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Gettysburg's Forgotten Cavalry Actions

*Farnsworth's Charge, South Cavalry Field, and
the Battle of Fairfield, July 3, 1863*

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Wittenberg's *Gettysburg's Forgotten Cavalry Actions* is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the "forgotten" combat waged by the mounted arm, and thus enjoy a richer and deeper appreciation for the complete story of Gettysburg.

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