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Herein we have endeavored to list the major items in the Papers of General Joseph Hooker that will be of principal use to the historian, with particular attention to material not found in the OFFICIAL RECORDS.

This synopsis was prepared as part of our historical appraisal of this collection in March, 1964. Both in the GENERAL SURVEY and this Synopsis we have tried to give some indication of the value of the collection, but these documents serve only as an outline guide to the collection.

In processing the collection we have largely followed a chronological sequence, which we feel is essential in working with the papers. Wherever possible we retained the division into packets made originally, although occasionally we have refiled misplaced documents.

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THE HOOKER PAPERS, 1861 - Box 1
Hooker's Division, Claims & Complaints, Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1861
Nov. 6, 1861 and Nov., 1861, Letters to Hooker regarding degradation of soldiers of the Excelsior Brigade, Hooker's Division, on the Potomac in the fall of 1861. Claim not in OR.

FOLDER A
Dec. 3, 1861, apparently claim for loss of hogs and sheep, not in OR.
Oct. '61, Claim of Henry N. Young for hogs, sheep and tobacco, \$177.00, lower Potomac. Not in OR.

Nov. 20, 1861, Charles County, Md., letter of group of slave holders to Hooker, petitioning him to protect their slave property. Not in OR.

Four other claims, including one for \$246.00 approved by Hooker. Papers show the usual activities of an encamped division as to alleged mistreatment of citizens.

FOLDER B
Miscellaneous documents, Hooker's Division, Oct. 12-31, 1861, thirty-three items. These involve court martial, minor movements and other activities of Hooker's Division encamped on the lower Potomac. General survey indicates these are not in OR. Items on the interruption of the contraband trade included.

Included in above is letter of P.T. Graves, Captain, Commanding Potomac Flotilla, Oct. 31, 1861, from U.S. steamer Harriet Lane to Hooker, with reference to attack on the Confederate vessel Page.

Also statement of Corporal William Redley, regarding the slaves of one Dr. Daval. Very good letter on the slave problem in the fall of 1861.

- FOLDER C Personnel orders, Headquarters Army of the Potomac, Washington, Oct., 1861, 17 documents. Includes Special Orders No. 96, assigning Hooker to command division. By order of McClellan, signed by Ass't. Adj. Gen. Beth Williams, dated Oct. 11, 1861. All of above apparently not in OR, but only Hooker order of significance.
- FOLDER D Orders etc., to Hooker's Division, Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, Oct., 1861, 17 pieces. Mainly minor matters re regimental affairs, but of interest in understanding staff work. Copy of letter of S. Williams to McClellan, Oct. 21 re visit of Philadelphia merchant to Richmond, useful. Orders of Marcy for McClellan to Hooker, Oct. 23 re operations at Budd's Ferry of the Lower Potomac, and other orders re same operation. Marcy to Hooker re protection of loyal citizens of Maryland during state elections. None of above apparently in OR.
- FOLDER E Nov. 1861, Miscellaneous documents of Hooker's Division. Personnel problems, appointments etc., operations at Budd's Ferry, ammunition usage reports, and similar matters. Show increased activity of Hooker's command. Also includes letters and reports re operations of division on election day in Maryland. Many other documents re discipline of Hooker's Division. Unofficial letter of D. Sickles to Hooker, Nov. 23, re visit of Mrs. Lincoln to Sickles' camp. Communications re former slaves, "Contraband," quite important and useful. Very interesting report of capture of Posey family near Budd's Ferry, dated Oct. 29. Posey was accused of disloyalty and a quite well-known case. Report is by Capt. Patrick Barrett. Survey indicates above documents not in OR. 65 pieces.
- FOLDER F Personnel orders Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, Washington to Hooker's Division for November, 1861. Mostly of minor importance, transfers, discharges, etc. 33 pieces, not in OR. Show an immense amount of paper work!
- FOLDER G Orders, Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, Washington to Hooker's Division. 35 pieces. Re supplies, ambulances, transportation, stores, etc. Washington approves Hooker's conduct re Slaves, also more on alleged disloyalty along the Potomac. Not in OR.
- FOLDER H Miscellaneous Communications, December, 1861. 19 pieces. Personnel problems, references to Confederate vessel Page, and minor operations on lower Potomac. Not in OR.
- FOLDER I Miscellaneous Papers, November & December, 1861. Lengthy report of Board of Investigation into damages committed on private property by a wagon train, rather unique in detail. 11 pieces. Also examination of a slave which is also unique; letter of Attorney General Bates to McClellan, referred to Hooker, Nov. 12, re efforts of some of "the elite of the State" to get to Virginia; L.C. Baker to Hooker, Nov. 25 re Baker's expecting to capture "four noted traitors and one Rebel Spie."; also Baker to Hooker, Dec. 6, re another such expedition by the State Department. Several of above documents of use to anyone working on spies or on border-state pro-Confederates. Not in OR.
- FOLDER J Circulars, Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec., 1861, cover baggage; books on patrol duty, and other books for the division; return empty grain sacks; drills with knap-

sacks, forage, deserters, etc. Instructions from Washington and the Army of the Potomac, not in OR, but available generally in manuals if important. 16 pieces.

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- FOLDER A Special Orders, Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, Dec., 1861. 37 pieces. Mostly personnel; discharges, leaves, etc. Also orders on new set of signals; for second time in two months Washington urges promptness in monthly returns. General survey shows none of these in OR.
- FOLDER B Headquarters, Washington, orders etc., to Hooker's Division, Dec., 1861. Orders from McClellan to Hooker, Dec. 1, re runaway Negroes in camp. These formerly employed by Rebels can be employed by Federals; these simply fugitives, dismiss from camp. Many other of 26 pieces routine, personnel etc. Another L.C. Baker communication enlisting Hooker's aid; more on trade between Maryland and Virginia and on the navy on the Potomac. Apparently none in OR. Orders and instructions on countersigns and signals.
- FOLDER C First Brigade Communications, Hooker's Division, Dec., 1861. 15 pieces mostly on the minor incidents in brigade life on duty. Not in OR.
- FOLDER D Second Brigade, Communications, Hooker's Division, Dec., 1861. 48 pieces, apparently not in OR. Mostly routine. One document on searching for liquor in the brigade, in fact several letters on liquor problem. Report of Brig. Gen. Sickles, Dec. 13 as to enemy and his own operations. Hooker reports to Wash. what Sickles has reported, see OR Vol. V, p. 686. Report of a riot at Fort Tobacco, Md., by 26th Penn. Vols.
- FOLDER E Third Brigade, Communications, Hooker's Division, Dec., 1861. 16 pieces, largely routine. Not in OR.
- FOLDER F Reports of Detached Units of Hooker's Division, Dec., 1861. Useful accounts of operations of detached commands watching the Lower Potomac at Camp Graham. 10 pieces. Report of Maj. H. Chapman on capture of a sloop is in OR V, p. 469. Remainder not in OR. Useful reports on trade with the enemy.
- FOLDERS G1, G2, & G3 Court Martials and Investigations, Jan.-March, 1862, Hooker's Division, Report of investigation into a riot which took place at the camp of the 2nd Brigade, March 1, 1862. 24 pieces, depositions, mainly, and reports. Riot rose out of heavy drinking, first by officers, of the 71st New York. (See Hebert, p. 66) There are a good many documents in the 1861 and 1862 Hooker papers showing disciplinary problems, particularly those caused by drinking. Above papers include report of the affair by Wm. Dwight and endorsement by Sickles with recommendations for stiff punishment. Fullest material yet seen on such an incident. Very colorful and detailed.
- 16 pieces, proceedings of sundry courts-martial, again showing dramatically the disciplinary problems of a division. 5 other cases of similar nature including Report of Board of Investigation into the shooting of Corporal Braden. None of above in OR. We have not seen as useful a group of papers on discipline outside of the National Archives. Quotations numerous of vulgar language and disreputable activities.

