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Abstract

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Winfield Scott Hancock

- Wearing a crisp white shirt into battle? The goatee? “Hancock the Superb” is a true icon!



Francis Barlow

- This boyish-faced Harvard graduate was known to wear a checkered, flannel lumberjack shirt under an unbuttoned uniform coat.



Henry Kyd Douglas

- The author of “I rode with Stonewall” needs no complimenting from us (he did it enough in his book).



George Custer

- Known for his flashy uniform and flamboyance, Custer's style plus flowing blonde hair makes him worthy of a coveted spot on our list.



Alexander "Sandie" Swift Pendleton

- With boyish good looks at 22 while at Gettysburg, we can't help but swoon over Sandie Pendleton.



Lafayette Guild

- Guild was noted for his study of yellow fever, which is good because we're burning up for the Medical Director of the Army of the Northern Virginia!



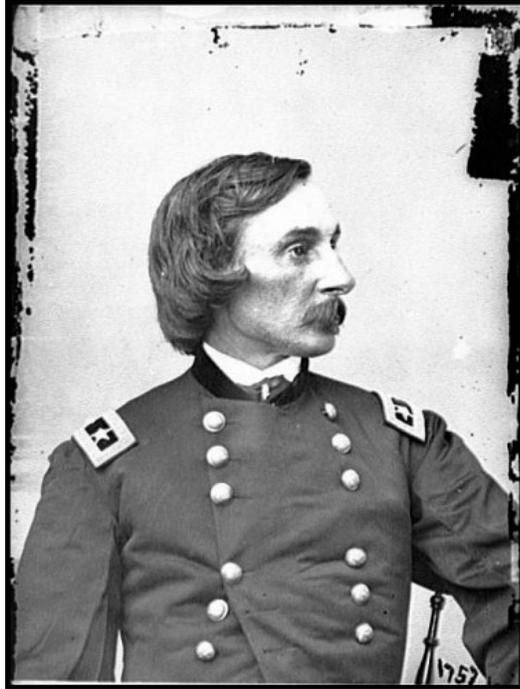
Walter Taylor

- From a young, attractive cadet at VMI to Lee's personal aide-de-camp, Taylor gracefully managed the burden of serving on Lee's small staff and matured with poise during the war.



Gouverneur Kemble Warren

- While his statue continues to keep lookout on Little Round Top, we should be keeping a lookout for him!



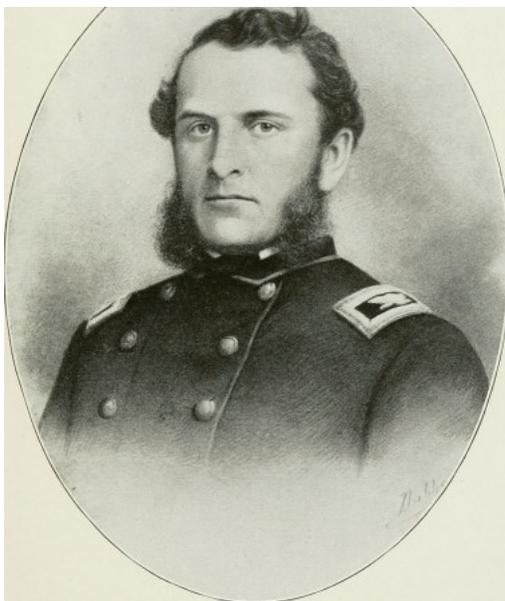
Richard Garnett

- Garnett was kicked in the leg by his horse, leaving him unable to walk during the Gettysburg Campaign. It was only fitting for a man who makes us weak in the knees.



1. Strong Vincent

- The mutton chops and “Strong” name makes Vincent the perfect choice to round out our list (the Harvard education doesn’t hurt either).



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