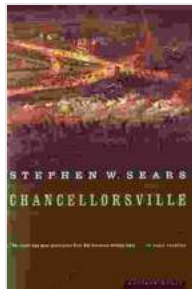


Chancellorsville: The Battle That Reshaped the Civil War

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Prelude to Battle

In the spring of 1863, the Union Army of the Potomac, under the command of General Joseph Hooker, was poised to strike a decisive blow against the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by General Robert E. Lee. Hooker's army was larger and better equipped than Lee's, and he had the advantage of interior lines. However, Hooker was a cautious

commander, and he hesitated to attack Lee's well-entrenched positions at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Lee, for his part, was aware of Hooker's hesitation, and he decided to take the initiative. On April 27, 1863, he sent a portion of his army under the command of General Stonewall Jackson to flank Hooker's right flank. Jackson's mission was to cut off Hooker's supply lines and force him to retreat.

The Battle

Jackson's flank attack caught Hooker by surprise. He quickly ordered his army to retreat, but it was too late. Jackson's men had already cut off Hooker's supply lines, and he was forced to withdraw to Chancellorsville, Virginia. Lee's army pursued Hooker, and the two armies clashed on May 1, 1863.

The Battle of Chancellorsville was a bloody and chaotic affair. The fighting raged for three days, and both sides suffered heavy losses. However, in the end, Lee's army was victorious. Hooker's army was forced to retreat, and Lee was able to launch his second invasion of the North.

Aftermath

The Battle of Chancellorsville was a major victory for the Confederacy. It boosted Southern morale and gave Lee the opportunity to launch his second invasion of the North. However, the victory came at a high price. Jackson was mortally wounded during the battle, and he died a few days later. Jackson was one of Lee's most trusted generals, and his death was a major blow to the Confederate war effort.

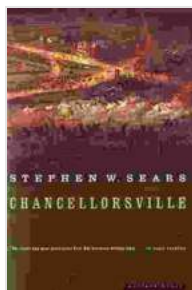
The Battle of Chancellorsville also had a significant impact on the Union war effort. Hooker was relieved of command after the battle, and he was replaced by General George Meade. Meade would go on to lead the Union army to victory at the Battle of Gettysburg, which was a major turning point in the war.

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