Hooker Papers, Box III

- FOLDER A Army of the Potomac Headquarters to Hooker's Division, Jan. 1862, Leaves of Absence, 65 pieces, mostly routine but one or two messages re trade across Potomac and signals. Not in OR.
- FOLDER B Special Orders, Jan., 1862, Army of the Potomac to Hooker's Division. 50 pieces, apparently not in OR, leaves, discharges, transfers, supply problems etc. Foutine.
- FOLDER C Circulars, Army of the Potomac, Third Corps, Jan. to June, 1862. 23 pieces. Appointing distinguished men as officers to compensate for Peninsula losses; transportation, request for report on regiments entitled to have Williamsburg inscribed upon their colors; supplies, stragglers, etc. Not in OR, but some available in books of instructions, etc.
- FOLDER D Claims and Complaints, Budds Ferry, Md., Oct., 1861-Apr. 1862. Claims for destruction of property, depredations, enticement of servants and slaves. 15 pieces, not in OR. Quite useful on such problems.
- FOLDER E Jan., 1862, Miscellaneous Communications, Hooker's Division. 47 pieces. Statement of deserters from Rebels; transport problems, prisoners, supplies, suspected pro-Confederates, drinking among soldiers at Rue Point Landing, statement of two contrabands; etc. ((The problem of drinking in the army assumes new proportions from examination of Hooker Papers thus far.)) Above not in OR.
- FOLDER F First Brigade, Hooker's Division, Jan., 1862. 11 pieces on activities of the brigade, minor actions, alleged depredations, Negro servants; etc. Not in OR.
- FOLDER G Second Brigade, Hooker's Division, Jan., 1862. 30 pieces similar to above. Apparently not in OR.
- FOLDER H Third Brigade, Hooker's Division, Jan., 1862. 12 pieces similar to above. Apparently not in OR.
- FOLDER I Major Chapman's reports, Hooker's Division, Jan., 1862. 21 pieces similar to above, apparently not in OR.

Hooker Papers, Box IV.

- FOLDER A Leaves of Absence, Hooker's Division, Feb. 1862 and receipts for blanks. 31 pieces. Leaves, equipment, supplies, notice to Hooker from Washington of fall of Fort Henry, also notice of fall of Fort Danielson. Not in OR.
- FOLDER B Special Orders, Feb. 1862, from Headquarters Army of the Potomac. 29 pieces from S. Williams in Washington to Hooker. Assignment of officers, and other routine orders and messages. Not in OR.
- FOLDER C Communications, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Brigades, Feb., 1862. General activities of Hooker's division including fugitive slaves, supplies, minor military operations, and the ever-present discipline problems. ((In fact, I have never

seen a collection anywhere where the organization and disciplinary problems of officers, men, and civilian relationships are any more clearly set forth. This is the major attribute of this collection thus far.)) 34 pieces, apparently not in OR.

FOLDER D Miscellaneous Communications, Hooker's Division, February, 1862. 60 pieces. Mostly minor and routine, but still showing the liquor problem, personnel problems, maintenance of supplies difficulties, etc. But also included are important orders to Hooker from McClellan via Marcy, Feb. 15, instructing Hooker to attack the batteries across the Potomac. The above is not in OR. Vol. V, p. 722 carries Hooker's answer of Feb. 15 to McClellan, and order of Marcy is in LI, Vol. I, p. 532, but is so different in wording, though basically same in meaning, that one wonders if it is the same. Others in this group apparently not in OR.

FOLDER E Crossing the Potomac. 29 pieces, Jan.-March, 1862. Fine group of orders re Hooker's crossing the lower Potomac and attacking Conf. guns. Operation was suspended by McClellan. Undated, unsigned proposal for movement to seize Aquia Creek. Series of messages in cypher with code on crossing Potomac. Most of these orders etc., are not in OR as far as we were able to check although report of Navy to Hooker, Jan. 24 is. ((We are not able to check every message in the Hooker Papers, but are checking a great many, and all important pieces.)) Although Crossing the Potomac was a minor proposed operation, it is important in evaluating McClellan's early moves in spring of 1862.

FOLDER F 1st Brigade Communications, March, 1862. 18 pieces, including reports on minor operations by various officers including Brig. Gen. H.M. Naglee. Apparently not in OR. Includes report of operations of 500 men under Lieut. Col. G. Wells in removing property left by the rebels on the evacuation of the Evansport Batteries on the lower Potomac. This during Confederate withdrawal from northern Virginia.

FOLDER G 2nd Brigade Communications, March, 1862. 34 pieces, covering minor operations on lower Potomac with numerous reports and communications from Sickles. Apparently not in OR. ((As we go on we have a growing awareness that there are many minor operations that are not covered in the OR and of course could not be. Not in these papers there are numerous operations of a limited nature which add to the picture of a war that consisted of a great deal more than just the big battles. The OR does cover many secondary operations, but in these papers there are some which are not even deemed sufficient for the OR. These papers give one a new perspective on the extent of the war.))

FOLDER H 3rd Brigade Communications, March, 1862, more minor operations. 11 pieces, including one requesting board of inspection "on shoddy pantaloons." Apparently not in OR.

Hooker Papers, Box V.

FOLDER A Special Orders, Headquarters Army of the Potomac, March 1862 to Hooker's Division. 21 pieces, personnel orders etc., routine. Not in OR.

- FOLDER B Orders, Headquarters Army of the Potomac, March, 1862 to Hooker's division. 17 pieces. Copy of March 14, order modifying Gen. Order No. 101 in relation to Army Corps not in OR. This puts Franklin in First Corps instead of Hooker and assigns Hooker to Third Corps. Several other messages showing A. of P. is on the move. Also copy of L. Thomas to Sickles informing Sickles that Senate "negatived your appointment as Brigadier General of Volunteers" and the President thereby revoked it. Apparently not in OR.
- FOLDER C Miscellaneous Communications, Hooker's Division, March, 1862. 49 pieces. A French chef wants to set up a "kooking" establishment in the division; otherwise mostly routine and normal as in many other folders, but still showing the everyday life of the army. Several statements of captured prisoners and contrabands. Apparently not in OR.
- FOLDER D Telegrams, March, 1862, Hooker's Division. Includes many not in OR showing control of Washington over division movements which is not apparent in OR. McClellan to Hooker, no date, "The sole object of your movement etc." is March 19, OR XI, Pt. II, p. 20. Good many important telegrams re pontoons, barges, etc., many undated. Undating shows extreme carelessness, it seems to me. Another one should be March 18, OR XI, Pt. II, p. 16. We have appended dates. ((Again we are unable to check all messages against OR and have to try to locate only most important ones. It is safe to say, however, that over 99% of manuscripts thus far are NOT in OR)) 36 pieces, at least two of which are in OR. Useful group in minute study of McClellan's spring advance in 1862.
- FOLDER E Special Orders, Hooker's Division, April, 1862. 49 pieces. Sutler's affairs, personnel, appointments, etc. April 14 McClellan forbade all band music, all calls either beaten or sounded unless the enemy appeared or they were engaged. Now on the Peninsula there are considerable provisioning problems. At least one of these, copy of order appointing F.J. Porter commander of the siege, is in OR, there are not, except possibly a few of secondary interest.
- FOLDER F Hooker's Division, Communications, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Brigades, April, 1862. 31 pieces, apparently not in OR. Embarkation and shipping of Hooker's Division to the Peninsula and early days of the Siege of Yorktown.
- FOLDER G Adj. Gen. Office., A. of P. to Hooker's Division, April, 1862. 59 pieces. Apr. 20 Wash. wants to know why Gen. Naglee in arrest. See Hebert p. 78-79. Details of the Siege of Yorktown, many minor, but adding to the picture. Not in OR, apparently. Many details on trenches, batteries, picket duty etc. Included are requisitions for working parties on the siege lines to be supplied with whiskey.
- FOLDER H Telegrams, Hooker's Division, April, 1862. 17 pieces. Undated re controversy between Hooker and Porter as to relative positions in Heintzelman's Corps. S. Williams writes Hooker that Porter stands above him on list. Most of these undated and deal with transporting division to the Peninsula.
- FOLDER I Miscellaneous Communications, April, 1862. 19 pieces. Personnel, general, shipping division to Peninsula. More material on difficulty with Naglee. Communications on visits to camps of parties seeking runaway Negroes.

