

1 01:00:22:06 01:00:24:20 WAR.
2 01:00:24:22 01:00:27:19 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.
3 01:00:27:21 01:00:29:28 THE CIVIL WAR.
4 01:00:30:00 01:00:31:28 WORLD WAR I.
5 01:00:32:00 01:00:33:23 WORLD WAR II.
6 01:00:33:25 01:00:36:04 THE KOREAN WAR.
7 01:00:36:06 01:00:37:09 VIETNAM.
8 01:00:37:11 01:00:40:17 CAN WAR TRIGGER SOCIAL CHANGE?
9 01:00:40:19 01:00:42:09 HAPPENING TO HAVE
MY OWN PREDILECTION
10 01:00:42:11 01:00:47:24 THAT EVERY BATTLE COUNTS
TOWARDS SOCIAL POLICY.
11 01:00:47:26 01:00:50:22 ONE THING THAT'S CLEAR AFTER
STUDYING ALL THESE WARS:
12 01:00:50:24 01:00:53:26 YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A KIND OF
UNITY OF SPIRIT AND EFFORT.
13 01:00:53:28 01:00:56:27 YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING
TO HAVE DISSENT.
14 01:00:56:29 01:00:58:10 Man:
WHEN A COUNTRY'S AT WAR
15 01:00:58:12 01:01:00:27 ALL THE STRESSES AND STRAINS
WILL COME OUT, YOU KNOW
16 01:01:00:29 01:01:03:01 AND YOU REALLY SEE
THE NATIONAL CHARACTER.
17 01:01:03:03 01:01:04:04 CAN IT HOLD TOGETHER?
18 01:01:04:06 01:01:05:26 IT'S ABSOLUTELY
INDISTINGUISHABLE
19 01:01:05:28 01:01:06:29 WITH THE CIVIL WAR.
20 01:01:07:01 01:01:08:21 YOU START WITH THIS LIMITED WAR
21 01:01:08:23 01:01:10:19 AND BY THE END
IT BECOMES TOTAL WAR.
22 01:01:10:21 01:01:14:05 THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE MODERN
WAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
23 01:01:14:07 01:01:16:17 MORE CASUALTIES,
MORE DEATHS IN THE CIVIL WAR
24 01:01:16:19 01:01:18:09 THAN ALL OTHERS COMBINED.
25 01:01:18:11 01:01:22:23 TODAY, "THE CIVIL WAR"
ON A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA.
26 01:01:25:23 01:01:29:05 [Captioning sponsored
by ANNENBERG/CPB]
27 01:01:54:20 01:01:56:22 WHEN WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN
HEARD
28 01:01:56:24 01:02:00:05 THAT SOUTH CAROLINA HAD SECEDED,
HE KNEW IT MEANT WAR.
29 01:02:00:07 01:02:02:01 AT THE TIME, HE WAS RETIRED
FROM THE ARMY
30 01:02:02:03 01:02:04:11 AND WAS RUNNING A MILITARY
ACADEMY IN LOUISIANA.
31 01:02:04:13 01:02:07:11 SHERMAN WAS A NATIVE OF OHIO,
BUT HE LOVED THE SOUTH
32 01:02:07:13 01:02:10:16 AND HAD NO QUARREL WITH SLAVERY,
BELIEVING, IN HIS WORDS
33 01:02:10:18 01:02:13:29 THAT "THE BLACK MAN SHOULD
BE SUBJECT TO THE WHITE MAN."
34 01:02:14:01 01:02:15:16 BUT SECESSION
WAS ANOTHER MATTER.

35 01:02:15:18 01:02:18:02 HE CONSIDERED SOUTH CAROLINA'S
BREAK WITH THE UNION

36 01:02:18:04 01:02:21:27 AN ACT OF TREASON
AND RECKLESS INSANITY.

37 01:02:21:29 01:02:24:08 AS HE TOLD AN INSTRUCTOR
AT THE ACADEMY

38 01:02:24:10 01:02:26:22 "YOU SOUTHERNERS UNDERESTIMATE
THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH...

39 01:02:37:15 01:02:40:13 BUT BECAUSE OF THE INTENSITY
OF SECESSIONIST SENTIMENT

40 01:02:40:15 01:02:43:01 SHERMAN KNEW THIS WOULD BE
A LONG, BRUTAL WAR.

41 01:02:43:03 01:02:46:14 SHERMAN LEFT LOUISIANA BEFORE
THE ATTACK ON FORT SUMTER.

42 01:02:46:16 01:02:47:21 HE RETURNED TWO YEARS LATER

43 01:02:47:23 01:02:50:05 WITH ULYSSES GRANT
TO CRUSH SECESSION

44 01:02:50:07 01:02:53:28 AND BECAUSE THE WAR HAD CHANGED
BY THEN, SLAVERY ITSELF.

45 01:02:54:00 01:02:57:01 IN 1861, MOST NORTHERNERS
BELIEVED, AS SHERMAN DID

46 01:02:57:03 01:03:01:04 THAT THIS MUST A WAR TO RESTORE
THE UNION, NOT TO END SLAVERY.

47 01:03:01:06 01:03:03:00 BUT UNLIKE SHERMAN,
THEY ANTICIPATED

48 01:03:03:02 01:03:05:15 A QUICK UNION VICTORY
WITH LITTLE BLOODSHED.

49 01:03:05:17 01:03:08:05 NO ONE COULD HAVE IMAGINED
HOW HORRIBLE THIS WAR WOULD BE.

50 01:03:18:04 01:03:20:18 BY THE TIME IT WAS OVER,
THREE MILLION MEN HAD FOUGHT

51 01:03:20:20 01:03:22:07 AND THERE WERE
ONE MILLION CASUALTIES;

52 01:03:22:09 01:03:29:08 ONE MILLION MEN KILLED,
WOUNDED OR MISSING IN ACTION.

53 01:03:29:10 01:03:33:08 620,000 MEN DIED.

54 01:03:33:10 01:03:34:25 THINK OF IT.

55 01:03:34:27 01:03:37:28 680,000 HAVE DIED IN ALL THE
OTHER AMERICAN WARS COMBINED.

56 01:03:38:00 01:03:40:27 IN A SINGLE, ONE-DAY BATTLE
AT ANTIETAM CREEK, MARYLAND

57 01:03:40:29 01:03:42:24 23,000 MEN FELL.

58 01:03:42:26 01:03:45:11 THAT'S NEARLY FOUR TIMES THE
NUMBER OF AMERICAN CAUSALITIES

59 01:03:45:13 01:03:50:24 ON THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY
ON D-DAY.

60 01:03:50:26 01:03:53:15 ONE REASON THE WAR WAS SO BLOODY
IS BECAUSE MEN ON BOTH SIDES

61 01:03:53:17 01:03:55:13 WERE FIGHTING FOR A CAUSE
THEY BELIEVED IN

62 01:03:55:15 01:03:57:02 TO THE ROOT OF THEIR BEING.

63 01:03:57:04 01:03:59:14 ANOTHER HAS TO DO
WITH THE NATURE OF WAR.

64 01:03:59:16 01:04:02:23 ONCE BEGUN, WAR ACQUIRES
A MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN.

65 01:04:02:25 01:04:05:05 SOLDIERS, GENERALS,

PRESIDENTS START DOING

66 01:04:05:07 01:04:06:12 WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN.

67 01:04:06:14 01:04:08:05 WAR STARTS TO CONTROL THEM.

68 01:04:08:07 01:04:11:05 WAR BRUTALIZES EVERYONE INVOLVED IN IT

69 01:04:11:07 01:04:13:28 BECAUSE TO WIN YOU HAVE TO KILL AND KILL AND KILL.

70 01:04:14:00 01:04:16:21 AND WHEN YOU KILL THAT MUCH, YOU START TO GET USED TO IT.

