



Crampton's Gap circa 1900. War correspondent George Alfred Townsend acquired 100 acres around the gap and constructed several buildings that removed any trace of the battlefield. The War Correspondents Monument is visible on the far right. *Maryland Department of Natural Resources*

bounded by a stone wall. Four understrength infantry regiments of Col. William A. Parham's brigade under Col. Thomas Munford, one of Stuart's officers, were in position behind the wall (about 1,000 men including Munford's own cavalry). Slocum deployed his troops—three brigades comprising 13 regiments—in a line of battle six lines deep and 200 yards apart. Exact numbers for the Union troops are hard to calculate. Save for one new regiment, Slocum's division was a veteran outfit that had seen service on the Virginia peninsula and totaled 4,000 to 5,000 men. The outcome was inevitable. Within a quarter-hour Slocum's men overwhelmed Munford's defensive line and pushed up the mountain slope toward the gap.⁵⁹

59 OR 19/1:826-29; James H. Toomer as cited in John W. H. Porter, *A Record of Events In Norfolk County, Virginia, From April 19th, 1861, To May 10th, 1862, With A History of the Soldiers and Sailors of Norfolk County, Norfolk City and Portsmouth Who Served in the Confederate States Army or Navy* (Portsmouth, VA, 1892), 128, Carman, *The Maryland Campaign*, 1:301-302. Toomer puts Munford's strength at 800, while Ezra Carman provides a figure of 1,200. I have split the difference between the two and used 1,000. Carman lists the official strength for Franklin's VI Corps at Antietam as 12,300, and his South Mountain casualties as 533. According to Carman, if you factor in South Mountain casualties, Franklin's strength was at least 12,800 for the entire corps (two divisions). However, this number represents roster strength (which includes teamsters, cooks, orderlies, and so forth), not "effectives." As veteran outfits, VI Corps regimental strengths were smaller than usual. Using an average of 300 men for Franklin's 13 regiments yields a hypothetical strength of 3,900, and using 400 men yields 5,200.