

Monocacy National Battlefield



after as the object in which he is engaged will cover the Potomac & Chesapeake from an enemy's right bank & Southville take possession of London Heights if practicable by Friday morning before noon on his left and the road between the Gap of Mountain and the Potomac on his right. He will as far as practicable cooperate with Gen W. Lee & Gen Jackson in intercepting the retreat of the Enemy.

VI Gen S. H. Hill's Division will form the rear guard of the army pursuing the road taken by the main body ~~of the~~ ~~Army~~. The reserve artillery Ordnance and supply trains all follow Gen Hill.

VII Gen Stuart will detach a squadron of Cavalry to accompany the Ordnance of Gen Longstreet Jackson and W. Lee and with the main body of the Cavalry will cover the route of the Army & bring up all supplies that may have been left behind.

VIII The commands of Gen Jackson to Lee & Walker after accomplishing the objects for which they have been detached will join the main body of the Army at Proctor's or Hagawood.

IX Each Regiment on the march will habitually carry its arms in the Regimental ordnance wagons for ease of the men at their encampments to prevent noise & by command of Gen R. E. Lee
R. E. Ricketts
a General

for
Maj Gen S. H. Hill
Comdg Division

Special Orders #191



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Fact: The lost orders were found by Cpl. Barton Mitchell, who was wounded at Antietam four days later.

In Special Order #191, Confederate General Robert E. Lee outlined the plan for dividing his Army of Northern Virginia as it moved into Maryland in September 1862. A lost copy was found by Union soldiers and given to General George McClellan. It was found on the Best farm, which became an important Confederate artillery position at the Battle of Monocacy two years later.