71 01:04:16:23 01:04:18:13 YOU GET HARDENED.

72 01:04:18:15 01:04:21:22 CHANGING MILITARY TECHNOLOGY MADE THIS WAR ESPECIALLY BRUTAL.

73 01:04:26:24 01:04:31:01 THE MOST LETHAL WEAPON IN THE WAR WAS THE RIFLED MUSKET.

74 01:04:31:03 01:04:35:00 IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR UP TO 90% OF COMBAT CASUALTIES.

75 01:04:38:24 01:04:40:25 IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, SOLDIERS FOUGHT

76 01:04:40:27 01:04:44:08 WITH SMOOTH-BARRELED MUSKETS THAT FIRED IRON BALLS.

77 01:04:44:10 01:04:46:18 BUT THE BARREL OF THE CIVIL WAR MUSKET WAS "RIFLED."

78 01:04:46:20 01:04:49:05 IT HAD SPIRAL GROOVES CUT INTO IT.

79 01:04:49:07 01:04:51:15 AND THE PROJECTILE WASN'T AN IRON BALL.

80 01:04:51:17 01:04:54:02 IT WAS A MINI-BALL, WHICH IS REALLY NOT A BALL

81 01:04:54:04 01:04:56:03 BUT A CONE-SHAPED BULLET.

82 01:04:56:05 01:04:58:17 WHEN FIRED, IT EXPANDED IN THE BARREL

83 01:04:58:19 01:05:00:21 AND THE RIFLING GAVE IT A SPIN

84 01:05:00:23 01:05:04:02 WHICH MADE IT TRAVEL FURTHER AND MORE ACCURATELY.

85 01:05:04:04 01:05:06:03 IN COMBAT, THIS RIFLE HAD AN EFFECTIVE RANGE

86 01:05:06:05 01:05:07:17 OF ABOUT 400 YARDS--

87 01:05:07:19 01:05:11:05 OVER FOUR TIMES THAT OF A REVOLUTIONARY WAR MUSKET.

88 01:05:11:07 01:05:12:27 THE RIFLE WAS DOUBLY DEADLY

89 01:05:12:29 01:05:15:17 BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF MILITARY TACTICS

90 01:05:15:19 01:05:17:25 TO KEEP UP WITH MILITARY TECHNOLOGY.

91 01:05:19:13 01:05:22:15 CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS FOUGHT IN NAPOLEONIC STYLE--

92 01:05:22:17 01:05:26:02 IN THE OPEN, STANDING UP, MOVING FORWARD IN LONG LINES

93 01:05:26:04 01:05:28:10 THE MEN MARCHING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

94 01:05:28:12 01:05:30:18 THE PURPOSE HERE WAS TO FIRE IN UNISON

95 01:05:30:20 01:05:34:19 CREATING THE EFFECT OF A GIGANTIC SHOTGUN.

96 01:05:34:21 01:05:37:02 AND THIS COULD BE INTIMIDATING, BUT WITH A RIFLED MUSKET

97 01:05:37:04 01:05:39:03 THESE MARCHING COLUMNS
 TOOK A LOT MORE HITS
 98 01:05:39:05 01:05:40:21 AND MORE ACCURATE HITS
 99 01:05:40:23 01:05:44:04 THAN ATTACKING SOLDIERS HAD
 IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.
 100 01:05:44:06 01:05:46:00 THIS THREW THE ADVANTAGE
 TO THE DEFENSE
 101 01:05:46:02 01:05:48:24 FIGHTING IN TRENCHES
 OR BEHIND FORTIFICATIONS.
 102 01:05:48:26 01:05:51:16 EVEN THOUGH THE DEFENSE WON NINE
 OF TEN CIVIL WAR ENGAGEMENTS
 103 01:05:51:18 01:05:54:29 GENERALS STILL CHARGED
 HEAVILY DEFENDED POSITIONS
 104 01:05:55:01 01:05:57:29 RECKLESSLY STUBBORN.
 105 01:05:59:23 01:06:03:04 MILITARY TECHNOLOGY WAS ALSO
 AHEAD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE
 106 01:06:03:06 01:06:05:22 AND THAT INCREASED
 THE BUTCHER'S BILL EVEN MORE.
 107 01:06:05:24 01:06:08:15 CIVIL WAR BULLETS HAD
 LOW-MUZZLE VELOCITY.
 108 01:06:08:17 01:06:10:02 THEY RARELY CUT THROUGH THE BODY
 109 01:06:10:04 01:06:12:02 LIKE A MODERN
 STEEL-JACKET BULLET.
 110 01:06:12:04 01:06:15:07 INSTEAD THEY TUMBLED AROUND
 INSIDE THE BODY CAVITY
 111 01:06:15:09 01:06:17:13 CAUSING TREMENDOUS DAMAGE.
 112 01:06:17:15 01:06:21:01 A SOLDIER SHOT IN THE HEAD OR
 TRUNK WAS SIMPLY LEFT TO DIE.
 113 01:06:21:03 01:06:24:18 A MAN HIT IN AN ARM OR LEG
 HAD HIS WOUNDED LIMB AMPUTATED
 114 01:06:24:20 01:06:27:02 AND IT WAS THE SURGEON
 WHO SAWED IT OFF
 115 01:06:27:04 01:06:31:09 WHO WAS OFTEN THE
 PATIENT'S WORST ENEMY.
 116 01:06:31:11 01:06:33:14 DOCTORS THEN KNEW NOTHING
 ABOUT BACTERIA.
 117 01:06:33:16 01:06:35:23 A SURGEON WOULD MOVE
 FROM PATIENT TO PATIENT
 118 01:06:35:25 01:06:38:12 WITHOUT WASHING HIS HANDS
 OR INSTRUMENTS
 119 01:06:38:14 01:06:39:25 CARRYING INFECTION WITH HIM
 120 01:06:39:27 01:06:42:10 KILLING THE MEN
 HE WAS TRYING TO SAVE.
 121 01:06:42:12 01:06:44:05 BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY DISEASE
 122 01:06:44:07 01:06:46:24 THAT WAS THE GREATEST
 CIVIL WAR KILLER.
 123 01:06:46:26 01:06:48:14 TWICE AS MANY SOLDIERS
 DIED OF DISEASE
 124 01:06:48:16 01:06:49:29 AS WERE KILLED IN BATTLE.
 125 01:06:50:01 01:06:52:13 LIVING ON ISOLATED FARMS,
 MANY MEN HADN'T BEEN EXPOSED
 126 01:06:52:15 01:06:55:10 TO COMMON CHILDHOOD DISEASES
 LIKE MEASLES AND MUMPS.
 127 01:06:55:12 01:06:57:14 WHEN THEY CAME INTO CONTACT
 WITH INFECTED SOLDIERS
 128 01:06:57:16 01:07:01:28 IN BIG, UNSANITARY ARMY CAMPS,