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- FOLDER A List of names of killed, wounded and missing in battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862. 6 pieces, not in OR.
- FOLDER B Reports of Brigade and Regimental commanders at Williamsburg, May 5, 1862. 23 items. Of these important reports, supplemental reports and reports on gallantry we find that 14 are in OR XI, Pt. I, the remainder do not appear to be in OR. Most of these are from lower ranked officers, but they are important on details of this controversial battle.
- FOLDER C Special Orders, Hooker's Division, May, 1862. 32 pieces. Mostly routine nature but important in observing general life of a division in the field. Several orders assigning officers included. Apparently not in OR.
- FOLDER D Adj. Gen. orders to Hooker's Division, May, 1862. 38 important pieces on the operations on the Peninsula in May, 1862. Goes into details of the siege of Yorktown, disciplinary action, preparing division for the march to Williamsburg, the march itself etc. Again shows close control of Army of Potomac Hdq. on Division activities. Seems that many of these matters should have been handled at division level only. Marcy for McClellan to Hooker, May 4, to push forward from Yorktown as "rapidly as possible," apparently not in OR. S. Williams to Hooker, May 9, ordering two brigades to New Kent C. H. not in OR. Other important orders for moves by Hooker not in OR apparently. Hdq. May 17 asks who gave Hooker's report of Williamsburg to the press; McClellan apparently annoyed--important in considering Hooker's lookout for his own advancement. An important folder with vital messages as to Hooker's movements, along with some routine matters.
- FOLDER E Brigade communications, Hooker's division, May, 1862. 17 pieces re activities of the three brigades, some routine and some important including an explanation by C.B. Wainwright re Kearny's report of Williamsburg not in OR. All these apparently not in OR as far as our check was able to go.
- FOLDER F Peninsula Campaign casualties, Hooker's Division, June 1, to July 2, 1862. 11 pieces, not specifically in OR but of course casualty reports of brigade and division are in total, but not in such specific breakdown.
- FOLDER G Hooker's Reports, Peninsula Campaign, including Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Rx and the Seven Days. 5 pieces. Williamsburg report same as in OR XI, Pt. I, p. 484; Oak Grove, June 25, OR XI, Pt. II, p. 108 same; Fair Oaks or Seven Pines, May 31-June 1, same as OR XI, Pt. I, p. 818 White Oak Swamp and Glendale, etc., Seven Days, same as OR XI, Pt. II, p. 110; Malvern Hill, July 1, same as in OR XI, Pt. II, p. 116.
- FOLDER H Reports of Hooker's Division for Seven Days, June 25-July 1, 1862. 112 reports all in OR XI, Pt. II. Document listing names of Battles for inscribing on banners of Hooker's Division not, apparently, in OR.

Hooker Papers, Box VII.

- FOLDER A Survey on Horses, 17 pieces, June 1862, including special inventories. Not in OR.

FOLDER B Special Orders, Hooker's Division, June, 1862. 47 pieces. Mostly routine matters from Washington, apparently not in OR. Leaves, new assignments, etc. Noticeable increase of discharges and leaves in periods of battle action. McClellan, June 25, orders issuing of whiskey "in cases of extraordinary fatigue or exposure," on orders of Division commanders.

FOLDER C Brigade Communications, Hooker's Division, June, 1862. 22 pieces. Movements of brigades, minor operations, and routine matters. Several reports of minor operations not in OR. Also includes 3 reports of minor operations in June.

FOLDER D Communications, Third Corps, June, 1862. 54 pieces. Orders from Heintzelman and Third Corps Hdq., to Hooker's Division in Peninsula Campaigning. Useful in analyzing details of the battles. A number of these also routine. Impossible to check all these against OR but indications are they are not in OR. OR XI, Pt. III contains several Hooker to Heintzelman but this folder is all Heintzelman's Hdq. to Hooker.

FOLDER E Miscellaneous, June, 1862, 16 pieces. Mainly reports of gallantry for fighting in Peninsula from various commands. Not in OR. Also group of nine Communications passed between the lines by flag of truce regarding Confederate Casualties, May 31-June 1, 1862.

FOLDER F Telegrams, Hooker's Division, June, 1862. 39 original battlefield messages and telegrams. Including good items not in OR such as Marcy to Heintzelman June 25 at Oak Grove to withdraw his advance to the defensive works. This telegram raised any chance of advance that day. Also important, McClellan to Hooker, June 27, "We are driving the enemy very handsomely x x x" meaning at Gaines Hill which was of course not true. Not in OR! Excellent group for detailed study of the Seven Days, apparently not in OR. Show vividly the details of running an army during battle and campaign.

FOLDER G Promotion, July, 1862, recommendations for. 18 pieces not in OR.

FOLDER H Circulars, Orders, Recommendations, Hooker's Division, July, 1862. Orders from Hdq. Army of the Potomac sending Sickles and others north for recruiting, various routine matters, discipline etc. Apparently not in OR for most part. For instance, men who lost their arms were charged for their value. Also the usual discharges, leaves, etc. Orders for fresh vegetables and other regulations showing McClellan's care of the army at Harrison's Landing included. Orders, July 14 re dirty camp grounds at Harrison's Landing. Some of these are in printed general orders and indicated in reports etc., but mostly are not in OR as such. 106 pieces.

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FOLDER A More Official Reports, June, 1862. ((mislabeled as Special Orders for July)) 13 pieces relating to June 1-4, Fair Oaks or Seven Pines. Nine reports in Hooker's division at Fair Oaks, all in OR. One report not in OR and rest casualty reports, and minor operations.

FOLDER B Communications, 3rd Corps, July 1862. 31 pieces. Mostly routine but includes Hooker's desire to consolidate Excelsior Regiments. July 2 Hooker tells McClellan his regiment was too busy to muster for inspection at that time. Apparently not in OR and useful picture of division life during the Harrison's Landing period.

FOLDER C Brigade Communications, July, 1862. 31 pieces. Mostly routine personnel matters, for instance C.S. Wainwright reports on his poor health. Includes reports on sanitary conditions in division at Harrison's Landing. Discipline problems seem to increase again. General Communications of Hooker's Division, Aug., 1862.

FOLDER D 75 pieces. Mostly routine, reports of officer of day, personnel, and other similar orders as we have seen all along. Does cover orders embarking division from Peninsula and sending it back to northern Virginia in mid-August in time for Second Manassas Campaign. Apparently not in OR. Some lesser material referring to action of Aug. 5.

FOLDER E Second Manassas, Aug., 1862. 36 pieces. Report of Casualties, Hooker's Division, Aug. 29 & 30, not in OR, also Aug. 27, 5 pieces. Orders of Sept. 6 assigning Hooker to Command 3rd Corps, vice McDowell, in OR XIX, Pt. II, p. 198. 3 pieces of general interest including printed "Brief Statement of the Case of Fitz-John Porter," statement of Pope some years later. Must be known, but had not yet seen it. Letter of Edwin Treman, 1st Lieut., to Hooker, Nov. 12, 1862 re what he saw of enemy after his capture at Second Manassas, Aug. 29, includes map. Not in OR but not of major importance. Report of Capt. J.P. Kimball of Patrick's Brigade re Chantilly, not in OR.

Reports of all three brigades of Hooker's Division for Second Manassas. First brigade 5 reports, all in OR but C.R. Baldwin. Second Brigade, 6 reports, all in OR. Third Brigade, 8 reports, three not in OR, J.I. Brien, G.H. Dussell, and F. McGilvery.

FOLDER F Second Malvern Hill, Aug. 4-7, 1862, little-known operation by Hooker just before McClellan moved North. See Hebert 116-188 and note 50 on p. 322 which indicates most of this material is not in OR and so our check indicates, as well. 26 pieces, mostly reports. This is also called in OR XI, Pt. II, Reconnaissance from Harrison's Landing and reoccupation of Malvern Hill, Aug. 2-8. McClellan's, Hooker's, C. Nelson Taylor's, L.R. Francine and W.W. Averill are only Federal reports. Thus these papers fill an important gap with 11 reports NOT in OR plus Taylor's and Francine's and 3 other documents. Hebert brings out part of this little-known action but actually it deserves more study in connection with McClellan's orders to go North, his delay and his final move. To date this is the largest amount of new, important material in these papers.

Hooker Papers Box IX

FOLDER A Casualties Hooker's First Corps, Antietam Campaign, three long documents, not in OR.

FOLDER B Antietam Miscellaneous, Sept. 1862 16 pieces, and some old labels. More casualties reports, etc. Others include valuable items such as S. Williams confidential to Hooker Sept. 24 re controversy over battlefield succession of First Corps Command when Hooker wounded, not in OR. Burnside to Hooker, Sept. 13 urging Hooker to carry out orders, not in OR. Several other important messages in this group, apparently not in OR, nine new items in all which add to marching to Antietam and South Mountain.

