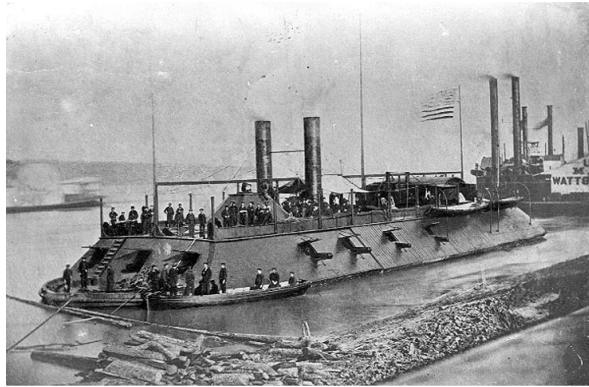


Major Dates in the Civil War



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..

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