129 01:07:06:23 THEY DIED IN HORRIFYING NUMBERS.
 01:07:09:29 THIS IS HOW SOLDIERS DIED,
 130 01:07:10:01 01:07:11:20 IN CAMP AND IN THE FIELD
 131 01:07:11:22 01:07:14:04 FROM THE VERY START OF THE WAR.
 01:07:14:04 BUT OVER TIME, THE NATURE
 132 01:07:14:06 01:07:17:11 OF THE WAR CHANGED
 AND IT CHANGED IN WAYS THAT
 133 01:07:17:13 01:07:20:00 SOLDIERS COULDN'T HAVE FORESEEN
 AND THIS INCREASED
 134 01:07:20:02 01:07:21:10 THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING
 AND THE BLOODSHED.
 135 01:07:21:12 01:07:23:01 WHAT BEGAN AS A LIMITED WAR
 136 01:07:23:03 01:07:25:06 A WAR OF SOLDIERS
 AGAINST SOLDIERS
 137 01:07:25:08 01:07:28:12 AND A WAR TO RESTORE NATIONAL
 UNITY BECAME, BY 1863
 138 01:07:28:14 01:07:31:27 A TOTAL WAR, A WAR AGAINST
 CIVILIANS AS WELL AS SOLDIERS
 139 01:07:31:29 01:07:35:08 AND MORE THAN THAT: A SOCIAL
 REVOLUTION, A VIOLENT UPHEAVAL
 140 01:07:35:10 01:07:38:11 THAT DESTROYED
 A SLAVE-HOLDING CIVILIZATION
 141 01:07:38:13 01:07:40:23 THAT HAD LASTED
 FOR 2½ CENTURIES.
 142 01:07:40:25 01:07:46:23 TO UNDERSTAND THIS WAR, YOU
 HAVE TO START WITH GEOGRAPHY.
 143 01:07:46:25 01:07:49:17 THE CIVIL WAR WAS FOUGHT
 IN TWO MAIN THEATERS:
 144 01:07:49:19 01:07:53:02 THE EAST, WHERE MOST OF THE
 FIGHTING OCCURRED IN VIRGINIA;
 145 01:07:53:04 01:07:56:07 AND THE WEST, WHERE MOST
 OF THE FIGHTING TOOK PLACE
 146 01:07:56:09 01:07:58:16 IN THE AREA BETWEEN
 THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS
 147 01:07:58:18 01:08:02:08 AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.
 148 01:08:02:10 01:08:04:13 IN THE EAST,
 THE NORTH'S MAIN OBJECTIVE
 149 01:08:04:15 01:08:07:10 WAS THE CONFEDERATE CAPITAL
 OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
 150 01:08:07:12 01:08:09:17 WHICH WAS DEFENDED
 BY ROBERT E. LEE
 151 01:08:09:19 01:08:13:27 COMMANDER OF THE ARMY
 OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.
 152 01:08:13:29 01:08:16:25 OUT WEST, THE NORTH'S OBJECTIVE
 WAS TO REOPEN
 153 01:08:16:27 01:08:18:28 THE CONFEDERATE-CONTROLLED
 MISSISSIPPI RIVER
 154 01:08:19:00 01:08:21:19 AND TO USE THE RIVER
 AS AN INVASION HIGHWAY
 155 01:08:21:21 01:08:23:04 INTO THE SOUTH.
 156 01:08:23:06 01:08:26:10 THE NORTH ALSO EMPLOYED ITS NAVY
 TO BLOCKADE SOUTHERN PORTS
 157 01:08:26:12 01:08:28:20 HOPING TO CUT OFF
 REBEL TRADE WITH EUROPE
 158 01:08:28:22 01:08:32:07 AND ENGLAND, PARTICULARLY.
 159 01:08:32:09 01:08:36:07 THE BLOCKADE BECAME INCREASINGLY

160 01:08:36:09 EFFECTIVE AS THE WAR PROCEEDED
 01:08:38:15 BUT THE UNION ARMY'S RICHMOND
 CAMPAIGN WAS FRUSTRATED
 161 01:08:38:17 01:08:40:12 BY THE MILITARY GENIUS
 OF LEE
 162 01:08:40:14 01:08:43:10 AND HIS CHIEF LIEUTENANT
 "STONEWALL" JACKSON
 163 01:08:43:12 01:08:46:19 AND BY THE EXTREME AND
 ALMOST INEXPLICABLE CAUTION
 164 01:08:46:21 01:08:48:15 OF GENERAL GEORGE McCLELLAN
 165 01:08:48:17 01:08:51:13 COMMANDER OF THE ARMY
 OF THE POTOMAC.
 166 01:08:51:15 01:08:53:07 McCLELLAN'S STRATEGY
 OF CONCILIATION
 167 01:08:53:09 01:08:56:11 WAS THE UNION WAR POLICY IN
 THE FIRST YEARS OF THE CONFLICT.
 168 01:08:56:13 01:08:59:05 HE WANTED TO FIGHT SOUTHERNERS
 WHILE PROTECTING THEIR PROPERTY
 169 01:08:59:07 01:09:00:14 INCLUDING THEIR SLAVES.
 170 01:09:00:16 01:09:01:29 McCLELLAN FELT
 THAT MOST SOUTHERNERS
 171 01:09:02:01 01:09:03:13 WERE SECRETLY LOYAL TO THE UNION
 172 01:09:03:15 01:09:05:04 AND THAT THE WAR
 HAD BEEN BROUGHT ON
 173 01:09:05:06 01:09:08:00 BY A SMALL CLIQUE
 OF RABID SECESSIONISTS.
 174 01:09:08:02 01:09:10:16 IF THE SOUTH SUFFERED
 ONE OR TWO TACTICAL DEFEATS
 175 01:09:10:18 01:09:12:19 WITH LITTLE DAMAGE
 TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY
 176 01:09:12:21 01:09:15:07 IT MIGHT BE PERSUADED
 TO REJOIN THE UNION.
 177 01:09:15:09 01:09:16:17 THE PROBLEM WAS
 178 01:09:16:19 01:09:19:06 McCLELLAN WAS NEVER ABLE
 TO WIN THOSE VICTORIES.
 179 01:09:19:08 01:09:20:20 IN THE SUMMER OF 1862
 180 01:09:20:22 01:09:23:25 HE BUNGLED A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN
 TO CAPTURE RICHMOND.
 181 01:09:23:27 01:09:27:06 AFTER THIS, LEE, HIS BLOOD UP,
 INVADED MARYLAND
 182 01:09:27:08 01:09:29:12 HOPING TO WIN A BIG VICTORY
 ON UNION SOIL
 183 01:09:29:14 01:09:30:26 THAT WOULD END THE WAR.
 184 01:09:30:28 01:09:33:09 McCLELLAN STALKED LEE
 AND BROUGHT HIM TO CONFLICT
 185 01:09:33:11 01:09:36:03 AT ANTIETAM CREEK.
 186 01:09:36:05 01:09:37:24 THE BATTLE ENDED IN A DRAW
 187 01:09:37:26 01:09:41:15 BUT McCLELLAN ALLOWED LEE'S
 CORNERED AND BADLY DAMAGED ARMY
 188 01:09:41:17 01:09:42:29 TO ESCAPE TO VIRGINIA.
 189 01:09:43:01 01:09:45:23 THEN, WHEN HE FAILED
 TO GO AFTER LEE
 190 01:09:45:25 01:09:49:13 LINCOLN, INFURIATED,
 REMOVED HIM FROM COMMAND.
 191 01:09:49:15 01:09:54:14 BUT THE WAR DIDN'T GO
 ANY BETTER FOR THE NORTH.

