging Civil War and is also a historian for the Penn-Trafford Recreation Board. He is a graduate of Norwich University with a Masters in Military History. Chris Mackowski and Kristopher D. White are co-founders of Emerging Civil War. Daniel Davis is the managing editor of Emerging Civil War and is a graduate of Longwood University with a Bachelors in Public History. He is the co-author of *Bloody Autumn: The Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864*, *Hurricane from the Heavens: The Battle of Cold Harbor, May 26-June 5, 1864* and *Calamity in Carolina: The Battles of Averasboro and Bentonville*.

The fighting on July 2, 1863, on the Union left and center includes some of the climactic and most confusing action of the Battle of Gettysburg. In their new book, "Don't Give an Inch: The Second Day at Gettysburg July 2, 1863, From Little Round Top to Cemetery Ridge" authors Chris Mackowski, Kristopher White, and Daniel Davis offer an accessible and riveting introduction to this critical aspect of the battle. The book is part of a series in process which will cover the entire three days of Gettysburg. Additional related books in the "Emerging Civil War Series" of Savas Beatie cover the movements of the armies leading to and from Gettysburg ("The Last Road North" by Orrison and Welch) together with individual actions such as the cavalry battle at Brandy Station ("Out Flew the Sabres" by Wittenberg and Davis). "Don't Give an Inch" is organized as a driving tour of the battlefield. The book sets the stage by examining the status of the battle after the fighting on July 1 and the decisions the Confederate and Union high commands made in anticipation of the

continuing contest. There are ten stops on the tour beginning with the new Seminary Ridge Museum and continuing through Pitzer's Woods, the Mississippi State Memorial and Warfield Ridge, Little Round Top and the 20th Maine position on East Little Round Top, Devil's Den, The Wheatfield, The Peach Orchard, the site of the wounding of Union general Dan Sickles, the 1st Minnesota Monument, and the High Water Mark, which roughly coincides with the High Water Mark of Pickett's Charge of July 3. The organization of the tour in itself gives a good overview of the course of the battle. The tour offers good clear driving and parking directions around the battlefield, including GPS coordinates.

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