

Even Further West: The Overland Campaign in the American Civil War

In the spring of 1864, the Union Army of the Potomac embarked on a grueling campaign against Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. This campaign, known as the Overland Campaign, would prove to be one of the bloodiest and most controversial of the entire Civil War.



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The campaign began on May 4, 1864, when Union General Ulysses S. Grant ordered his army to cross the Rapidan River and advance into Virginia. Grant's goal was to engage Lee's army in a decisive battle and destroy it once and for all.

Lee, however, was a skilled tactician, and he was able to avoid a direct confrontation with Grant's army. Instead, he retreated into the dense forests of Virginia, where he used his knowledge of the terrain to his advantage.

The Union army pursued Lee's army relentlessly, but they were constantly harassed by Confederate cavalry and artillery. The fighting was intense, and the casualties were heavy. By the end of the month, Grant's army had suffered over 50,000 casualties.

Despite the heavy losses, Grant refused to give up. He continued to push his army forward, and on June 3, 1864, he finally succeeded in bringing Lee's army to battle at Cold Harbor. The battle was a disaster for the Union army, and they suffered over 7,000 casualties in a single day.

After the Battle of Cold Harbor, Grant realized that he could not defeat Lee in a direct confrontation. He decided to change his tactics, and he began a new campaign to capture the Confederate capital of Richmond.

The new campaign was even more grueling than the Overland Campaign. The Union army had to fight its way through difficult terrain, and they were constantly harassed by Confederate forces. The fighting was often brutal, and the casualties were heavy.

Despite the hardships, the Union army eventually reached Richmond. On April 2, 1865, Lee surrendered his army, and the Civil War was finally over.

The Overland Campaign was one of the most important campaigns of the Civil War. It was a brutal and bloody conflict, but it ultimately led to the Union victory.

Eric Paul Shaffer's 'Even Further West'

Eric Paul Shaffer's book 'Even Further West: Overland with the Army of the Potomac' is a fascinating exploration of the Overland Campaign from the

perspective of the Union Army.

The book is based on Shaffer's extensive research in primary sources, including letters, diaries, and memoirs from Union soldiers. Shaffer uses these sources to provide a vivid and detailed account of the campaign, from the planning stages to the final surrender at Appomattox Court House.

'Even Further West' is a valuable contribution to the literature on the Civil War. It is a well-written and informative book that provides a fresh perspective on one of the most important campaigns of the war.

Praise for 'Even Further West'

"Shaffer's 'Even Further West' is a must-read for anyone interested in the Civil War. It is a detailed and well-written account of the Overland Campaign, one of the most important campaigns of the war." - James M. McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of 'Battle Cry of Freedom'

"Shaffer's book is a valuable contribution to the literature on the Civil War. It is a well-researched and informative book that provides a fresh perspective on the Overland Campaign." - Gary W. Gallagher, author of 'The Union War'

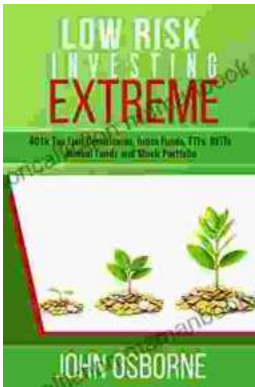


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