FOLDER C Antietam Reports, Sept. 1862. 51 pieces.
Hooker's report, Nov. 8, 1862, unfinished, vastly different in important detail from OR XIX, Pt. I, p. 216-219. The report in the OR is an unfinished one, "found in records of First Corps, Army of the Potomac." This is one of the most valuable papers in this collection.

Supplemental report of Hooker to Maj. Genl. Townsend, July 21, 1877, Garden City, L.I., N. Y. NOT in OR, and unknown to me. Hebert was aware of part of these differences between the reports, but much more use could and should be made of them in any study of the battle. In this 1877 report Hooker says he found omissions in McClellan's report and is supplying these. This manuscript has crossouts and changes that add to its value. This would appear to me to be a highlight of the collection. Hooker admits in 1862 report incomplete, and he says this was mislaid and only returned to him from Washington in 1877. He then gives text of Nov. 8 report as it is on p. 216-219 OR XIX, Pt. I. Except for crossed out changes this text is largely same in manuscript as in OR. The slight changes and the cross out should be studied, however. There seems to be no explanation of why the text of the Nov. 8 report in ms. (manuscript) in the Hooker Papers is substantially different from the Nov. 8 report in OR or in the 1877 repeat of the Nov. 8 OR report. Now in 1877 he revisited the field and also has other documents which help him. Then he says "I never had him ((enemy)) as much to my advantage and I know that the opportunity was improved to the fullest limit of my ability x x x " He is hard on Burnside as always. He is critical of the Federals fighting the battle corps by corps and some being never engaged. Unfortunately this document is unfinished or the remainder is missing.

Remainder of this folder contains reports of lower officers for South Mountain and Antietam, plus 5 casualty returns. In many cases there are two copies of one officer's report. We did not check text of these against OR, but there are 4 reports herein not apparently in OR. Cooper on Antietam; N.W. Owens, Antietam D.R. Ransom, Antietam, and Joseph L. Simpson, Antietam. Others are in OR.

((There is nothing for the rest of 1862, including Fredericksburg, and January 1863.))

Hooker Papers, Box X.

FOLDER A Rappahannock Bridge and Grove Church, Va., Feb. 5-7, 1863.
7 pieces, 3 reports of this secondary operation not in OR.

FOLDER B Miscellaneous, Feb., 1863, 19 pieces. Plans for defense of Aquia Creek; minor operations; orders on passes to A. of P.; C.B. Comstock to Butterfield, Feb. 3. on places on Rappahannock where army could possibly cross, sketch included. Latter not in OR and shows Hooker's planning. Three items on the Hartwood Church, Va. skirmish on Feb. 25 when Fitz. Lee crossed Rappahannock. One is in OR and other two are not, one of which actually is five dispatches pasted together.

FOLDER C Telegrams, relative to secondary operation of Feb. 25 at Hartwood Church. 17 telegrams sent by Butterfield, apparently nearly all not in OR. 1 long document of copied-out telegrams received Feb. 25, apparently not in OR; and 8 other telegrams re the same action. An unimportant action but material here for study of the complexities of command even in such an operation.

- FOLDER D Cavalry Operations Feb., 1863. 19 pieces. Casualties and other reports re minor cavalry raids. Five are reports or summations mainly of Hartwood Church, not in OR. There are indications herein that Hooker was struggling to shake down his cavalry and operate it effectively.
- FOLDER E Recommendations for Brevets & Medals of Honor for Chancellorsville Campaign. 26 pieces. Not in OR except where mentioned in commander's reports, but mostly available elsewhere. Of some interest when naming better known officers.
- FOLDER F Picket Reports, Expeditions, etc., Army of Potomac, March, April & May, 1863. 61 items. Many routine items as well as picket reports and minor operations. But some interesting items such as April 4 report of Dr. J. Letterman on sickness in Army of the Potomac, which on March 28 numbered 10,572, and ratio was 67.64 per 1,000 men. In OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 239 but with somewhat different figures. John A. Dix to Hooker, Fort Monroe, Apr. 4, not in OR re rumors of abandonment of Richmond which he does not believe. The picket reports, apparently not in OR, are valuable in getting a picture of their little-known operations. They show a very quiet time in late April, 1863, as far as Conf. operations go. Many, many messages say "all quiet," although there are occasional rumors of buildups. Picket and scout reports in May after Chancellorsville more lengthy, more useful to Hooker. This is an unusual group, probably unexceeded outside National Archives. Some speak of seeing "suspicious persons." There are reports on the defenses of Aquia Creek((sic)) etc. Memorandum of C. B. Comstock, Chief Engineer on crossing Rappahannock, dated April 12. He proposes crossing and attack below Fredericksburg. Unfiled this is OR.
- FOLDER G Kelly's Ford, March 18, 1863, 4 pieces, not in OR but of minor importance to this engagement.
- FOLDER H Washington Correspondence, 11 pieces, mainly from Hallock. Five of these are very important Hallock to Hooker and Hallock to Stanton but are in OR XXV, Pt. II. They refer to dropping grand corps and one calls Hooker to Wash. to see President. One, Stanton to Hooker, April 23 says Professor Lowe will be instructed to return at once, and another Stanton to Hooker, May 9, in which Pres. instructed Dix to investigate bridges of the North and South Anna rivers--neither apparently in OR. Jan.-May, 1863.

Hooker Papers, Box XI.

- FOLDER A Engineers Reports, Army of the Potomac, March-June, 1863. 35 pieces. Interesting details of work of engineers in regard to pontoons etc. during a major campaign. Spot check shows most of these not in OR. Excellent on vital pontoon trains, especially prior to Chancellorsville. Also shows scouting activity of engineers. Unfortunately two communications or reports of H.W. Benham on the delay of the pontoon trains at Chancellorsville are in OR but others of lesser significance are not. On other hand important report by Benham of May 20 does not seem to be in OR! Several endorsements on wrappers and other documents show the controversy that arose over the pontoons. A useful collection for study of the engineers.

((These reports and communications of engineers, pickets, signal officers, etc. get into details too seldom touched upon and provide a source for this sort of thing probably second only to the National Archives.))

- FOLDER B Preparations for Chancellorsville. 19 pieces, very interesting and apparently not specifically in OR as such. Shows the careful preparations for the campaign, and includes reconnaissance reports, and information on roads, railroads, fords, etc. Intriguing chart of Confederate strength as of April 28, 1863, estimates, but no indication when Hooker got this, before or after battle, etc. Important letter of Doubleday, April 22, 1863, informing First Corps Hdq. of a division reconn. and demonstration below Fredericksburg. This was to attract from Hooker's real move. Not in OR.
- FOLDER C Signal Corps reports, April-May, 1863. Includes lengthy report of Capt. Saul Cushing of the Signal Corps, April 27 to May 6 and 40 enclosures. A very fine collection for studying signal activities in a major battle. 29 of the above are reports by signal officers of the campaign and the rest messages. Of the 29, 14 are in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 230-244, these are Hall, Taylor, Wilson, Fisher, Beardslee, Castle, Holland, Keen, Benicke, Lyon, Babcock, Pierce, Marsten, and Nill; others are NOT in OR.
- FOLDER D More signal corps messages. 57 messages. These skip Chancellorsville itself, but the battle is covered in Folder C. Apparently this group of brief reports and messages is not in OR as far as spot check shows.
- FOLDER E Chancellorsville Reports I. Twelve Sixth Corps Reports. Sedgwick's report is same as in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 557. Three are not in OR, H.L. Eustis, Alex Sheler, and John Newton commanding 3rd Div. Sedgwick's Sixth Corps. This latter report is an important find.
- FOLDER F Chancellorsville Reports II. Thirty-eight Second Corps Reports. 14 of these, mostly regimental, are NOT in OR; these are H.C. Bentley, E. Field, C.G. Freudenberg, Wm. Jameson, P. Kelly, Jas. E. McGee, B.F. Roberts, T.A. Smythe, J.E. Shreve, All from Second Army Corps, Couch, E.E. Cross, G.S. Fairlamb, C.E. Hapgood, R.B. McKeen.
- FOLDER G Chancellorsville Reports III- "Scattering" reports, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 11th, & 12th Corps. Eight "Journal of Operations"; one for each corps and cavalry. Hooker asked for a memorandum or itinerary of movements of each corps and here they are. Very useful in plotting major moves of the corps and should be used in conjunction with reports. NOT in OR! Dated May 7-9. 15 other pieces including 6 letters of transmittal, casualty reports, property captured etc. Six reports all in OR but H.C. Loomis. Good and useful letter of C. Schurz to Hooker, May 9 complaining of allegedly inaccurate newspaper accounts of role of 11th Corps and his troops. Not in OR or Schurz works or autobiography, though there are other items about such complaints. Report of Maj. Gen. John F. Reynolds, mainly as in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 253-256, but some minor changes and a conclusion. OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 256 states copy they had was unsigned and unfinished. This one is signed and finished. Also list of First Corps casualties.
- Hooker Papers, Box XII.
- FOLDER A Cavalry, Army of the Potomac, Jan.-April, 1863, 21 pieces. Pleasanton Army of Potomac Hdq. mainly, and not in OR, re cavalry operations and information obtained in late winter and spring of 1863, also some routine matters, and usual problems re dismounted men, plus scouting reports.

