

1862 Nov Jeb's fame was spreading. "The army entertained visitors: journalists from England and from France, and officers on missions of military observation. All these worthies visited cavalry headquarters, for Jeb Stuart was the first cavalier of the South, and the impression he made was cast across the world. " John Thomason *Jeb Stuart*
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At Jeb Stuart's age, Philip St. George Cooke was also performing amazing feats of exploration, discovery, battles and adventure, but did not have the media coverage Jeb did. Jeb appears to be one of the first "media stars" of the 19th century during the times when generals, and not the movie stars who played generals, were the center of attention.

1862 Nov John Rogers Cooke was promoted to Brigadier General. His North Carolina Brigade was organized, and was constantly assigned for duty demanding unusual hazard. He was the commander of Cooke's Brigade until the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

1862 Nov 16 Death Dr. Charles Brewer's mother, Catherine Musser Medary, died at the age of 55 in Annapolis, Maryland. She had been active in ministering to soldiers in the hospital on the Naval Academy grounds. Alexander Randall observed in his diary the following day, "Few have lived a more useful and charitable life or have died a death more generally mourned, or more severely felt in the community" .

Michael P. Parker Presidents Hill p.14 [which was kindly sent to me by John Eldredge]

1862 Dec 13 Fredericksburg Brig. Gen John R. Cooke, led Cooke's Brigade and was seriously wounded in the forehead during the fighting. He may have gone to his sister Maria Brewer's home in Richmond to recuperate. Jeb Stuart was also in this battle.

1862 At this point, Jeb was beginning to incur some criticism: This from General Lafayette McLaws: "Stuart carries around with him a banjo player and a special correspondent. This claptrap is noticed and lauded as a peculiarity of genius, when, in fact, it is nothing else but the act of a buffoon to get attention."

Burke Davis Jeb Stuart *The Last Cavalier* p.264.

1863 April 2 The Richmond "Bread Riots" occurred when women, many of whom were wives of soldiers, and armed with knives or revolvers, marched in a body to shops owned by speculators and asked the price of bacon or flour. When informed, the women denounced such extortion,

took what they wanted, and marched away. E. Merton Coulter,
The Confederate States of America
1861-1865 p.422-23

for more information: <http://americanhistory.about.com/library/prm/blrichmondbreadriots2.htm>

1863 April 2 Anita Withers's Diary: "...Holy Thursday I went to Church at 8 O'clock & remained until 11 1/2 - they had a riot in the city this morn - men & women broke into stores & robbed. After tea we went to Church again & heard a splendid sermon from the Bishop on the Eucharist, the Church was crowded."

1863 May 2 Sunday Anita Withers's Diary: ".... In the evening we heard a hundred rumors about the Yankees coming to Richmond, only 15 miles from here, it is reported, - the people all seem to be very much excited."

1863 May John Esten Cooke wrote of Jeb, "Some men are born to write great works, others to paint great pictures, others to rule over nations. Stuart was born to fight cavalry." Burke Davis *Jeb Stuart The Last Cavalier* p. 299 As for himself John Esten Cooke wrote, "I wasn't born to be a soldier. Of course, I can stand bullets and shells and all that, without flinching, as any man must if he has any manhood in him...But I never liked the business of war. Gold lace on my coat always made me feel as if I were a child tricked out in red and yellow calico with turkey feathers in my headgear to add to the gorgeousness. There is nothing intellectual about fighting. It is the fit work of brutes and brutish men." Burke Davis *Jeb Stuart*

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1863 May 16 Anita Withers's Diary: "A pleasant day. I made several visits this morning, and in the afternoon I went to see Mrs.Stuart & Mrs. Brewer."

1863 June 14 Sunday Anita Withers's Diary: "... In the evening Dr. Brewer walked around to see us & invited us to dine at his house the next day."

1863 June 15 Monday Anita Withers's Diary: "We have been married four years today. I walked up to Dr. Brewer's about 12 o'clock. Capt. Myers and my Husband dined with us, we had a delicious dinner and we enjoyed it."

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