

GENERALS AS CASUALTIES

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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GENERALS KILLED AT GETTYSBURG

The number of Federal generals killed or mortally wounded at Gettysburg seems to have been five, depending upon interpretation of the facts, namely: Major General John F. Reynolds and Brigadier Generals Samuel K. Zook, Elon J. Farnsworth, Stephen H. Weed, and Strong Vincent. Questionable is Vincent, whose general officer commission arrived after his death. Similarly, the number of Confederate generals killed at that battle can be debated. Six can be mentioned: Maj. Gen. William Dorsey Pender and Brigadier Generals William Barksdale, Paul Jones Semmes, Louis Armistead, Richard Garnett, and J. Johnston Pettigrew. The last-named officer was mortally wounded on 14 Jul 1863, well after the Confederate Army had left the field of battle, but still participated in the Gettysburg campaign.

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U.S. GENERAL OFFICERS AS POWs, WWII

A total of 20 became prisoners of war (19 of Japanese, and 1 of German).

Breakdown by:

-place of capture

ETO - 1

CBI - 2

Pac - 17

20

-grade

LTG - 1

MG - 5

BG - 14

20

Source: U.S. War Dept. Battle Casualties, 1941-46, pp. 74-5, 54-5, 60-1, 62-3.