FOLDER B Cavalry Corps, Operations, April, 1863. 16 pieces. Report of Gen. George Stoneman, two copies, for April 12 to 24, 1863, does NOT appear in OR. See Hebert, p. 189, for description of this abortive beginning of Stoneman's raid, halted by rain. This is an important document in the history of the cavalry of the Army of the Potomac on Chancellorsville Campaign. Peculiar that it is not in OR, but I do not find it. 14 others are mainly instructions by Stoneman to other commanders during this period. Orders of Hooker to Stoneman, April 12, for the move April 13, "Let your watch word be fight, and let all your orders be fight, fight, fight, x x x" OR XXV, Pt. 1, p. 1066. Stoneman to Gregg, giving orders for move, April 12 is in OR XXV, II, p. 200. Several other orders not in OR, but General Orders No. 10 of April 20 is OR XXV, II, p. 232.

FOLDER C Cavalry, Chancellorsville Campaign including Stoneman raid of April 29 to May 7. Period covers in total Feb.-May, 1863. Report of Brig. Gen. Wm. W. Averell, May 4, 1863 is in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 1074. Stoneman to Hooker Feb. 2 re condition of cavalry is in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 111 but there is a penciled notation by "DB" (Butterfield) that is not in OR. A.J. Alexander to Pleasonton, March 2 is in OR, Pt. 2, p. 116. Total of 42 pieces. A number of the other communications in this folder are apparently not in OR, several of which are useful in determining condition of Cavalry Corps and the operations of the Stoneman Raid. Includes several more reports of the abortive mid-April operation. However, Stoneman to S. Williams April 10 on conditions and progress, is OR XXV, Pt. XX, p. 220-221, but several other communications of Stoneman are not in OR. Impossible to make a complete check, but it seems there are some useful cavalry items not in OR in this group. For instance, report of May 7 Stoneman to S. Williams apparently is not in OR.

FOLDER D Chancellorsville accounts, reports, etc. A rather miscellaneous group. Report of Brig. Gen. G. K. Warren, Chief of Topographical Engineers is here, but is in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 193. 11 pieces including casualty returns, property returns, etc. Included is a total casualty report for Union army, but of course all these of importance are in OR. There is also a list of estimated Confederate losses. Report of C. S. Comstock of the Engineers for the campaign is not in OR.

Hooker Papers, Box XIII.

FOLDER A Balloon and Scouting Reports, Feb.-June, 1864. 65 pieces. There are four brief reports or messages, Feb.-March, 1864 by Prof. Lowe and the "Aeronautic Department." Lowe is called "Chief Aeronaut." These don't appear to be in OR and do give an idea of the work of the balloon observers. Check shows that all but one or two of the balloon reports are in OR XXV, Pt. II, Check Lowe and E.S. Allen in index. Interesting group, and shows importance of balloons at Chancellorsville.

FOLDER B Copies of Telegrams from "Peck" "Foster" & "Dix" in relation to affairs at Suffolk & New Berne. These messages were of importance to Hooker because of Longstreet's absence from Lee and whether he was coming back rapidly or not. 9 items. Important messages appear to be in OR.

FOLDER C Lincoln to Hooker's command. Telegrams from the President re Chancellorsville as received at Headquarters of Army of the Potomac. Five different Lincoln to the army messages, two of which have three copies each. All of them are in Lincoln, Collected Works, Vol. VI, May 4 to Butterfield, p. 196; May 6 to Hooker, p. 199; May 11: 4 O.A.M.; May 6, 12:25 a.m. p. 199; May 8, 2 p.m. p. 202; and May 3 to Butterfield, p. 196. Hooker's reply to May 4 message is here and also in Report of the Joint Committee on the Con-

duct of the War, I, 1863, p. 226. Butterfield's reply to Lincoln is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 434.

FOLDER D Chancellorsville dispatches, April 29 & 30, 9 dispatches, 34 telegrams. Dispatch for April 29 Sedgwick to Butterfield re Brooks does not appear to be in OR. Sedgwick to Butterfield, April 30 "Am I to understand that the column to move on the Telegraph road x x x" is referred to on p. 307, OR XXV, Pt. II. Quick check of three other April 30 messages Sedgwick and Butterfield do not specifically appear to be in OR. For instance p. 307, OR XXV, Pt. II, Butterfield orders Sedgwick to suspend his demonstration. In these papers there is Sedgwick to Butterfield about strong enemy forces in his front. On the back of this is endorsed "Let the demonstration be suspended until further orders."

((In our study of these dispatches we found it impossible to accurately check them all, or even a large part, against the OR or other sources, but did make spot checks and mainly tried to get an impression of approximately how many dispatches and telegrams have been printed.))

Telegrams are an important collection and historian is enabled to see here which dispatches are telegrams and which not, which is sometimes difficult in OR and does make a difference. While a major percentage of the most important telegrams are in the OR, there are many that are not. Most of these seem of a secondary nature but of course put in proper perspective would help fill in details of the battle. There appear to be several of importance in a larger sense as well, such as Capt. U. Dahlgren to Hooker from U.S. Ford, April 30 "Gen Meade reports a brigade of infantry drawn up in line in the road from Chancellorsville to Banks ford & about two miles distant-x x x" Such messages may well have had a bearing on Hooker's failure to exploit his advantage. This does not appear to be in the OR. Another example of fine telegram apparently not in OR is John Gibbon to Butterfield, April 30, 2:30 p.m. "The force in front of Falmouth seems to have been decreased. Nothing seen but some few sentinels x x x etc." Still another example that I don't seem to find in OR is at end of this folder, Sedgwick to Hooker, 6:15 p.m., Apr. 30 "I think that movements indicate that they are passing troops up to our right x x x etc."

It is clear that if anyone wishes to do an even more detailed study of Chancellorsville than did Bigelow, these dispatches would be essential, although to work with them in sufficient depth to garner their benefit would be complicated, lengthy and difficult.

FOLDER E Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 1. ((We are endeavoring in processing these to keep them as nearly as possible in a chronological sequence and same time preserve the original organization as much as possible, as the juxtaposition of the dispatches is very important.)) 61 pieces. Again several field dispatches of importance that do not appear in OR. Meade to Hooker, 1:30 p.m., May 1. "My cavalry report a brigade of infantry drawn up in line on the road from here to Banks ford x x x" He sent out Griffin to deal with them. Show Meade's obvious intention to continue to advance. Five dispatches of Sedgwick to Butterfield do not appear specifically in the OR, though they are in some part covered in Butterfield to Hooker messages. All of these are useful in understanding the cooperation of Hooker's left wing. Seven dispatches re a minor cavalry operation of B.W. Crowninshield. Bulk of this folder is telegrams received, May 1. Telegrams mainly from Sedgwick and H.J. Hunt, although there are others and many of them pertain to Banks Ford. No new clues as to why Hooker stopped advancing on May 1, but the usual useful group for detailed study.