192 01:09:54:16 01:09:56:07 THAT DECEMBER,
THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC
193 01:09:56:09 01:09:57:21 AGAIN MARCHED TOWARD RICHMOND
194 01:09:57:23 01:10:00:07 BUT LEE CUT IT TO PIECES
AT FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA.
195 01:10:03:10 01:10:06:25 ...LINCOLN SAID AT THE TIME.
196 01:10:06:27 01:10:10:04 WHILE THE WAR CONTINUED TO GO
BADLY FOR THE UNION IN THE EAST
197 01:10:10:06 01:10:13:17 OUT WEST IT WON A SUCCESSION OF
VICTORIES BEHIND ULYSSES GRANT
198 01:10:13:19 01:10:16:11 THE NORTH'S FIRST WAR HERO.
199 01:10:16:13 01:10:18:12 GRANT WAS A MASTER
OF RIVER WARFARE.
200 01:10:18:14 01:10:19:20 HE WORKED IN TANDEM
201 01:10:19:22 01:10:21:22 WITH THE NAVY'S POWERFUL
IRON-CLAD GUNBOATS
202 01:10:21:24 01:10:23:20 TO PUSH DEEP INTO
SOUTHERN TERRITORY
203 01:10:23:22 01:10:26:02 ALL THE WAY TO
A PLACE CALLED SHILOH
204 01:10:26:04 01:10:28:16 IN SOUTH-CENTRAL TENNESSEE.
205 01:10:28:18 01:10:30:17 THERE, IN THE SPRING OF 1862
206 01:10:30:19 01:10:33:16 HE WON A TERRIBLE
TWO-DAY SLAUGHTER.
207 01:10:33:18 01:10:36:04 MORE MEN FELL AT SHILOH--
20,000--
208 01:10:36:06 01:10:43:08 THAN IN ALL OTHER AMERICAN WARS
COMBINED UP TO THAT TIME.
209 01:10:43:10 01:10:45:28 THAT SAME MONTH, THE UNION NAVY
CAPTURED NEW ORLEANS
210 01:10:46:00 01:10:47:14 THE SOUTH'S MAJOR PORT
211 01:10:47:16 01:10:50:19 AND PUSHED UPRIVER
TO VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI.
212 01:10:50:21 01:10:53:22 BUT VICKSBURG WAS
TOO TOUGH TO TAKE.
213 01:10:53:24 01:10:55:28 IT SAT ON COMMANDING BLUFFS
ABOVE THE RIVER
214 01:10:56:00 01:10:59:24 AND WAS HEAVILY FORTIFIED.
215 01:10:59:26 01:11:02:03 EVEN SO, BY THE END OF 1862
216 01:11:02:05 01:11:05:02 THE UNION HAD RETAKEN
THE MISSISSIPPI
217 01:11:05:04 01:11:08:26 FROM THE MOUTH OF THE OHIO,
SOUTH TO VICKSBURG
218 01:11:08:28 01:11:14:10 AND FROM NEW ORLEANS,
NORTH TO JUST BELOW VICKSBURG.
219 01:11:14:12 01:11:17:00 THIS MADE VICKSBURG THE MOST
IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POINT
220 01:11:17:02 01:11:20:15 IN THE CONFEDERACY,
THE "GIBRALTAR OF THE SOUTH."
221 01:11:20:17 01:11:22:21 IT WAS THE LAST OBSTACLE
TO UNION EFFORTS
222 01:11:22:23 01:11:24:20 TO REGAIN CONTROL
OF THE MISSISSIPPI
223 01:11:24:22 01:11:26:11 AND CUT THE CONFEDERACY IN TWO
224 01:11:26:13 01:11:28:28 BY ISOLATING REBEL TERRITORY
WEST OF THE RIVER--

225 01:11:29:00 01:11:32:15 TEXAS, ARKANSAS
 AND PARTS OF LOUISIANA.
 226 01:11:32:17 01:11:36:04 LINCOLN SUMMED IT UP:
 "VICKSBURG IS THE KEY.
 227 01:11:36:06 01:11:38:09 "THE WAR CAN NEVER BE BROUGHT
 TO AN END
 228 01:11:38:11 01:11:40:06 UNTIL THE KEY IS IN OUR POCKET."
 229 01:11:40:08 01:11:41:26 THIS WOULD BE GRANT'S JOB.
 230 01:11:41:28 01:11:43:08 GRANT IS AN AMAZING STORY.
 231 01:11:43:10 01:11:45:11 JUST TWO YEARS BEFORE THIS,
 HE WAS A BROKEN MAN
 232 01:11:45:13 01:11:47:06 STRUGGLING TO SUPPORT
 HIS FAMILY AS A CLERK
 233 01:11:47:08 01:11:51:01 IN HIS FATHER'S HARNESS SHOP
 IN GALENA, ILLINOIS.
 234 01:11:51:03 01:11:53:04 ONE YEAR AFTER TAKING VICKSBURG
 235 01:11:53:06 01:11:56:21 HE WAS PUT IN COMMAND
 OF ALL UNION FORCES IN THE WAR.
 236 01:11:56:23 01:12:00:17 THE NEXT YEAR, HE'D ACCEPT
 LEE'S SURRENDER AT APPOMATTOX.
 237 01:12:00:19 01:12:05:07 THREE YEARS LATER,
 HE'D ENTER THE WHITE HOUSE.
 238 01:12:05:09 01:12:07:25 NO AMERICAN HAS
 EVER RISEN SO FAST.
 239 01:12:07:27 01:12:09:16 AS A BOY GROWING UP
 IN SOUTHERN OHIO
 240 01:12:09:18 01:12:11:01 GRANT DIDN'T WANT TO BE
 A SOLDIER
 241 01:12:11:03 01:12:13:21 AND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD
 ALWAYS MADE HIM PHYSICALLY SICK.
 242 01:12:13:23 01:12:15:28 HE WENT TO WEST POINT
 TO GET A FREE EDUCATION
 243 01:12:16:00 01:12:17:13 BUT HE GOT USED TO ARMY LIFE
 244 01:12:17:15 01:12:19:12 AND BECAME A HERO
 IN THE MEXICAN WAR.
 245 01:12:19:14 01:12:21:06 THEN, WHILE STATIONED
 IN CALIFORNIA
 246 01:12:21:08 01:12:24:15 FAR AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY, HE
 STARTED DRINKING, DRINKING HARD
 247 01:12:24:17 01:12:27:01 AND WAS PRESSURED TO RESIGN
 FROM THE ARMY.
 248 01:12:27:03 01:12:29:21 AFTER THIS, HE FAILED
 AT ONE JOB AFTER ANOTHER
 249 01:12:29:23 01:12:32:06 AND WAS NEARLY DESTITUTE
 WHEN THE WAR RESCUED HIM
 250 01:12:32:08 01:12:36:08 BRINGING OUT CAPACITIES EVEN
 HE DIDN'T KNOW HE POSSESSED.
 251 01:12:36:10 01:12:38:09 GRANT HAD DONE WELL
 UP TO VICKSBURG
 252 01:12:38:11 01:12:40:17 BUT VICKSBURG WOULD BE
 HIS SUPREME TEST
 253 01:12:40:19 01:12:42:16 AND THE TURNING POINT
 OF HIS LIFE.
 254 01:12:42:18 01:12:44:21 THE VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN
 BROUGHT THE UNION ARMY
 255 01:12:44:23 01:12:47:07 FOR THE FIRST TIME, INTO

