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The Maps of Antietam

*An Atlas of the Antietam (Sharpsburg) Campaign, including the
Battle of South Mountain, September 2 - 20, 1862*

Bradley M. Gottfried

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