



"Cannons on the Square"

By Ron Lesser

This oil painting (23" X 46") was commissioned by Mercersburg Academy for the 2002 Commemoration of the 140th Anniversary of J.E.B. Stuart's Raid through Mercersburg in October 1862.

Pictured here, left to right, are Major General James Ewell Brown Stuart, Captain James Breathed, Major John Pelham, and trooper Alexander Logan.

Having taken the town without a shot, Major General J.E.B. Stuart and Major John Pelham discuss the placement of two 12-pounders from the 1st Stuart Horse Artillery on Mercersburg's town square. Through his binoculars the battery's commander, Captain James Breathed, surveys the progress of the 1st North Carolina Cavalry north on Main Street. Behind Stuart are troopers carrying the flags of the Washington South Carolina Artillery and 1st Stuart Horse Artillery.

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