

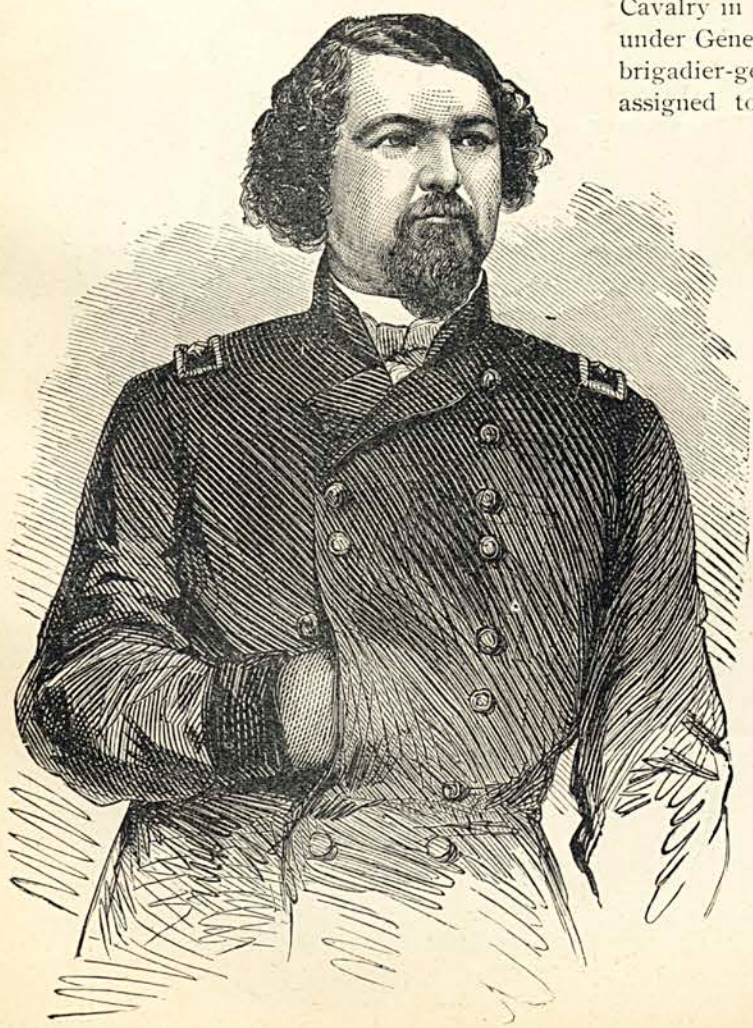


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Alexander Stewart Webb was born in New York City February 15, 1835. He was graduated at West Point in 1855, assigned to the artillery, and served against the Seminoles in Florida. At the opening of the Civil War he took part in the battle of Bull Run, and was present in the defences of Washington till 1862, when he served in the Peninsula campaign.

At Gettysburg he commanded that portion of the line at which the famous Confederate charge on the third day was directed, and it was mainly his command that met and defeated it. Here he was wounded while leading his men, and for this service he was breveted major, United States Army. In May, 1864, he was promoted to colonel, United States Army, for Spottsylvania; in August, major-general of volunteers, and in March, 1865, brigadier-general and major-general, for services in the campaign ending in the surrender of General Lee's army. Since July 21,



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while at the head of his brigade. He served in the battles of Gettysburg, Auburn and Mine Run, and as commander of the Second Brigade of Birney's Third Division of the Second Corps gallantly met his death in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864.

SAMUEL D. STURGIS.

Samuel Davis Sturgis was born in Shippensburg, Pa., June 11, 1822. He was graduated at West Point in 1846, entered the Second Dragoons, and served in the Mexican war. He was captured at Buena Vista, but was exchanged; afterward, served in California, New Mexico and the territories, and in 1855 was commissioned captain. When the Civil War opened he was commanding Fort Smith, Ark., but as all his officers had joined the Confederacy he abandoned the fort, thus saving his command and the Government property. He was appointed major of the Fourth Cavalry in May, 1861, and served in Missouri under General Nathaniel Lyon. He was made brigadier-general of volunteers in August, was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and afterward to that of the Department of Kansas. In 1862 he was given command of the fortifications around Washington, and in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg commanded the Second Division of the Ninth Army Corps. He served as chief of cavalry in the Department of Ohio from July, 1863, till April, 1864, and took part in an engagement at Bolivar. In March, 1865, he was breveted brigadier-general and major-general. He died in St. Paul, Minn., September 28, 1889.

GEORGE SYKES.

George Sykes was born in Dover, Del., October 9, 1822. He was graduated at West Point in 1842, and was assigned

1869, General Webb has been president of the College of the City of New York.

ALEXANDER HAYS.

Alexander Hays was born in Franklin, Pa., July 8, 1819. He was graduated at West Point in 1844. Was commissioned second lieutenant in the Eighth Infantry, and won special distinction in the Mexican campaign. He resigned his commission in 1848, and from 1854 till 1861 was a civil engineer in Pittsburgh. At the outbreak of the Civil War Hays re-entered the service as colonel of the Sixty-third Pennsylvania. He took part in the Peninsula and Maryland campaigns, and in September, 1862, was appointed brigadier-general of volunteers. In the battle of Chancellorsville he was wounded



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to the Third Infantry, with which he served in the Florida war, in the West, and in Texas. He took part in the Mexican war, and from 1848 till the Civil War was on frontier duty, reaching the rank of captain in 1855. In May, 1861, he became major of the Fourteenth Infantry, and after the battle of Bull Run he was commissioned brigadier-general of volunteers, and served in the defences of Washington till March, 1862. In command of the division of regulars in Porter's corps he served in the Peninsula campaign, was breveted colonel for gallantry at Gaine's Mill, became major-general of volunteers in November, 1862, and after the battle of Chancellorsville commanded the Fifth Corps. He led this corps in the battle of Gettysburg, and at the close of the war was breveted brigadier-general for gallant conduct in the field. In January, 1868, he was commissioned colonel of the Twentieth Infantry, and he commanded various posts till his death at Brownsville, Texas, February 9, 1880.



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