"The Jewels of War"

Robert E. Lee, George B. McClellan, and the Battle of Antietam

"Skillful generalship and good fighting are the jewels of war. These concurring are difficult to overcome; and these, not numbers, must determine the battle."

葕--Frank Haskell















September 16

35,000





60,000





8,500







17,000



"...he would get all the infantry he could get in order to follow up the success."

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"...ascertain if Genl. Hooker wants assistance."





"Jackson added that he wished to make up...a force of four or five thousand men, and give them to Stuart, with orders to turn the enemy's right, and attack him in the rear; that I must give orders to my division to advance to the front, and attack the enemy as soon as I should hear Stuart's guns—and that our whole left wing would move to the attack at the same time."











"I had not the force asked for, and could not, under my orders, risk the safety of the artillery and center of the line, and perhaps imperil the success of the day by further diminishing my small command, not then 4,000 strong..." —Fitz John Porter

"The troops under Captain Dryer behaved in the handsomest manner, and, had there been an available force for their support, there is no doubt he could have crowned the Sharpsburg crest." —George Sykes



"When I withdrey from Sharpsburg into Virginia, it was my intention to recross the Potomac at Williamsport, and move upon Hagerstown...and endeavor to defeat the enemy at that point." —Robert E. Lee



