

Antietam National Battlefield



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Battle of Antietam (Union victory)

Date: September 17, 1862

The 24-acre cornfield saw some of American history's most horrific fighting as soldiers fought back and forth through the corn. Union General Joseph Hooker remarked that "Every stalk of corn... was cut as closely as could have been done with a knife." During the fighting in the cornfield, approximately one soldier fell every single second.