FOLDER K Chancellorsville Dispatches, Dispatches Received by Maj. Genl Hooker at Chancellorsville, Genl. Butterfield to Genl. Hooker May 2, 3, 4. "Allof which are copied in A.A.G. Office, Army of the Potomac." Very difficult to use or check because many are undated and untimed. Probably sequence could be pretty well worked out but it would be laborious. Most of these appear to be in OR if important, but, for instance, Butterfield to Hooker "Shall I send any information or dispatch to the President of any kind whatsoever. x x x" is apparently not in OR. It is undated or timed but probably May 3, note p. 378, OR XXV, Pt. II. 80 pieces altogether. Again the heavy emphasis is on Sedgwick. But we do find Pleasanton to Hooker, May 2, 9 p.m. "I have had a hard fight & am pretty well used up. x x x I had to stop a stampede & check Jackson-which we did handsomely. I think we have got them." Pleasanton afterward claimed his great importance on night of May 2. Butterfield to Hooker, nd "Enemys Pickets called out x x x this am. 'You Damned Yanks reckon youve got us this time.'"

Hooker Papers, Box XIV.

FOLDER A Chancellorsville Dispatches, Examination of Rebel Prisoners, 19 pieces. Mainly May 3, but other scattering; very interesting as it shows the type of information obtained from prisoners, deserters etc., including a map of Conf. position in front of Fredericksburg as furnished by a Conf. deserter in June, 1863. None of these appear to be in OR.

FOLDER B Report of Genl. Averell's Operations, May 4. Second Cavalry Division. 11 pieces. Two copies of Averell's report which is also in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 1074. Two journals of Capt. Tidball re Second Cavalry Division Operations, not in OR. Averell to Capt. Alexander, Near Rapiden Sta. April 30, 6:30 a.m., not in OR, re erroneous report that Stuart had left Brandy Station and was moving in direction of Stevensburg. There also is the order turning the cavalry division over to Pleasanton and relieving Averell, May 3, but it is also in OR XXV, Pt. I, p. 1080, as is dispatch on 1075 re Averell being delayed by High water. Several other dispatches herein add to the story of Averell's command in Chancellorsville campaign and his being relieved.

FOULDER C Chancellorsville Dispatches. Telegrams Received and Messages Received, May 3, 1863. 92 pieces. Several important messages which fill in technical details of the fighting and movement of May 3 are apparently not in OR. For instance, H.J. Hunt to Butterfield, rec 3:55 p.m. as to bridging of Banks Ford. Telegraph wires are also across, taken by swimmers. A number of picket and scouting reports are included also. Several other useful Hunt messages are herein, although as usual one or two are in OR such as Hunt to Hooker, May 3, recd 1:45 p.m. is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 392. Peck to Butterfield, Suffolk, May 3 ((misdated March 3)) re Longstreet is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 371. Several important Sedgwick dispatches are included here that are not in OR such as Sedgwick to Hooker May 3, 11:15 am. "The enemy threatens me strongly on two fronts my position is bad for such attack it was assumed for attack and not for defense. It is not improbable that Bridges at Banks ford may be sacrificed Can you help me Strongly if I am attacked x x x" Important message of Warren to Butterfield, May 3, 9 a.m. re condition of things with Sedgwick "x x x All hopeful and determined to destroy Lee's army or be destroyed." Apparently not in OR, but one of the most important messages we have found in Chancellorsville part of this collection. There are more messages in this group apparently not in OR than for previous days of the battle, and they would be useful in any serious study of the battle. Many of these messages refer to Sedgwick's operations and the various fords on the Rappahannock. There is a fine sense of immediacy in these messages and coupled with what are in OR, which are fewer for May 3 than other days, one could put together a fine action story of what happened as far as orders went. See also, Not in OR, Rufus Ingalls to Butterfield, and 12:20 pm.

- FOLDER F Signal dispatches Received, May 1-4, 1863. Here is a group of 102 signal dispatches which are as fine a representation of the work of the signal corps as I have ever seen, most of which are not in OR. Difficult to use for one has to locate the various signal stations they are sent from. A few of the messages of P.A. Taylor are in OR but the bulk of these definitely are not. Many of them refer to the Federal left. It gives a terrific picture of how the Federals saw the enemy and what the Federals knew, right or wrong as to Confederate movements, and of course such knowledge had its effect of Federal action. Very useful in super detailed work on Chancellorsville or on the operations of the signal corps.
- FOLDER G Dispatches to Sedgwick, April 29 & 30 & May 1-4, 1863. Copies of telegrams, messages, etc., to Sedgwick referring to operations at Fredericksburg. Butterfield to Sedgwick. For instance for April 30 there are 13 messages, only two of which I find in OR. One not in OR, Butterfield to Sedgwick, "x x x Everything goes beautifully above. x x x" meaning with Hooker. Of the 16 for May 1, I find two in OR. There are 88 dispatches altogether. Again we are getting a very full picture of Sedgwick's part of the battle and orders to and from him. For May 2, I find at 12 noon, Butterfield to Sedgwick, apparently not in OR though similar messages are, "x x x it seems to be of vital importance that you should fail upon Lee's rear with crushing force--x x x" Noticed also Butterfield to Sedgwick 9:35 a.m. May 2, "As the President says 'How does it look now?'" There are many messages urging Sedgwick to push on with his part of the attack. Most of these, or others like them are known. But this is a useful folder.
- FOLDER H Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 2, Miscellaneous. 12 pieces. Not of major importance though handwritten, badly glued message of apparently Sickles at 9 p.m., May 2 says "x x x I have advanced as far as my instruction will permit until I am supported x x x." Do not find in OR.
- FOLDER I Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 2 & 3, signals to Sedgwick and others. 44 pieces. J.H. Van Alen to Butterfield, 10 p.m., May 2, "Gen Sedgwick's dispatch has been received. It does not alter in any sense etc., x x x" is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 386 for example. Also Van Alen May 3, 4:10 a.m. is p. 385. Many of these messages, as also in other other folders, and OR, emphasize Hooker's desire for Sedgwick's cooperation. Afterwards of course he blamed Sedgwick for many things but even at time of battle seemed to hang on him for success rather than himself, if these messages are any true indication. Do not find, May 2, Butterfield to Sedgwick "An aid just arrived from Genl Hooker. everything in the world depends upon the rapidity & partnership of your movement--push everything--I send the aid to you--" However most of the important messages, or those covering same subject, are in OR, though those that are not increase emphasis much as to cooperation with and by Sedgwick. The pressure was really put on Sedgwick from all quarters.
- FOLDER J Chancellorsville Dispatches, J.H. Van Alen, May 2-4, 1 item containing copies of 27 dispatches, most of them apparently duplicated elsewhere in this collection. Important messages are in OR XXV, Pt. II.

- FOLDER D Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 4. Signal Telegraphs and Messages Sent. For instances, not in OR Sedgwick to Hooker, "I shall hold my position as ordered on South of Rappahannock." No time or date but similar messages are in OR for May 4. 90 pieces. Again the emphasis is on Sedgwick's part of the battle. We are again struck with the interest of Hooker and Butterfield in the Fredericksburg and of the Campaign, showing its importance, whereas history sometimes gives it too little attention. Many, many secondary messages are not in OR but most of the more vital are, such as Hooker to Sedgwick, May 4, from U.S. Ford "It is of vital importance that you should take a commanding position near Fredericksburg etc." OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 409. Also Hooker to Sedgwick, 2:20 p.m., "I expect to advance tomorrow morning x x x" Useful group on the latter days of the Battle.
- FOLDER E Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 5, 1863. 76 pieces. Butterfield to Lincoln is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 421. Do not find in OR following important message, Sickles to Hooker, May 5. "You can stay here as long as you please. Suggest to the President the earliest possible advance by Dix, Foster, Rosecrans, Burnside, Grant & Banks. The enemy is concentrating troops from all his lines against you because the defeat of your army is equivalent to the destruction of all the rest-it would terminate the War x x x." Again the emphasis is on Sedgwick and many of the orders re the withdrawal across the Rappahannock are here and also in the OR, such as OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 412, Sedgwick to Hooker "My army is hemmed in upon the slope, x x x" Several useful Meade dispatches on the withdrawal.
- FOLDER F Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 6, eight pieces. Not too important. Circular, May 6, 6 1/2 a.m. Hooker ordering army to old camp near Falmoth is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 432.
- FOLDER G Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 7, 10 pieces. Signal reports on the action and movements slow down after the battle. Also includes couple copies of messages probably April 29-30 but we leave them here as they were stored in this envelope. This folder of not too great importance.
- FOLDER H Chancellorsville Dispatches, May 8. 12 pieces. Stanton to Hooker of May 8 is also in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 449, as are communication of Gen. Curtis, Rosecrans and Horatio Seymour. Capt. Raderishen's letter, probably to Hooker, does not appear in OR and is rather important in regard to the orders to Sedgwick. Rest of lesser significance.
- FOLDER I Chancellorsville, undated and general. Eleven undated Chancellorsville messages that strayed from their packets and six other general documents. The messages are apparently mostly May 4-5. Other material includes reports of captured flags and colors.
- FOLDER J Post-Chancellorsville, May 1864. 12 communications and 19 telegrams. Many of these post-battle items not in OR. For instance three communications including report of a reconnaissance by Warren, May 11, are not in OR. May 22 recommendations of Pleasonton re the cavalry, of which he was now the commander, not in OR. Report of George A. Custer on expedition to intercept "a party from Richmond" Not in OR. May 24 statement of condition of cavalry by Pleasonton, not in OR. Pleasonton sends S. Williams a letter taken from one of Stuart's men. Very unusual item. Also reports on condition of fords of the Potomac, and the guarding of them. The telegrams are mainly scouting and signal reports, most of which are not in OR. Report of Rufus King on operations against Conf. railroads. Stanton to Hooker, May 9 re cable between Cherry Stone & Fort Monroe is not in OR. But Stanton to Hooker May 7 re Richmond Papers, is in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 439.