256 01:12:47:09 THE HEART OF COTTON CULTURE
 01:12:49:26 AND IT BEGAN--
 AND THIS IS IMPORTANT--
 257 01:12:49:28 01:12:54:02 AT THE TIME LINCOLN SIGNED
 HIS EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION
 258 01:12:54:04 01:12:55:16 ON JANUARY 1, 1863.
 259 01:12:55:18 01:12:59:00 THESE FACTORS OF GEOGRAPHY
 AND TIMING WOULD MAKE IT
 260 01:12:59:02 01:13:03:20 THE MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY
 CAMPAIGN OF THE WAR.
 261 01:13:03:22 01:13:05:22 WITH THE EMANCIPATION
 PROCLAMATION
 262 01:13:05:24 01:13:08:07 LINCOLN TURNED A LIMITED WAR
 FOR REUNION
 263 01:13:08:09 01:13:10:08 INTO A TOTAL WAR
 AGAINST SLAVERY.
 264 01:13:10:10 01:13:12:26 THE PROCLAMATION ALSO OPENED
 THE WAY FOR BLACK PARTICIPATION
 265 01:13:12:28 01:13:14:22 IN THE FIGHTING.
 266 01:13:14:24 01:13:17:25 BY THE END OF THE WAR, 180,000
 AFRICAN AMERICANS HAD SERVED
 267 01:13:17:27 01:13:20:24 IN THE UNION ARMY.
 268 01:13:20:26 01:13:22:22 LINCOLN HATED SLAVERY,
 ALWAYS HAD.
 269 01:13:22:24 01:13:25:14 BUT HE HADN'T MOVED AGAINST IT
 EARLIER IN THE WAR
 270 01:13:25:16 01:13:27:11 BECAUSE HE FEARED THAT IF HE DID
 271 01:13:27:13 01:13:30:10 THE BORDER STATES OF KENTUCKY,
 MARYLAND AND MISSOURI
 272 01:13:30:12 01:13:32:11 WHERE PRO-SLAVERY FEELING
 WAS VERY STRONG
 273 01:13:32:13 01:13:34:24 WOULD JOIN THE CONFEDERACY.
 274 01:13:34:26 01:13:37:23 IT WAS BLACK SLAVES THEMSELVES
 WHO FORCED HIS HAND
 275 01:13:37:25 01:13:40:00 BY RUNNING AWAY
 IN TREMENDOUS NUMBERS
 276 01:13:40:02 01:13:41:16 TO INVADING UNION ARMIES.
 277 01:13:41:18 01:13:43:12 AT FIRST,
 LINCOLN ORDERED HIS GENERALS
 278 01:13:43:14 01:13:45:21 TO RETURN THE FUGITIVE SLAVES
 TO THEIR OWNERS.
 279 01:13:45:23 01:13:48:10 BUT SOME GENERALS SAW THE VALUE
 OF USING BLACK LABOR
 280 01:13:48:12 01:13:51:26 AND BEGAN KEEPING RUNAWAY SLAVES
 281 01:13:51:28 01:13:55:14 AS SO-CALLED
 "CONTRABAND OF WAR."
 282 01:13:55:16 01:13:57:12 WHEN CONGRESS SANCTIONED
 THIS NEW POLICY
 283 01:13:57:14 01:13:59:01 IT CLEARED THE WAY
 FOR LINCOLN TO DO
 284 01:13:59:03 01:14:00:20 WHAT HE'D WANTED TO DO
 ALL ALONG:
 285 01:14:00:22 01:14:03:07 DECLARE SLAVES IN REBELLIOUS
 STATES TO BE, AS HE PUT IT
 286 01:14:03:09 01:14:04:12 "FOREVER FREE."
 287 01:14:04:14 01:14:05:29 LINCOLN DIDN'T BELIEVE,

288 01:14:06:01 BY THE WAY 01:14:07:26 THAT HE HAD THE
 289 01:14:07:28 CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY 01:14:10:17 TO FREE SLAVES IN STATES
 290 01:14:10:19 THAT REMAINED IN THE UNION. 01:14:13:26 THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION
 291 01:14:13:28 FREED SLAVES 01:14:16:29 ONLY IN THE UNCONQUERED
 292 01:14:17:01 PORTIONS OF THE CONFEDERACY. 01:14:19:23 THIS MADE IT LOOK LIKE AN
 293 01:14:19:25 EXTREMELY INEFFECTIVE DOCUMENT. 01:14:21:13 BUT THERE WAS DYNAMITE IN IT.
 294 01:14:21:15 01:14:23:27 IT TURNED THE UNION ARMY
 295 01:14:23:29 INTO AN ARMY OF LIBERATION. 01:14:27:12 FROM NOW ON, WHEREVER IT WENT
 296 01:14:27:14 SLAVERY WAS DEAD. 01:14:29:22 AFTER LINCOLN
 297 01:14:29:24 ISSUED THE PROCLAMATION 01:14:31:24 GRANT CALLED IN HIS OFFICERS
 298 01:14:31:26 AND INFORMED THEM 01:14:33:12 THAT THE WAR HAD CHANGED.
 299 01:14:33:14 01:14:35:29 NOW, HE TOLD THEM, THE OBJECTIVE
 300 01:14:36:01 IS THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION 01:14:37:23 AND SUBJUGATION OF THE SOUTH.
 301 01:14:37:25 01:14:39:24 THE ARMY IS TO
 302 01:14:39:26 CONFISCATE OR DESTROY 01:14:42:27 SOUTHERN CROPS AND LIVESTOCK
 303 01:14:42:29 AND TAKE THE ENEMY'S SLAVES 01:14:45:04 AND MAKE SOLDIERS
 304 01:14:45:06 OUT OF THE MEN. 01:14:48:00 EVEN RACIST GENERALS LIKE
 305 01:14:48:02 SHERMAN LIKED THE NEW POLICY. 01:14:51:08 NOT BECAUSE IT HELPED THE SLAVES
 306 01:14:51:10 BUT BECAUSE IT HURT THE REBELS. 01:14:53:07 IT HURT THEM ESPECIALLY
 307 01:14:53:09 AT VICKSBURG 01:14:56:20 AND IRONICALLY, BECAUSE
 308 01:14:56:22 VICKSBURG WAS SO TOUGH TO TAKE. 01:14:59:01 IT TOOK GRANT SIX MONTHS
 309 01:14:59:03 TO CAPTURE THE PLACE. 01:15:00:18 AND IN TRYING TO CAPTURE IT
 310 01:15:00:20 01:15:03:23 HIS HUGE, MARAUDING ARMY
 311 01:15:03:25 ROAMED OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE 01:15:07:11 CONFISCATING AND BURNING
 312 01:15:07:13 PLANTATIONS, FREEING SLAVES 01:15:09:24 AND CAUSING
 313 01:15:09:26 GENERAL WRECK AND RUIN. 01:15:12:23 FOR THE SOUTH,
 314 01:15:12:25 IT WAS A CRUEL IRONY. 01:15:15:26 IN HOLDING ON TO VICKSBURG,
 315 01:15:15:28 REBEL SOLDIERS WERE LOSING 01:15:18:00 LOSING THEIR FARMS,
 316 01:15:18:02 LOSING THEIR SLAVES 01:15:19:16 AND HAVING THEIR WIVES
 317 01:15:19:18 AND CHILDREN 01:15:23:07 TURNED INTO TERROR-STRICKEN

