

GENERAL EWELL.

Richard Stoddard Ewell, one of the most distinguished Confederate commanders during the Civil War, was born at Georgetown, a suburb of Washington, D. C., in 1818. He became a military cadet, graduated at West Point in 1840, served on the Western frontier for five years, and then took a post on the Coast Survey.

From 1846 to 1848, he served as a lieutenant in the Mexican war, being present at Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco, Molino del Rey and Chapultepec.

In the following year he was gazetted captain of dragoons, and in 1850 went on frontier service in New Mexico. In 1857 and 1859, Captain Ewell took part in the Gila and Pinal Apache expeditions.

When the Civil War broke



R. S. EWELL.

out, he resigned and took rank in the Confederate Army as lieutenant-colonel. He participated in the Manassas campaign of 1861, was engaged during 1862 at Blackburn's Ford, Bull Run, White Oak Swamp, Cedar Mountain, Groveton (where he lost a leg), Manassas, and in the Maryland campaign. He was given rank as major-general in the same year. In 1863 he became lieutenant-general, succeeded Stonewall Jackson and commanded the Second Corps at Winchester, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness. He was engaged at Spottsylvania Court-House, and, during the siege of Petersburg, he and his force were taken prisoners by General Sheridan at Sailors' Creek, April 6, 1865.

At the close of the war, he made his residence at Spring Hill, Tennessee, where he died, January 25, 1872.



CONFEDERATE ATTACK ON GENERAL LEE'S WAGON TRAIN AT MANSFIELD, LA., APRIL 8, 1864.—FROM A SKETCH BY C. E. F. BONWILL.