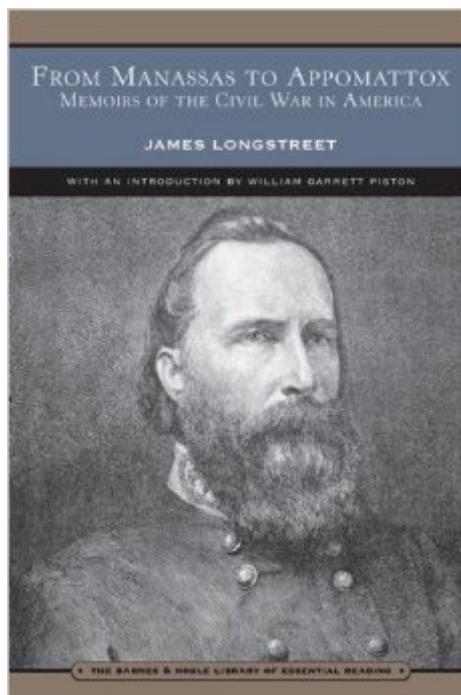


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In the past 30 years I've read many books related to the Civil War, both by modern authors and former participants or eyewitness observers. By far, James Longstreet's FROM MANASSAS TO APPOMATTOX has been the most difficult. Perhaps the content of other editions is different, but my 1992 hardcover copy (reproducing original plates) is lacking in one critical necessity: there are no detailed maps. Trying to follow Longstreet's battle and maneuver descriptions without these is impossible. Also, as an author, the former Confederate general is at best an adequate report writer. To illustrate the boggle that is most of this very long book, here's a paragraph chosen at random: "On the 27th, General Johnston received information that General McDowell's corps was at Fredericksburg, and on the march to reinforce McClellan's right at Mechanicsville. He prepared to attack McClellan before McDowell could reach him." Well that's pretty clear. But then we have... "To this end he withdrew Smith's division from the Williamsburg road, relieving it by the division of D.H. Hill; withdrew Longstreet's division from its position, and A.P. Hill's from Ashland. The fighting column was to be under General G.W. Smith, his next in rank, and General Whiting was assigned command of Smith's division,---the column to consist of A.P. Hill's, Whiting's, and D.R. Jones's divisions. The latter was posted between the Mechanicsville pike and Meadow Bridge road. A.P. Hill was to march direct against McClellan's outpost at Mechanicsville, Whiting to cross the river at

Meadow Bridge, and D.R. Jones at Mechanicsville, thus completing the column of attack on the east side."And then Longstreet describes what's happening to the west.

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