318 01:15:23:09 01:15:26:20 REFUGEES BY YANKEE RAIDERS.
 BUT MAYBE THE WORST INDIGNITY,
 THE WORST INSULT OF ALL
 319 01:15:26:22 01:15:28:29 WAS SEEING THEIR FORMER SLAVES
 IN YANKEE BLUE
 320 01:15:29:01 01:15:30:07 CARRYING A MUSKET.
 321 01:15:33:19 01:15:35:24 IN ONE OF THE BATTLES
 OF THE VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN
 322 01:15:35:26 01:15:38:15 TEXANS WENT UP AGAINST
 NEWLY FORMED BLACK UNITS
 323 01:15:38:17 01:15:39:29 OF THE UNION ARMY.
 324 01:15:40:01 01:15:42:12 THE FIGHTING WAS UNBELIEVABLY
 BRUTAL, HAND-TO-HAND
 325 01:15:42:14 01:15:45:19 AND THE DEAD WERE FOUND WRAPPED
 AROUND EACH OTHER'S BODIES.
 326 01:15:45:21 01:15:48:10 IT HAD BECOME A RACIAL WAR.
 327 01:15:48:12 01:15:50:09 NEWS OF THE APPROACH
 OF THE GRANT'S SOLDIERS
 328 01:15:50:11 01:15:52:07 SENT SOUTHERNERS SCURRYING
 WITH THEIR SLAVES
 329 01:15:52:09 01:15:53:15 TO TEXAS AND SOUTH CAROLINA.
 330 01:15:53:17 01:15:55:27 IT ALSO PRODUCED RACIAL PANIC.
 331 01:15:55:29 01:15:59:04 LISTEN TO A PLANTATION OVERSEER
 WRITING TO HIS ABSENTEE MASTER.
 332 01:16:09:26 01:16:11:13 THESE SAME TOUGH UNION POLICIES
 333 01:16:11:15 01:16:14:04 ALSO ENCOURAGED THRILLING ACTS
 OF BLACK LIBERATION.
 334 01:16:14:06 01:16:15:23 I FOUND A DIARY IN AN ARCHIVE
 335 01:16:15:25 01:16:18:02 IN WHICH A SOUTHERN WOMAN
 DESCRIBES A OLD BLACK MAN
 336 01:16:18:04 01:16:19:27 BREAKING IN ON A
 WHITE RELIGIOUS SERVICE
 337 01:16:19:29 01:16:22:14 KNOWING THAT UNION TROOPS
 WOULD BE THERE TO PROTECT HIM.
 338 01:16:22:16 01:16:24:10 WHEN THE OLD MAN
 BURST THROUGH THE DOOR
 339 01:16:24:12 01:16:25:26 AND STARTED DOWN THE AISLE
 340 01:16:25:28 01:16:28:09 THE ENRAGED MINISTER DEMANDED
 TO KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING.
 341 01:16:28:11 01:16:30:01 THE SLAVE
 LOOKED HIM IN THE EYE AND SAID
 342 01:16:30:03 01:16:32:22 "I'VE COME HERE
 TO WORSHIP AS A FREE MAN."
 343 01:16:32:24 01:16:35:02 THEN HE TOOK A SEAT
 IN THE FRONT PEW.
 344 01:16:35:04 01:16:37:12 WITH THE UNION ARMY
 AS THEIR SHIELD AND SWORD
 345 01:16:37:14 01:16:39:11 SLAVES THEMSELVES
 HELPED BRING DOWN SLAVERY
 346 01:16:39:13 01:16:41:25 IN THIS PART OF THE SOUTH
 TWO YEARS BEFORE THE WAR ENDED.
 347 01:16:41:27 01:16:44:16 THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST
 IMPORTANT, AND OVERLOOKED
 348 01:16:44:18 01:16:46:15 OUTCOMES
 OF THE VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN.
 349 01:16:46:17 01:16:49:21 BUT JUST AS THE NORTH BEGAN

350 01:16:49:23 FIGHTING WITH THE GLOVES OFF
 01:16:54:04 ITS FORTUNES PLUMMETED
 AND IT NEARLY LOST THE WAR.
 351 01:16:54:06 01:16:57:01 THE PROBLEM WAS VICKSBURG.
 352 01:16:57:03 01:16:58:12 VICKSBURG WAS A NATURAL CITADEL
 353 01:16:58:14 01:17:01:28 SURROUNDED BY A TERRAIN
 OF INCREDIBLE DIFFICULTY.
 354 01:17:02:00 01:17:05:29 ON THE ONE SIDE,
 STEEP, HEAVILY ERODED HILLS;
 355 01:17:06:01 01:17:08:21 AND ON THE OTHER SIDE,
 AN ALMOST IMPENETRABLE SWAMP
 356 01:17:08:23 01:17:09:21 THE YAZOO DELTA.
 357 01:17:09:23 01:17:11:07 ADDING TO GRANT'S PROBLEMS
 358 01:17:11:09 01:17:13:09 THERE WERE
 TORRENTIAL WINTER RAINS.
 359 01:17:13:11 01:17:16:21 GRANT'S SOLDIERS WERE CAMPED
 IN THE MUD UP TO THEIR KNEES
 360 01:17:16:23 01:17:18:13 ON THE LOUISIANA SIDE
 OF THE RIVER
 361 01:17:18:15 01:17:21:17 AND WERE FORCED TO DRINK WATER
 CONTAMINATED BY HUMAN EXCREMENT.
 362 01:17:21:19 01:17:23:17 IT WAS A FORMULA FOR DISASTER
 363 01:17:23:19 01:17:26:22 AND THE MEN STARTED DYING BY THE
 HUNDREDS FROM MALARIA, DYSENTERY
 364 01:17:26:24 01:17:28:13 PNEUMONIA AND SMALLPOX.
 365 01:17:28:15 01:17:32:22 THE DEAD WERE BURIED WITHOUT
 COFFINS ON HIGH EARTHEN LEVEES
 366 01:17:32:24 01:17:36:24 AND WHEN THE RIVER ROSE,
 CORPSES WERE SWEEPED DOWNSTREAM.
 367 01:17:36:26 01:17:39:07 THAT WINTER, GRANT TRIED
 SEVERAL TIMES TO TAKE VICKSBURG
 368 01:17:39:09 01:17:41:06 BY CUTTING THROUGH
 THE THICK DELTA JUNGLE.
 369 01:17:45:12 01:17:47:04 HE EVEN BEGAN BUILDING
 A DIVERSIONARY CANAL
 370 01:17:47:06 01:17:49:20 THAT WOULD HAVE CHANGED THE
 COURSE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
 371 01:17:49:22 01:17:52:01 MOVING IT AWAY FROM THE CITY
 372 01:17:52:03 01:17:54:04 AND TURNING VICKSBURG
 INTO A LANDLOCKED
 373 01:17:54:06 01:17:58:23 AND MILITARILY VULNERABLE PLACE.
 374 01:17:58:25 01:18:00:29 BUT EVERY ATTEMPT FAILED
 AND DESERTIONS INCREASED.
 375 01:18:01:01 01:18:03:15 MANY OF THE MEN WERE UNWILLING
 TO TOLERATE SUCH CONDITIONS
 376 01:18:03:17 01:18:05:23 IN A WAR
 THAT WAS NOW BEING FOUGHT
 377 01:18:05:25 01:18:08:10 AS ONE RACIST SOLDIER
 COMPLAINED, IN HIS WORDS
 378 01:18:08:12 01:18:09:19 "FOR THE NIGGER."
 379 01:18:09:21 01:18:11:05 CRITICISM OF
 GRANT'S INCOMPETENCE
 380 01:18:11:07 01:18:13:25 AND RUMORS THAT HE WAS DRINKING
 FILLED NORTHERN NEWSPAPERS
 381 01:18:13:27 01:18:15:21 AND THERE WERE CALLS
 FOR HIS REMOVAL.

