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**ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA
GENERAL OFFICER CASUALTIES AND PROMOTIONS
4 MAY - 3 JUNE 1864**

Source: Freeman, Douglas S. Lee's Lieutenants. Charles Scribner's and Sons. New York. 1944, pp. 508-514.

- o An act of the Confederate Congress, signed into law on 31 May 1864, authorized the appointment, with the Senate's approval, of Brigadier Generals, Major Generals, and Lieutenant Generals to hold rank and command "for such time as the temporary exigency may require" and then revert to their status.
- o Also cited law permitted appointments to fill vacancies that otherwise would last as long as the illness or other physical incapacity of a general officer continued. According to D. S. Freeman (p. 509), "The statute, in short, offered so much potential benefit that some appointments probably were delayed in order to avert the passage of the bill."
- o Resulting promotions follow. (T) means Temporary Promotion and (P) means Permanent Promotion:

| | | | |
|---|----|-----|---------------|
| MG Richard H. Anderson* (DOR 1 Jun) | to | LTG | I Corps (T) |
| MG Jubal Early (DOR 1 Jun) | to | LTG | II Corps (T) |
| BG William Mahone | to | MG | I Corps (T) |
| BG Dodson Ramseur (Early's Division) | to | MG | II Corps (T) |
| BG Joseph B. Kershaw (McLaw's Division) | to | MG | I Corps (P) |
| COL Bryan Grimes (Daniel's Bde) | to | BG | II Corps (P) |
| COL James Conner (McGowan's Bde) | to | BG | III Corps (T) |
| COL Rufus Barringer (J.B. Gordon's Bde) | to | BG | Cav Corps (P) |
| COL William R. Cox (Ramseur's Bde) | to | BG | II Corps (T) |
| COL Thomas F. Toon (R. Johnson's Bde) | to | BG | II Corps (T) |
| LTC William G. Lewis (J. Pegram's Bde) | to | BG | II Corps (T) |
| COL Zebulon York (Louisiana Bdes) | to | BG | II Corps (T) |
| LTC R. D. Lilley (Early's Bde) | to | BG | II Corps (T) |

NOTE:* LTG Anderson was regarded as senior to LTG Early.

- o Recapitulation of General Officer Casualties, 4 May - 3 June 1864:

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Army Hq | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| I Corps | 11 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| II Corps | 16 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| III Corps | 16 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Cav Corps | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Arty | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL | 58 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 22 |

In summation, 38% of the ANV's General Officers were casualties.

o I CORPS:

| <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Micah Jenking | LTG J. Longstreet Evandier M. Law Henry L. Benning | None | 4 |

o II CORPS:

| <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| Junius Daniel George Doles John M. Jones Leroy A. Stafford | Harry Hays Robert D. Johnston John Pegram James A. Walker | George H. Steuart MG Edward Johnson | 10 |

o III CORPS:

| <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Abner Perrin | John R. Cooke James H. Lane Samuel McGowan Edward L. Perry Henry H. Walker | 0 | 6 |

o CAV CORPS:

| <u>KILLED</u> | <u>WOUNDED</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| MG J.E.B. Stuart James B. Gordon | 0 | 0 | 2 |

o Incapacitated by Illness:

GEN Robert E. Lee - diarrhea (week in May)
 LTG Ambrose P. Hill - sick (almost 2 weeks)
 LTG Richard S. Ewell - relieved because "failing so steadily in vigor on 31 May 1864.

- o Also, MG R. H. Anderson and MG J. Early were, for part of the campaign, separated from their commands and corps, to direct other corps.

o Summary:

- o Douglas S. Freeman (p. 514) wrote that the changes could not have been "made at a time more critical. A new development, a stern challenge, was to be expected daily." When experience was essential for quick and successful cooperation, GEN Lee had, as subordinates, many senior officers with little experience in their current positions.

- o Command Rundown:
 - o Two Corps Commanders had less than two (2) month's experience each.
 - o Of nine (9) Division Commanders:
 - o I Corps had two promising officers (Kershaw and Field) who were not fully seasoned.
 - o II Corps had two (Gordon and Ramseur) who were new to that duty.
 - o III Corps had one (Mahone) who had never acted in that capacity prior to 8 May.
 - o The only Major Generals who commanded Divisions as recently as Gettysburg, 11 months previously, were:
 - o George Pickett returning from detached service.
 - o Robert Rodes who performed well at Spotsylvania.
 - o Harry Heth who "carried some odium for the events of 6 May."
 - o D. S. Freeman pointed out that none of the three, cited above, "had directed as many as four brigades in any hard action before Chancellorsville."
 - o Freeman concluded that "Except as Lee himself embodied it, the old organization was gone!"

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