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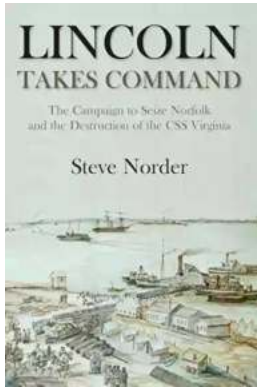


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The CSS Virginia - A New Era of Naval Warfare

In the midst of the Civil War, a massive and fearsome ironclad ship emerged from the Confederate Navy Yard in Norfolk, Virginia. This ship, known as the CSS Virginia, was unlike anything the world had ever seen. It would forever change the way naval battles were fought, leaving a lasting impact on the history of warfare.

The CSS Virginia was a Confederate warship that was created by transforming the scuttled USS Merrimack. The ship was heavily armored with iron plates, making it virtually invulnerable to the traditional wooden warships of the Union Navy. It was a technological marvel of its time, with its sloping iron armor providing superior protection and its powerful cannons capable of devastating enemy ships.

The Union's Desperate Mission

Realizing the immense threat posed by the CSS Virginia, the Union Navy launched a determined campaign to seize Norfolk and ultimately destroy the ironclad ship. The control of Norfolk was critical as it provided a strategic location

to control the Hampton Roads waterways and gain the upper hand in the Civil War.

The Union's mission was not an easy one. The CSS Virginia was a formidable opponent, having already wreaked havoc on Union ships in the Hampton Roads area. The Union Navy had to carefully plan their offensive, harnessing every resource at their disposal to neutralize this mighty weapon.

The Battle of Hampton Roads

The decisive battle that would determine the fate of the CSS Virginia and Norfolk took place on March 8-9, 1862. The Union ironclad ship, the USS Monitor, was deployed to confront the CSS Virginia in what would become known as the Battle of Hampton Roads.

These two ironclad ships clashed in a historic engagement that forever changed naval warfare. The battle was a spectacle of firepower and ingenuity as the ironclads exchanged blows, their iron plates withstanding immense punishment.

The Destruction of the CSS Virginia

Although the CSS Virginia had initially caused significant damage to the Union fleet, it ultimately met its demise during the Battle of Hampton Roads. The USS Monitor, with its innovative revolving turret, proved to be a worthy adversary, successfully repelling the attacks of the CSS Virginia.

During the battle, the USS Monitor scored critical hits on the CSS Virginia, disabling its cannons and dealing severe damage to its structure. In a desperate attempt to save the ironclad, the Confederate Navy ordered its destruction to prevent it from falling into enemy hands.

On May 11, 1862, the CSS Virginia was intentionally scuttled and destroyed in order to deny its capture. This marked the end of the CSS Virginia's reign of terror, and the Union Navy successfully seized control of Norfolk, dealing a significant blow to the Confederate forces.

The Legacy of the CSS Virginia

The CSS Virginia may have met its end, but its legacy lives on. The battle between the CSS Virginia and the USS Monitor showcased the lethal potential of ironclad warships and ushered in a new era of naval warfare.

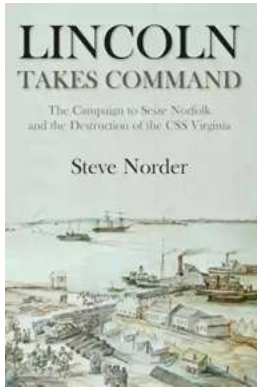
The ironclad ships that followed in the footsteps of the CSS Virginia revolutionized naval strategies, ultimately shaping the course of history. The destruction of the CSS Virginia served as a turning point in the Civil War, highlighting the importance of naval superiority in determining the outcome of conflicts.

, the campaign to seize Norfolk and the destruction of the CSS Virginia marked a pivotal moment in naval history. The audacious Confederate ironclad ship paved the way for future advancements in naval technology, while its ultimate destruction served as a testament to the determination and ingenuity of the Union Navy.

It is through events like these that we gain a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made and the impact they had on shaping our world. The campaign to seize Norfolk and the destruction of the CSS Virginia will forever be remembered as a significant chapter in the annals of naval warfare.

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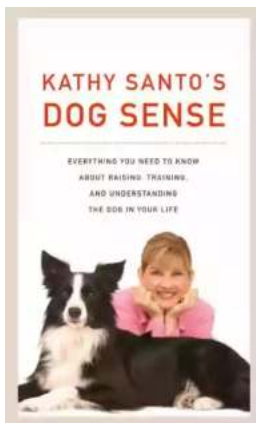
A detailed history of one week during the Civil War in which the American president assumed control of the nation's military.

One rainy evening in May, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln boarded the revenue cutter Miami and sailed to Fort Monroe in Hampton Roads, Virginia. There, for the first and only time in our country's history, a sitting president assumed direct control of armed forces to launch a military campaign. In Lincoln Takes Command, author Steve Norder details this exciting, little-known week in Civil War history.

Lincoln recognized the strategic possibilities offered by Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan's ongoing Peninsula Campaign and the importance of seizing Norfolk, Portsmouth, and the Gosport Navy Yard. For five days, the president spent time on sea and land, studied maps, spoke with military leaders, suggested actions, and issued direct orders to subordinate commanders. He helped set in motion many events, including the naval bombardment of a Confederate fort, the sailing of Union ships up the James River toward the enemy capital, an amphibious landing of Union soldiers followed by an overland march that expedited the

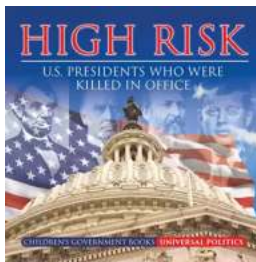
capture of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and the navy yard, and the destruction of the Rebel ironclad CSS Virginia. The president returned to Washington in triumph, with some urging him to assume direct command of the nation's field armies.

The week discussed in Lincoln Takes Command has never been as heavily researched or told in such fine detail. The successes that crowned Lincoln's short time in Hampton Roads offered him a better understanding of, and more confidence in, his ability to see what needed to be accomplished. This insight helped sustain him through the rest of the war.



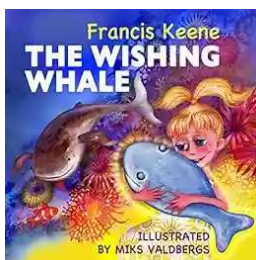
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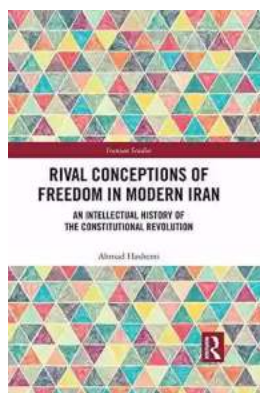
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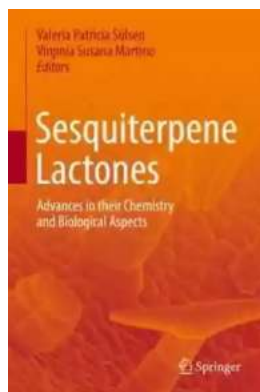
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