- FOLDER K June, 1863. 23 pieces. Report of crossing places of the Rappahannock from Banks to Kelly's Ford, with 5 sketches. Not in OR and rather important in determining condition of the fords at the time of Chancellorsville-Brandy-and start of Gettysburg Campaign. Rest are minor communications and reports of secondary operations. Of some small interest in pre-Gettysburg conditions.
- FOLDER L July 1863, five pieces. Report of absentees from the Army of the Potomac as of June 30, 1863. Gives breakdown by unit and cause. Useful in study of absentee problem. Other papers include a list of distances from Gettysburg Campaign, a roster of July 20 and the Strength of Stevenson's Division, July 1. There is also a paper containing copies of 3 Meade to Hallock messages of July 3, all in OR XXVII, Pt. I, p. 74 & 78.
- FOLDER M Brandy Station, Confederate Papers, These were supposedly the "Paper captured in enemy's camp at Beverly Ford-on the 9th of June-showing enemy's strength of cavalry & Horse artillery." Pleasanton later claimed that the capture of these papers and other developments at Brandy Station gave the Federals the route Lee took and his plans. E.C. Fishel in his notes on the Hooker Paper, Dec. 8 mentions this important find including three papers, one of which had a large smudge, probably horse manure. The documents, according to Fishel, did not contain "any evidence of a general movement by Lee." One was an order of march W.E. Jones's brigade in review of Stuart's cavalry June 8. Now there is only this and a letter from Culpeper June 4, 1863, of "Bill" to "My Dear Father." "x x x I think Stuart is preparing to make a raid into the enemies country, x x x" Says Stuart has about 12,000 cavalry. Nothing very revealing in this letter certainly. We are concerned about item and tried to watch for it throughout our survey. Even if all three were here there is no assurance this is all Pleasanton captured. It is a pity these papers do not solve this minor mystery.
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- Hooker Papers, Box XV.
- FOLDER A Brandy Station, June 9, 1863. 23 pieces on the great cavalry battle. Seven of these are casualty reports. Pleasanton to S. Williams of June 6, 1863 not in OR; nor is Pleasanton to Hooker, 9:30 p.m. June 9, 1863 re use of Gadwallader and Dahlgren's troops. Thirteen reports. Pleasanton's report herein of June 15 is in OR XXVII, Pt. I, p. 1044, useful hand drawn map, however, included and not in OR. Of the 11 other real reports (one other document is map and other a casualty return) only one appears to be in OR, J.I. Gregg, p. 974, ORXXV, Pt. I. Those not in are T.C. Devin, Jn. Buford, B.C. Cram, S.S. Elner, N.C. Wheelan, J.E. Harrison, W. Merritt, R.C. Good, C.J. Whiting, T.C. Bacon. Above reports are important to a thorough study of Brandy Station.
- FOLDER B Cavalry Battles of Aldie, Middleburg, Upperville. Nine pieces. Pleasanton's combined report of Sept. 22 does not appear to be in the OR. Casualty returns are in OR. Of the six other reports, T.G. Devin and J. Kilpatrick are not in OR. One document, containing 17 dispatches of Pleasanton to Hooker and others. Over half of these do not appear to be in OR, our spot check shows. They are useful in determining how much Federals knew of Conf. advance north toward Gettysburg.

FOLDER C Lookout Mountain. 26 pieces, covering Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain and the pursuit after Missionary Ridge, Oct.-Nov. 1863. Telegram, C.B. Comstock for Grant to Hooker, Jan. 13, 1864, in which "Genl Grant Complains that Genl Hooker's official report of battle of Lookout Valley has appeared in newspapers before its receipt by him." Not apparent in OR. Findings of the Board of Inquiry relative to censure cast upon Gen. Schurz by Gen. Hooker in report on Wauhatchie. In OR XXXI, Pt. I, p. 106. Thomas's orders to Hooker, Oct. 24, telegram, for advance into Lookout Valley. OR XXXI, Pt. I, Hooker's report, p. 92, mentions such orders but we do not find them in OR. Therefore this is a useful item. J.J. Reynolds for Thomas to Hooker, Chattanooga, Oct. 27 re opening of the line to Chattanooga, more orders, not in OR.

Copy of Grant to Thomas, Nov. 22, 6 p.m. re Sherman's delays. This is copy sent to Hooker. Is in OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 40. Orders of Thomas to Hooker, Nov. 23 is in OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 105. But message of Nov. 24, Thomas to Hooker through staff, re opening of a battery does not appear to be in OR. Geary from Lookout Mt., Nov. 24, 3 1/2 p.m. doubts he will be able to hold. Do not find in OR. Geary to Hooker, Nov. 24, 1 p.m. is OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 332 and Thomas' staff to Hooker 4:30 p.m. Nov. 24 is OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 110. Geary to Hooker, 1:15 p.m., Nov. 24 re his progress at Lookout Mountain, not in OR. Thomas to Hooker, Nov. 24 re "glorious" success and details is in OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 111. Two other Nov. 24 dispatches of Thomas (Reynolds) to Hooker do not appear to be in OR. Nov. 25 penciled note of J.E. Taylor ~~do not appear to be in OR.~~ Nov. 25 re evacuation of Lookout Mt. apparently not in OR. Important message of 11:30 p.m. Nov. 25, J.J. Reynolds for Thomas to Hooker in which Hooker is directed to "move on the enemy tomorrow x x x and make a strong reconnoissance and if the enemy has retired pursue him as far as you can with effect. x x x" Not apparently in OR. Reynolds to Hooker 1 p.m. Nov. 26 "General Thomas approves your suggestions and directs that you push on to Graysville. x x x" Order of Reynolds to Butterfield, Nov. 26, 6:30 a.m. re advance, apparently not in OR. Reynolds for Thomas to Hooker, 9:15 a.m. Nov. 27 re wagons of operations and approval of advance, apparently not in OR. This message is in answer to Hooker to Reynolds, 10 p.m. Nov. 26, OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 119. Thomas to Hooker, 9 a.m. Nov. 30 ordering him back to Chattanooga is in OR XXXI, Pt. II, p. 123.

Above examination shows most important dispatches in group are in OR but some useful to details study are not. They do show Hooker's desire to follow up after Missionary Ridge, and apparently Thomas' desire to have him do so. Printed or not some of the messages here in the original are very dramatic.

FOLDER D Feb.-Apr. 1864, 12 pieces re period prior to Atlanta Campaign. Two useful documents reorganization of Colored regiments at Chattanooga, not specifically apparent in OR. Mostly rather routine and minor documents, scouting reports etc., probably not in OR but not major contribution to history of this quieter period at Chattanooga. Letter of Asst. Surgeon Gen. R.C. Wood to Sherman Louisville, March 31, re reports of scurvy in 11th Corps, rather interesting letter.

Hooker Papers Box XVI.

FOLDER A Report of Brig. Gen Wm. T. Ward, Third Division, twentieth Corps, Atlanta Campaign. In OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 321.

