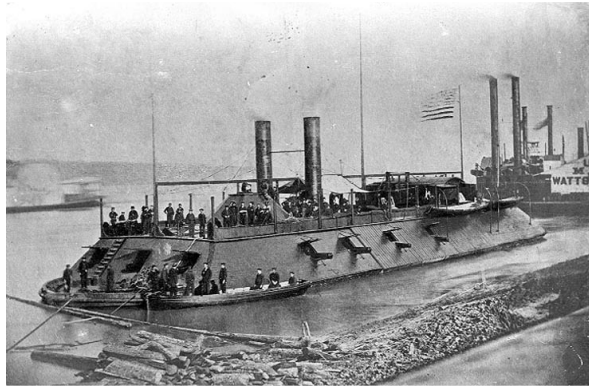


Major Dates in the Civil War



USS Cairo, one of the early steamship ironclads. It was sunk in 1862 (the year the photo was taken) after a year of service along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers..

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| February 9, 1861 | Confederate States of America formed by seven states in Deep South; four others join by May |
| April 12, 1861 | Battle of Fort Sumter (South Carolina) starts Civil War; Union forces surrenders fort to Confederates |
| July 1861 | First Battle of Bull Run stopped Union advance into Virginia (targeting Richmond, the capital of the CSA) |
| August 1862 | Second Battle of Bull Run; Lee defeats northern foes, and as a result of this, attempts his first invasion of the North |
| September 17, 1862 | Antietam: Lee forced to withdraw from Maryland; Lincoln has victory that supports his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation |
| September 22, 1862 | Lincoln offers deal to rebel states: return to Union, free slaves for compensation; announces that on next January, he will free slaves in all rebel states, immediately and without compensation |
| Jan 1, 1863 | Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation (officially declaring slaves in rebel areas free) |
| June 1863 | Lee's second invasion of the north led to Battle of Gettysburg, (July 1-3); Lee forced to retreat south into Virginia |
| July 1863 | Battle of Vicksburg; Grant takes last major Confederate fortress along Mississippi River |
| 1864 | Lincoln appoints Grant as Chief of Staff, who creates strategy of multiple attacks and scorched earth policy. |
| 1864 | Sherman's March to the Sea (from Atlanta, then turning up northward to face Lee in Virginia) |
| June 1864-March 1865 | Siege of Petersburg (Lee surrounded) |
| April 19, 1865 | Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House |