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"I'll Live and Die Under the Union!!"

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They finally listened to me! 2July1863 1:50am

It's July 2nd and we have held off the Confederates at Gettysburg. My cavalry troops were posted north of the town on July 1 and we were able to hold off the Confederates long enough so that General Meade and the rest of the army could arrive. I told them it was good ground for fighting with lots of hills and ridges to defend and they actually listened to me. People are telling me I deserve a lot of the credit for our victory, but that is not for me to say for sure!! We have lost many men and horses, so I must go and help re organize our brigades.

Contacting Me

Here's a picture of me and my officers



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† My Interests

General	I enjoy horseback riding and studying military tactics
Music	Anything but "Dixie"

Shot in the knee, but didn't earn a real victory Aug 30 62 430 am(view more)

Bored at a desk job in Washington DC April 8 61 955am (view more)

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Here's a picture I took of Gettysburg

Hobby	Hunting
Place to Be	Rock Island Illinois
Books	Military Strategy
Heroes	I looked up to my family members who served their country bravely and I hope to do the same and be as well thought of
Groups	West Point Alumni Assciation



Here is a picture of the Rebels retreating!!



About Me

I was born in Kentucky, but moved to Rock Island, Illinois when I was 8. Many members of my family had served in the army, including the Revolutionary War, so after a year at Knox College in Illinois, I was accepted into West Point Military Academy's class of 1848. I was a decent student and graduated 16th out of a class of 38 men. I really liked horses and didn't like the noise of the artillery, so I joined the cavalry. I spent the years before the war fighting the Sioux indians on the frontier. They sent me to Kansas to try and help keep the peace between pro and anti slvery forces in the state. Right before the war started I was stationed at Fort Covington out in Utah. When I got word of the war starting I

sent a message to the governor of Kentucky and told him "I was a captain in the United States army and intended to remain one! No way I was joining those Rebels!

As the war began , I was stationed near Washington DC to protect it from the Southern attackers - who never came! My friend General John Pope (popestar21) rescued me from a boring desk job in Washington DC and asked me to take command of cavalry troops under his command.

I finally got into a battle called 2nd Bull Run (it was the 2nd battle fought in the same place) in August of 1862 and led a charge against those Rebels. Got shot in the knee - it was painful, but not serious!

They put me in charge of a major portion of the Northern Cavalry that would attack Robert E. Lee's army!!!

My Blurbs

Who I'd Like To Meet:

Abraham Lincoln

My Friends Space (Top 8)

I have 1863 Friends.

Popestar21

Pleasant one

The real Stone
man!

Gmeade



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‡My Details	
Status:	married to Martha McDowell Duke of Kentucky
Here for:	to connect with old friends and promote the Union cause!
Politics:	I support our president and the Union forever!!
Hometown:	I was born in Kentucky, but grew up in Illinois!
Body Type:	I have been called "a compactly built man of middle height, with a tawny mustache and a little triangular gray eye, whose expression is determined, not to say sinister" by Colonel Theodore Lyman
Ethnicity:	White
Religion:	Christian
Zodiac Sign:	What's their sign?
Smoke/Drink:	

§My Friends Comments

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GMeade

July 1 1863 7:45 PM

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You have helped save the day for us General! Your choice of Gettysburg as a place to fight seems to be working in our favor

Popestar21

June 28 1863 11:51 PM

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I heard you have a new commander. Meade is a good man. They are sending me to guard prisoners in Chicago. fun

The real Stone man

May 19 1863 8:51 PM

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Have you any contact with the Rebels? I hear they are marching towards PA?
TTUS

	I enjoy a good cigar with the boys after and during a battle. Helps calm the men to see thier command relaxing with a cigar during the fight!
Children:	No
Education:	I spent one year at Knox College and then 4 years at West Point and graduated from there in 1848.
Occupation:	I have always been in the Army!!

^My Education	
Latest School Graduated? West Point military Academy Graduated: 1848 Degree: Military Major: Cavalry tactics	April 1844 to June 1848