382 01:18:15:23 01:18:17:27 MANY FELT
 AN ARMISTICE WAS INEVITABLE
 383 01:18:17:29 01:18:19:22 THAT THE REBELS
 COULDN'T BE CONQUERED.
 384 01:18:19:24 01:18:22:12 LINCOLN WAS ALSO
 UNDER PRESSURE TO OPEN THE RIVER
 385 01:18:22:14 01:18:25:25 TO MIDWESTERN FARMERS SO THEY
 COULD SEND THEIR CORN AND WHEAT
 386 01:18:25:27 01:18:27:17 TO MARKET THROUGH NEW ORLEANS.
 387 01:18:27:19 01:18:30:19 IF THE RIVER REMAINED CLOSED
 FOR MUCH LONGER, LINCOLN FEARED
 388 01:18:30:21 01:18:34:00 THAT SOME STATES IN THE MIDWEST
 WOULD STOP SUPPORTING THE WAR.
 389 01:18:34:02 01:18:36:09 WITH WAR MORALE AT
 AN ALL-TIME LOW IN THE NORTH
 390 01:18:36:11 01:18:38:17 GRANT APPEARED TO BE CHECKMATED.
 391 01:18:38:19 01:18:41:12 HIS MILITARY CAREER, AND WITH
 IT, THE FATE OF THE NATION
 392 01:18:41:14 01:18:43:02 HUNG IN THE BALANCE.
 393 01:18:43:04 01:18:46:08 THEN, IN EARLY APRIL,
 EVERYTHING CHANGED.
 394 01:18:46:10 01:18:48:10 THE RAINS STOPPED
 AND THE BOTTOM-LANDS
 395 01:18:48:12 01:18:51:07 ON THE LOUISIANA SIDE OF
 THE RIVER BEGAN TO DRY.
 396 01:18:51:09 01:18:54:03 THIS ALLOWED GRANT TO
 TRY A DARING INVASION PLAN.
 397 01:18:54:05 01:18:56:11 IT WAS ONE OF THE RISKIEST
 MOVES OF THE WAR
 398 01:18:56:13 01:18:59:09 AND EVEN SHERMAN PLEADED
 WITH HIM NOT TO MAKE IT.
 399 01:18:59:11 01:19:02:14 GRANT WOULD MARCH HIS ARMY DOWN
 THE LOUISIANA SIDE OF THE RIVER
 400 01:19:02:16 01:19:05:16 AND MAKE A CROSSING INTO
 MISSISSIPPI, BELOW VICKSBURG
 401 01:19:05:18 01:19:07:24 WHERE THERE WAS HIGH,
 DRY GROUND TO OPERATE ON.
 402 01:19:07:26 01:19:09:22 BUT TO GET HIS TROOPS
 ACROSS THE RIVER
 403 01:19:09:24 01:19:11:22 HE'D NEED GUNBOATS
 AND TROOP TRANSPORTS
 404 01:19:11:24 01:19:13:20 AND THEY'D HAVE TO BE
 SENT DOWNRIVER
 405 01:19:13:22 01:19:16:12 PAST THE GUNS OF VICKSBURG.
 406 01:19:16:14 01:19:17:25 GRANT ASKED FOR
 HELP FROM THE NAVY
 407 01:19:17:27 01:19:20:03 AND HIS FRIEND,
 ADMIRAL DAVID DIXON PORTER
 408 01:19:20:05 01:19:22:02 CAME THROUGH FOR HIM.
 409 01:19:22:04 01:19:23:18 ON A CLOUDLESS APRIL NIGHT
 410 01:19:23:20 01:19:28:16 PORTER'S GUNBOATS FLOATED
 DOWNRIVER TOWARD VICKSBURG.
 411 01:19:28:18 01:19:31:23 THEIR ENGINES WERE MUFFLED BUT
 THEY WERE SPOTTED IMMEDIATELY
 412 01:19:31:25 01:19:37:15 AND THERE WAS A SPECTACULAR
 THREE-HOUR FIRE FIGHT.

413 01:19:37:17 01:19:39:23 THE PEOPLE OF VICKSBURG
WATCHED IT FROM THE BLUFFS.

414 01:19:39:25 01:19:42:28 GRANT, WITH HIS WIFE AND KIDS,
WATCHED IT FROM A BOAT UPRIVER.

415 01:19:43:00 01:19:46:18 SHERMAN WATCHED IT FROM A CANOE,
JUST ACROSS FROM VICKSBURG.

416 01:19:46:20 01:19:49:19 AMAZINGLY, ALL BUT ONE
OF THE BOATS MADE IT THROUGH

417 01:19:49:21 01:19:52:16 AND ON APRIL 30, GRANT'S ARMY
CROSSED THE MISSISSIPPI

418 01:19:52:18 01:19:54:16 IN WHAT WAS THE
LARGEST AMPHIBIOUS LANDING

419 01:19:54:18 01:19:56:28 IN AMERICAN HISTORY,
BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

420 01:20:00:09 01:20:02:00 THE MEN WERE
IN HIGH SPIRITS NOW.

421 01:20:02:02 01:20:03:26 AS ONE OF THEM WROTE
IN HIS DIARY:

422 01:20:12:09 01:20:15:02 THAT SAME MORNING, IN VIRGINIA

423 01:20:15:04 01:20:16:28 ROBERT E. LEE
WAS AGAIN PREPARING

424 01:20:17:00 01:20:18:22 TO MEET THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

425 01:20:18:24 01:20:22:02 IN WHAT WOULD LATER BE KNOWN AS
THE BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE.

426 01:20:22:04 01:20:23:18 THAT SAME EVENING, IN WASHINGTON

427 01:20:23:20 01:20:26:03 LINCOLN WAITED
AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE FOR NEWS

428 01:20:26:05 01:20:28:01 FROM BOTH MISSISSIPPI
AND VIRGINIA.

429 01:20:28:03 01:20:30:16 HAD THE CONFEDERATES UNDER
GENERAL JOHN PEMBERTON

430 01:20:30:18 01:20:31:26 CONCENTRATED THEIR FORCES

431 01:20:31:28 01:20:33:27 THEY MIGHT HAVE
DRIVEN GRANT'S INVASION ARMY

432 01:20:33:29 01:20:35:05 BACK INTO THE RIVER.

433 01:20:35:07 01:20:37:04 BUT THEY WERE THERE
ONLY IN TOKEN FORCE

434 01:20:37:06 01:20:38:28 BECAUSE GRANT
HAD EXECUTED A SERIES

435 01:20:39:00 01:20:40:12 OF BRILLIANT DIVERSIONARY MOVES.

436 01:20:43:08 01:20:45:15 GRANT'S ARMY WAS NOW BEHIND
CONFEDERATE LINES

437 01:20:45:17 01:20:47:22 FACING AN ENEMY
THAT OUTNUMBERED HIM

438 01:20:47:24 01:20:49:26 WITH NO COMMUNICATIONS
WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

439 01:20:49:28 01:20:52:28 AND WITH ONLY
A PRECARIOUS SUPPLY LINE.

440 01:20:53:00 01:20:55:02 THIS WOULD HAVE PARALYZED
GEORGE McCLELLAN

441 01:20:55:04 01:20:58:16 BUT GRANT WAS FOCUSED,
DETERMINED, SET FOR THE KILL.

442 01:21:01:02 01:21:03:27 HE MOVED WITH LIGHTNING SPEED,
HIS ARMY LIVING OFF THE LAND.

443 01:21:03:29 01:21:07:04 IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS
HE MARCHED 180 MILES

444 01:21:07:06 01:21:10:07 SPLIT TWO CONFEDERATE ARMIES;
 445 01:21:10:09 01:21:12:03 WON FIVE BATTLES;
 446 01:21:12:05 01:21:13:21 AND PENNED UP OVER 30,000 TROOPS
 447 01:21:13:23 01:21:17:04 AND 3,000 CIVILIANS
 IN VICKSBURG.
 448 01:21:17:06 01:21:20:01 IT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST
 MARCHES OF MODERN WARFARE.
 449 01:21:20:03 01:21:22:07 WHEN HE CHASED THE REBEL ARMY
 BACK INTO VICKSBURG
 450 01:21:22:09 01:21:23:25 GRANT ORDERED
 TWO SUICIDAL ASSAULTS
 451 01:21:23:27 01:21:26:04 ON THE CITY'S
 POWERFUL LAND DEFENSES
 452 01:21:26:06 01:21:27:17 BUT HIS MEN WERE SLAUGHTERED
 453 01:21:27:19 01:21:31:09 IN SOME OF THE MOST VICIOUS
 FIGHTING OF THE WAR.
 454 01:21:31:11 01:21:35:04 SO GRANT SETTLED IN FOR A SIEGE.
 455 01:21:35:06 01:21:37:14 EVERY NIGHT,
 HIS MEN DUG APPROACH TRENCHES
 456 01:21:37:16 01:21:39:05 TOWARD THE CONFEDERATE LINES.
 457 01:21:39:07 01:21:41:09 AND EVERY DAY AND NIGHT
 HIS ARTILLERY
 458 01:21:41:11 01:21:47:18 AND THE NAVY'S MORTAR BOATS
 POUNDED THE CITY.
 459 01:21:47:20 01:21:50:18 FOR 47 DAYS, THE TWO ARMIES
 FACED EACH OTHER AT DISTANCES
 460 01:21:50:20 01:21:53:05 IN SOME PLACES,
 OF LESS THAN 25 FEET.
 461 01:22:03:05 01:22:05:20 THE REBELS WERE CUT OFF FROM
 THE WORLD BY A CIRCLE OF FIRE
 462 01:22:05:22 01:22:09:00 AND WERE SOON REDUCED TO A DIET
 OF MULE MEAT AND PEA-BREAD
 463 01:22:09:02 01:22:10:25 AND RATS,
 IF THEY COULD CATCH THEM.
 464 01:22:10:27 01:22:12:00 GRANT MEANT BUSINESS.
 465 01:22:12:02 01:22:13:17 THIS WAS THE FIRST
 TIME IN THE WAR
 466 01:22:13:19 01:22:18:21 THAT CIVILIANS
 WERE DIRECTLY FIRED UPON.
 467 01:22:18:23 01:22:20:07 AFTER THE WAR, A YANKEE SOLDIER
 468 01:22:20:09 01:22:22:27 TRIED TO EXPLAIN
 THE UNION BOMBARDMENT:
 469 01:22:32:26 01:22:35:08 THE RELENTLESS BOMBARDMENT
 WAS NERVE-SHATTERING.
 470 01:22:35:10 01:22:36:26 IT WAS PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
 471 01:22:36:28 01:22:39:13 DESIGNED TO BREAK THE SPIRIT
 OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.
 472 01:22:39:15 01:22:41:03 BUT IT ONLY
 STRENGTHENED THE RESOLVE
 473 01:22:41:05 01:22:43:14 OF MANY OF THE SIEGE VICTIMS,
 ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN
 474 01:22:43:16 01:22:45:20 WHO HATED YANKEES INTENSELY.
 475 01:22:45:22 01:22:47:29 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WERE
 SURPRISINGLY LIGHT
 476 01:22:48:01 01:22:50:22 NOT BECAUSE THE UNION DIDN'T
 FIRE ON CIVILIAN TARGETS

