

# SCOURGE OF WAR ANTIETAM

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**Scourge of War - Antietam**

Freehold, NJ, October 14, 2011 -- Norb Software Development, Inc. is thrilled to announce the **Antietam Battle Pack** for **Scourge of War – Gettysburg**. Now in final testing, **Antietam** is scheduled for release late in 2011.

**Antietam** is the second expansion pack for **Scourge of War – Gettysburg**. Featuring the battles of Antietam and South Mountain, Antietam will include 26 new single player and 2 multi-player historical scenarios. Played on four new meticulously researched and accurate maps, Antietam promises to deliver the ultimate Civil War playing experience for casual and hard core gamers alike.

The Battle of Antietam or Battle of Sharpsburg was fought on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862 along the Antietam Creek, near the small farming community of Sharpsburg, Maryland. The battle was part of General Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign and was the first major battle to take place in Union

territory. It was the bloodiest single day in American history, with around 23,000 casualties.

Shortly after Lee launched his Maryland campaign, McClellan's Army of The Potomac cautiously pursued him. When the McClellan's Army was encamped in Frederick MD on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Union soldiers discovered order 191, a detailed campaign plan outlining the movements of Lee's forces. This document held the key to completely destroy Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, yet the timid McClellan acted slowly and did not fully take advantage of it.

However on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, he did manage to surprise a portion of Lee's army guarding the **South Mountain** gaps, where he achieved a decisive victory. McClellan did not capitalize on his success and instead of pursuing Lee's forces over the mountain; he halted allowing Lee's army to consolidate on the high ground west of the Antietam creek.

This set the stage for the largest battle of the Civil War up to that point. Again, McClellan acted timidly and stalled for nearly two days, which gave Lee's army valuable time to re-enforce his lines. Jackson's force had captured Harpers Ferry on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and portions of it were still making its way to Sharpsburg. By the morning of Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, all of Lee's divisions were setup on good defensive ground near Sharpsburg, minus A.P. Hill's division who had been left to parole the Union prisoners at Harpers Ferry. He would arrive later that afternoon just in time to provide a crushing flank attack on the Union left, which would end The Battle of Antietam resulting in a stalemate.

**Scourge of War – Gettysburg** is the definitive digital experience of the Battle of Gettysburg. Critically acclaimed for its historic accuracy and precise detail, this real-time 3D, multiplayer game offers the ultimate battlefield challenge – putting you in command of Union or Confederate troops in all stages of this epic Civil War turning point. Players are able to test themselves against the award winning AI, while navigating each day's exact Order of Battle built by expert NorbSoftDev historians. One of the best strategic and tactical internet war games available, **Scourge of War – Gettysburg** is the first in a series of interactive Civil War simulations from [NorbSoftDev](http://www.norbsoftdev.com).

NorbSoftDev (NSD) is an independent game company made up of leading game developers who are also Civil War historical experts. From its 2006 beginnings with the acclaimed **Take Command** series to today's state of the art **Scourge of War**, NSD brings the 19th century combat engine to life for Civil War enthusiasts, historians and gamers looking to experience strategic and tactical battlefield challenges in vivid, accurate detail. More information about NSD is available at <http://www.norbsoftdev.com>

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