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Re: Waugh, Class of 1846(1994)

Forward by McPherson draws attention to the "brotherhood" idea of the Civil War by pointing out relationships of the WP graduates. Beginning w/ their connections during the Mexican War. See examples.

Waugh points out that there could have been a reunion of the class of '46 on the banks of the Antietam in September 1862 if other things had been equal. Also makes similar case for Gettysburg.

Some good chaps. on Sumter

The Shirtail Skedaddle

Describes McClellan's campaign in what became West Virginia. There was the irony that in these three little mountain campaigns victories. The savior of the Republic had won three engagements, but had not been present at any of them. McClellan had not been in the state with the victory at Philippi. He had only heard the thunder of the second, two miles away on Rich Mountain, and had misread it. And he was 26 miles away from the third and final skirmish at Corricks Ford. Yet on the strength of these mud-splattered encounters, none of which he had personally commanded, he was being called upon to save the Union. Closely scrutinized, the credentials were somewhat suspect. But who else had done as much? (After the initial Union reverses at Bull Run and Ball's Bluff): P. 256

Waugh then turns to Stonewall Jackson's Valley campaigns

pp. 284-285 some of Jackson's eccentricities. Same and more material from Royster's Destructive War. Add pp. 286-7

Waugh's conclusions about Jackson's Valley campaigns. pp. 334-335.

High Hopes and Paranoia

Deals w/ Mac. His initial triumphs in organizing what was called the Army of the Potomac. Hail Little Napoleon. His letters to Nelly. Some good quotes here.

Mac and Pinkerton and the Numbers Game. Mac dumps all over Lincoln and the Cabinet. Only Mac knew what was going on. . . .

"I can do it all" Mac and Lincoln. pp. 348/9 His delay in turning his army loose against Lee.

Maryland, My Maryland

Deals w/ the disastrous Peninsula Campaign; the Seven Days; and Lee's advance into Maryland.

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Two chapters on Antietam and A.P> Hill's(Mac's WP friend and competitor for Miss Nelly's hand) to the rescue. And the firing of Mac bt Lincoln.

Caught in the Rain

Deals with the battle of Chancellorsville and Jackson's death. Included here is a discussion of Union Calvary raid on Richmond in 1863. Stoneman dithered when he could have cvaptured Richmond. Set the spark for the 1864 Dahlgren/Kilpatrik raid. Two chapters on Jackson and his death. I don't think Waugh comments on the impact on the Rebs' chances w/ the loss of Jackson.

The Dandy at the Foot of the Class

George Pickett is discussed. Longstreet and Pickett connections before G'Burg. Irony, that it was Lincoln who was instrumental in ghetting the young Pickett a WP appointment. p. 459.

The Meeting at the Court House Steps

Deals w/ reunion of WP at Appomatox from both sides. And the sureeneder of the Red infantry by General Chamberlain.

Wind that Shook the Corn

Waugh gives an appraisal of both McClelan and Jackson.