477 01:22:50:24 01:22:52:05 AS SOME HISTORIANS ARGUE
 478 01:22:52:07 01:22:53:22 BUT BECAUSE OF THE INACCURACY
 479 01:22:53:24 01:22:55:23 OF CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY
 AND MORTAR FIRE
 480 01:22:55:25 01:22:57:17 AND BECAUSE THE PEOPLE
 OF VICKSBURG HID
 481 01:22:57:19 01:23:00:18 IN SNAKE-INFESTED CAVES THEY DUG
 WITH THE HELP OF THEIR SLAVES.
 482 01:23:04:09 01:23:06:28 HEAT, HUNGER,
 SICKNESS AND EXHAUSTION
 483 01:23:07:00 01:23:08:21 FINALLY BROKE THE CONFEDERATES.
 484 01:23:08:23 01:23:10:12 ON JULY 4, 1863
 485 01:23:10:14 01:23:13:13 PEMBERTON SURRENDERED THE CITY
 AND HIS ENTIRE ARMY.
 486 01:23:13:15 01:23:16:10 VICKSBURG WOULDN'T CELEBRATE
 THE FOURTH OF JULY
 487 01:23:16:12 01:23:20:08 FOR ALMOST ANOTHER CENTURY.
 488 01:23:20:10 01:23:21:26 THE NEXT DAY,
 SHERMAN WENT ON A MARCH
 489 01:23:21:28 01:23:23:10 THROUGH THE CENTER
 OF MISSISSIPPI
 490 01:23:23:12 01:23:24:27 TO THE CAPITAL OF JACKSON
 491 01:23:24:29 01:23:26:28 DESTROYING
 EVERYTHING IN HIS PATH.
 492 01:23:27:00 01:23:29:14 THIS WAS A REHEARSAL FOR HIS
 FAMOUS MARCH OF DEVASTATION
 493 01:23:29:16 01:23:32:09 THROUGH GEORGIA
 THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
 494 01:23:32:11 01:23:34:03 ON THE MORNING
 THAT VICKSBURG SURRENDERED
 495 01:23:34:05 01:23:36:18 ROBERT E. LEE
 WAS RETREATING FROM PENNSYLVANIA
 496 01:23:36:20 01:23:38:16 AFTER LOSING THE
 BLOODIEST BATTLE EVER FOUGHT
 497 01:23:38:18 01:23:41:13 ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE,
 AT A PLACE CALLED GETTYSBURG.
 498 01:23:43:28 01:23:45:12 LEE HAD INVADED PENNSYLVANIA
 499 01:23:45:14 01:23:48:04 AFTER WINNING A SPECTACULAR
 VICTORY AT CHANCELLORSVILLE.
 500 01:23:48:06 01:23:50:02 AN INVASION OF THE NORTH,
 HE TOLD JEFF DAVIS
 501 01:23:50:04 01:23:52:14 MIGHT DRAW OFF
 YANKEE TROOPS FROM VICKSBURG.
 502 01:23:52:16 01:23:55:23 HE AND GRANT HAD GAMBLED,
 BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE WINNER.
 503 01:23:58:15 01:24:00:21 AFTER THE WAR,
 A MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER SUMMED UP
 504 01:24:00:23 01:24:03:07 THE SIGNIFICANCE
 OF THE BATTLE HE'D FOUGHT IN.
 505 01:24:20:16 01:24:23:14 VICKSBURG WAS AN OMINOUS
 HARBINGER FOR THE SOUTH.
 506 01:24:23:16 01:24:24:27 IT WOULD BE BEATEN IN THIS WAR
 507 01:24:24:29 01:24:27:22 NOT BY A SERIES OF CLIMACTIC
 BATTLES, LIKE GETTYSBURG
 508 01:24:27:24 01:24:31:02 BUT BY UNREMITTING WARFARE ON
 SOLDIERS AS WELL AS CIVILIANS

509 01:24:31:04 01:24:32:27 EXECUTED WITH
UNBLINKING EFFICIENCY
510 01:24:32:29 01:24:35:25 BY THE HEROES OF VICKSBURG,
GRANT AND SHERMAN.
511 01:24:35:27 01:24:38:11 THEY WERE THE GENERALS
WHO BROUGHT OLD DIXIE DOWN.
512 01:24:38:13 01:24:40:27 WITH THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT,
IT'S TEMPTING TO SEE
513 01:24:40:29 01:24:42:26 THE TWIN VICTORIES
OF VICKSBURG AND GETTYSBURG
514 01:24:42:28 01:24:44:16 SEALING THE FATE OF THE SOUTH.
515 01:24:44:18 01:24:47:10 BUT THE WAR WOULD
DRAG ON FOR TWO MORE YEARS
516 01:24:47:12 01:24:50:15 AND WOULD BECOME
EVEN MORE VICIOUS.
517 01:24:50:17 01:24:53:02 THE LETTERS OF SOLDIERS
WHO SURRENDERED AT VICKSBURG
518 01:24:53:04 01:24:54:13 GIVE PART OF THE REASON WHY.
519 01:24:54:15 01:24:57:20 EXHAUSTED, HOMESICK,
HUMILIATED BY DEFEAT
520 01:24:57:22 01:24:59:11 CONFEDERATE PRIVATE F. N. CAYLOR
521 01:24:59:13 01:25:01:03 WAS STILL DETERMINED
TO FIGHT ON.
522 01:25:08:16 01:25:10:05 AFTER VICKSBURG, LINCOLN WARNED
523 01:25:10:07 01:25:12:25 THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AGAINST OVERCONFIDENCE.
524 01:25:23:23 01:25:27:13 THIS WAS THE SAME JUST GOD
PRIVATE CAYLOR WAS BANKING ON.
525 01:25:27:15 01:25:30:04 BUT WITH BOTH SIDES CONVINCED OF
THE MORALITY OF THEIR CAUSE
526 01:25:30:06 01:25:31:20 LINCOLN WAS RIGHT.
527 01:25:31:22 01:25:33:28 THERE WAS A LOT MORE
FIGHTING AHEAD.
528 01:25:42:01 01:25:45:10 [Captioned by
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