

led on, notwithstanding their long and rapid march, but the enemy was allowed to remain unmolested in his strong position, and before morning he had been reinforced by many thousands. The first opportunity was lost. Now for the second.

On the evening of the 1st of July, after dark, Johnson's division moved on a line parallel with the York turnpike, crossing which about a mile below Gettysburg it took its place in line of battle along the road leading to Hanover. That night the troops slept upon their arms, ready to renew the conflict in the morning.

The line of battle was formed with Longstreet on the right, Hill in the centre and Ewell on the left. Longstreet had orders to attack at 9 o'clock in the morning, but unfortunately he did not agree with General Lee in his plan of attack, and, in hopes of inducing or compelling him to conform to his views, he allowed the day to pass by until near 5 o'clock, when, because of still more peremptory orders to begin his attack, he reluctantly obeyed. His troops attacked with great vigor, and had they done so even an hour earlier Little Round Top, the key to the whole Federal position, would have fallen into their possession. As it was, it was only averted by the opportune arrival of large reinforcements of the enemy at the very moment when success seemed assured. Had the attack been made in the morning at 9 o'clock, as Longstreet had been ordered to make it, he would have found the position comparatively unoccupied, and the enemy, this position once in the hands of the Confederates, would have been compelled to make a precipitate retreat, which would have degenerated into a rout. Thus was lost the second opportunity.

In the meantime Ewell, who was to attack at the first sounds of Longstreet's guns, was in anxious expectancy, and when at length, after this irritating delay, the welcome signal to move forward was heard Ewell immediately put his troops in motion, preceded by a cloud of skirmishers.

The ground over which Johnson's Division moved was rough enough at first, but became much rougher after it had crossed Rock Creek and struck the wooded hill, known as Culp's Hill. Here immense rocks and boulders were encountered, which greatly retarded the progress of the troops, and darkness came on, and no enemy save a few skirmishers had been encountered.

The regiments comprising Stuart's Brigade were assigned the following positions in line : Third North Carolina on the right ; Second Maryland, Thirty-seventh Virginia, Twenty-third Virginia and Tenth Virginia, the First North Carolina being held in reserve. Finding that he was inclining too far to the left, General Stuart moved obliquely to the right, which movement brought the Third North Carolina and Second Maryland face to face with the enemy behind a line of log breastworks, and these two regiments received their full fire at very short range, for, owing to the darkness, the breastworks could not