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Shively, 2025-04-01 Waged from June 26 to September 1 1862 the Second Manassas campaign pitted the US Armies of Virginia and the Potomac against the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and its new commander Robert E Lee The campaign unfolded against a backdrop of momentous US political decisions regarding confiscation emancipation and Confederate civilians These decisions dismayed and energized Confederates sparking the debut of Lee's offensive strategy Weeks of strategic movements were punctuated by savage fighting that culminated in a climactic battle on August 28 30 Second Manassas destroyed the careers of US army commander John Pope and corps commander Fitz John Porter Despite the dramatic impact of the campaign it is often forgotten in the larger history of the Civil War and sorely understudied The essays in this volume provide valuable attention to strategy tactics and logistics the performances of key commanders on each side the campaign's political dimensions the connections between home front and battlefield and the memory of the campaign's aftermath Contributors include Keith S Bohannon Gary W Gallagher John J Hennessy Peter C Luebke James Marten William Marvel and Cecily Zander The Maps of Second Bull Run Bradley M. Gottfried, 2024-11-21 A map based analysis of the Second Bull Run Campaign detailing troop movements battles and strategies with full color cartography and insightful commentary The Maps of Second Bull Run An Atlas of the Second Bull Run Manassas Campaign from the Formation of the Army of Virginia Through Chantilly June 26 September 1 1862 continues Bradley M Gottfried's efforts to study and illustrate the major campaigns of the Civil War This is the tenth book in the ongoing Savas Beatie Military Atlas Series President Abraham Lincoln's frustration with George B McClellan's inability to defeat Robert E Lee and capture Richmond dramatically increased after the unsuccessful Seven Days Battles In response Lincoln combined three small armies into the new Army of Virginia and placed it under Maj Gen John Pope who had overseen several successes in the Western Theater Pope's aggressiveness and McClellan's passivity on the Peninsula convinced Lee to send Thomas Stonewall Jackson's wing of the Army of Northern Virginia to confront Pope A bloody battle at Cedar Mountain on August 9 halted Pope s move south and Jackson's raid on the vast stores at Manassas Junction triggered another confrontation this time at Kettle Run When McClellan's troops abandoned the Peninsula Lee moved his other wing under James Longstreet rapidly north Pope missed an opportunity to prevent the junction of Lee's wings by not stopping Longstreet at Thoroughfare Gap The battle of Second Bull Run began on the evening of August 28 when Jackson tangled with Union troops at the Brawner Farm Pope spent much of the next day hammering Jackson's front with no idea that Longstreet was arriving on the field The Union assaults continued on August 30 until Longstreet launched a massive assault that rolled up the Union left flank and collapsed Pope s army The retreat was briefly interrupted by some of Jackson s units at Chantilly which ended the campaign The Maps of Second Bull Run plows new ground by breaking down the entire campaign into 24 map sets or action sections enriched with 122 detailed full page color maps These cartographic originals bore down to the regimental and battery level They include the march to and from the battlefields and virtually every significant event in between including cavalry actions At

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