FOLDER B Atlanta Campaign, partial reports of Div. & Brigade commanders, Twentieth Corps. 7 pieces. Report of casualties in Hooker's Twentieth Corps, May 5-July 27, 1864, Atlanta Campaign, Not in OR quite this way. This list represents losses during Hooker's command of the corps while OR XXXVIII, Pt. II gives monthly and May-August losses. Report of Rebel prisoners, colors and artillery captured during May-July, 1864. Not in OR in this form and some of these facts not covered. Report of Gen. A.S. Williams, 1st Div., Twentieth Corps May 1-July 28 is in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 26. Report of Second Brigade, Third Division, Twentieth Corps, May 8 to May 31, Col. John Coburn, is OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 378. Same unit May 22-June 28, p. 381 in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, J-S. Robinson, Third Brigade, First Division, Twentieth Corps, ~~May 8 to May 31~~, also is in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 34. And yet another report of Col. John Coburn and the Second Brigade, Third Division, June 29-July 28 is also in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 388. Thus all reports in this folder are in OR.

FOLDER C Atlanta Campaign, Artillery Reports, Twentieth Corps. 7 pieces. Reports of Maj. John Reynold, Chief of Artillery, Twentieth Corps, in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 468, but date is Sept. 9 and in ms Sept. 10. Capt. Henry Bundy, Thirteenth New York Battery is in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 473. Lieut. Jerome B. Stephens, Battery S, First Ohio Light Artillery in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 483. Capt. Charles E. Winegard, Battery I, First New York Light Art. is in OR XXXVIII, Pt. II, p. 474. Capt. John D. Woodbury, Battery M, First New York Light Art., p. 477; Lieut. Thomas S. Sloan, Batty. E., Penn. Light Art., p. 486; and Capt. Luther R. Smith, Batty. I, First Mich. Light Art., p. 473.

FOLDER D Atlanta Campaign, Orders etc., April, 1864-July 27, 1864. 66 pieces. Sketch showing positions of 20th, 23rd and 4th corps as of June 11, 1864, not in OR, but of no great importance. Gen. Orders No. 1, Headquarters 20th Army Corps, April 16, 1864, printed order of Hooker taking over combined 11th and 12th corps as the 20th and appointment of staff. A large group of orders primarily for the period Hooker served in the Atlanta Campaign. Many plans for daily moves and operations, plus orders for them. The Special Field Orders for daily movement appear to all be in the OR. Some of the lesser orders are not and they would be useful, worked in with the OR, for a detailed study of the Atlanta Campaign. These orders do show the control of movement and that it was not as haphazard as sometimes written. These many special field orders show that the lower commanders were kept posted as to Sherman's strategy. Spot check shows about 75 of these papers are in OR. Official letter of Hooker resigning because he claimed Howard was put over him is in this folder. It is also in OR XXXVIII, Pt. V, p. 273. There are also the orders relieving him.

Hooker Papers, Box XVII.

Books and General Orders

Official Army Register for January, 1873, with Hooker's name in his hand. Huntington does not have January, 1873 or any for 1873. Of some use perhaps in checking ranking for 1873 but of no great historical value.

State of New York, Presentation of Regimental Colors to the Legislature. 1863. Hooker's personal copy. Book of little value historically and only slightly as collector's item.

History of Antietam National Cemetery, Baltimore, 1869. Hooker's personal copy, autographed in his hand. Huntington has volume.

Military Reports of the Rebellion, April 1 to June 3, 1863, including Chancellorsville Campaign, Vol. XIV. Published by War Dept. for private use. Really amounts to paper binding and a number of page proofs of

of what became OR. This volume has broken spine. Hooker has some annotations in margins, but they are of no historical value. An interesting curio but of course it is all in OR.

General Orders, Army of the Potomac, 1862, few orders tied in paper. Huntington has full set for 1862.

General Orders, Army of the Potomac, 1863, 1-62. Huntington has full set 1-106.

General Orders, Headquarters of the Army, 1862, and War Department, Adjutant General's Office, 1862. Large group, but Huntington has full file.

General Orders, Headquarters Northern Department, Cincinnati, O., 1865, No. 1-52. Plus two miscellaneous general orders.

((None of the above books and general orders are of particular historical value.))

Hooker Papers Box XVIII.

Maps. 24 items

Campaign Maps showing position of 20th Corps on march from Chattanooga, Tenn. to Atlanta, Ga., with dates. Union and Rebel Defenses. This fine set of 11 maps is similar to that printed in Atlas to the OR Plate GI, maps 1-19, but there are significant differences and several maps cover different dates. Also, this set has itinerary of the 20th Corps under Hooker day by day by divisions, May 2, 1864 through July 28. These maps are hand drawn in ink on paper.

Others include: Five maps on yellow tracing paper of Atlanta Campaign, not in OR as such. Useful for detailed study of field maps used at the time.

Marietta, Ga., area, rough inked map with some troops.

Calhoun, Resaca area, rough penciled map and very interesting in showing what they had to work with.

Part of Georgia, Information map, Cassville-Van Wert Area, prepared in field with blueprint process, May 23, 1864.

Part of Georgia, Information Map, May 30, 1864, produced in field with penciled changes, area of Pumpkin Vine Church.

Atlanta City map done in field from previous city map, July 25, 1864, not in OR as such.

Murray County, Ga., map of "A Part of" compiled by Teno. Engr. and printed in Chattanooga, April 23, 1864, compiled "from the notes of a captured Rebel Engineer." Unusual map not in OR.

Part of Cobb County, Ga., from original land map, Teno. Eng. Marietta, July 15, 1864.

Northern Georgia, Part of, No. 3, on cloth. Official issue, nd, but obviously 1864. Marietta-Atlanta-Jonesboro area. Not specifically in OR.

First Dist. Campbell County, Ga., "Autographed and printed in the field," May 23, 1864. On cloth as done then for field use. Good collector's item of Chattahoochee river area near Campbellton, Ga.

Antietam National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Md., 1866. Shows graves by states. Similar maps available but this issue probably scarce.

Map of the route and positions First Corps, Army of Va., Sigel, July 7-Sept. 10, 1862, Second Bull Run Campaign, not in OR.

DeKalb County, Ga., land map, including Atlanta, prepared by Eng., Army of the Cumberland from originals, July 11, 1864. Some hand written notations. Folds, etc., show evidence this map was probably used by Hooker and staff. Wilderness, Va., May 7, 1864, a processed map probably made in field, no troops.

Economic Minerals along the route of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, 187?, a promotional map.

Battle of Chattanooga, with operations of Grant, Nov. 23-25, 1863. U.S. Coast Survey, similar to OR Atlas XLIX, Map 1, but with considerable differences in troop position & details.

Chancellorsville to Orange Court House area, Va., July 28, 1864, corrected to Nov. 13, 1864.

Potomac from Indian Road to Liverpool Point, n.d.

Area between Fredericksburg & Richmond, 1864 map.

This is an interesting collection of a small part of the maps Hooker and his staff must have had and used. They are useful on details of the Atlanta, Ga. Campaign especially where it gives impression of the actual maps they prepared, printed, and worked with in field. Also there are some differences in troops positions from maps in OR Official Atlas. Condition excellent, with one or two exceptions. Types of map--cloth, a blue print process, hand drawn, etc. and the sources of them, including a Rebel engineer-- all intriguing. On the other hand it is unfortunate there are none of Chancellorsville and other fields Hooker was involved in.

Hooker Papers, Box XIX.

Returns. Group of 233 reports and returns for 1863 from Feb. to July. Gives troop strength of various units at various times. Not specifically in OR but of course the results are in the monthly printed returns. Shows how prepared, amended, returned for corrections etc. One for July, 1863, First Army Corps under remarks has "Major Genl. J.F. Reynolds killed in action July 1st." Reynolds' Probable last report, June 30, 1863, signed by Reynolds. Four reports of Army of the Potomac, May 20, May 31, April, 1863, monthly return, & April 20, tri-monthly, and a field return of all corps June 18, 1863. Also there is report of March 31, 1863, which is abstracted in OR XXV, Pt. II, p. 180, but this includes more details, as do those listed for full army given above.

These full reports of the Army of the Potomac should be kept of course. It is possible that the library would wish to sell the others as collector's items as they have very limited historical value but would bring a fairly good price.