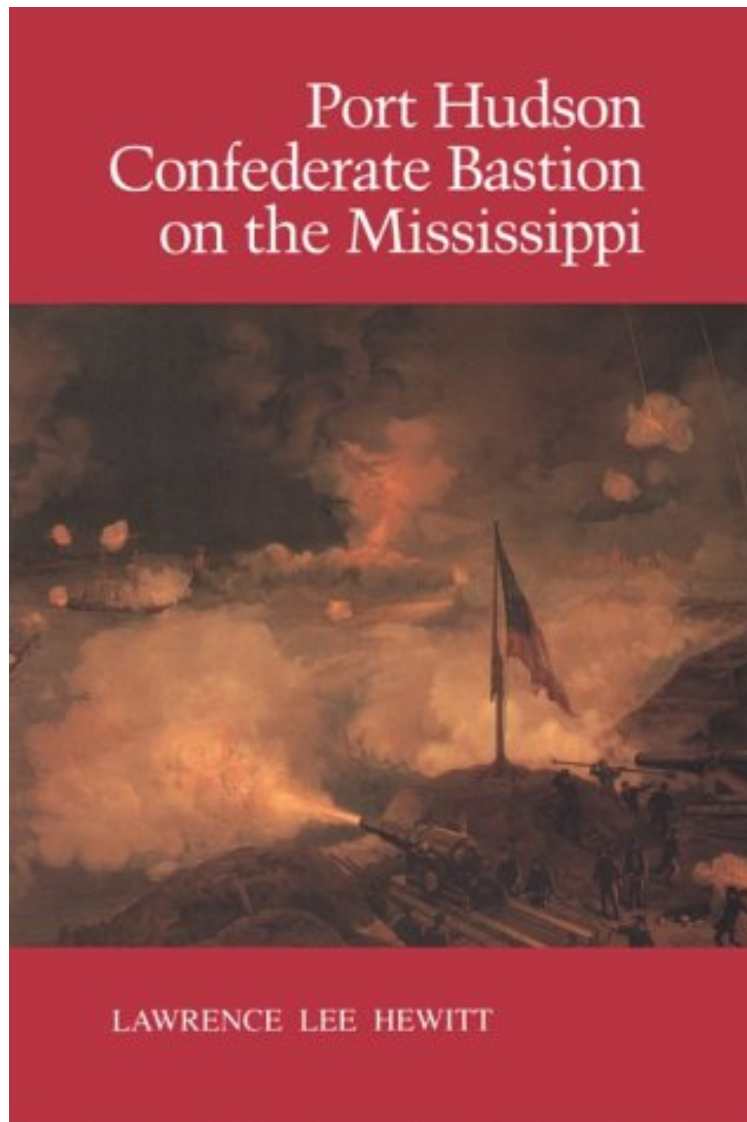


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world. Confederate Control of the Mississippi caused Lincoln to lose Congress in the 1862 election to the opposition party. As a result of this setback, Lincoln detailed the Union Army and Navy to take control of the Mississippi. In the north, Grant besieged Vicksburg. In the south, General Nathaniel Prentice Banks led a joint Army-Navy force to capture Port Hudson. Like Vicksburg, the initial assault is repulsed and the Yankees are forced to lay siege. Port Hudson surrenders after Vicksburg capitulates. The book focuses on the main assault, naval operations, and provides a balanced view of the Union Army's first use of black troops. The author leaves out many of the details of the siege as the affair is an agony of boredom until the surrender. Further discussion of the larger campaign, "Admiral" (then a Lieutenant) Dewey's escapades on a gunboat in battle with the Confederates, as well as the what ifs-had Banks won the battle before Grant won a Vicksburg, he could have wound up the overall Commander of the Union Army. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Better than expected By Robert C. Randall The Book Looks like it is brand New. Very Good Account of the Battel. P.S. My greatgrandfather Was in The Third Massachusetts Cavalry and participated in the Port Hudson Battle. In his three years of service he was in 15 Batties. He died on Dec. 28, 1939 at the age of 97 years. At the time I was 7 years old. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Port Hudson, Confederate Bastion on the Mississippi through By J. M. Verbois This is a book of the battle of Port Hudson, Civil War account of how Port Hudson changed the strategy of the civil war. History buffs, good book.

Although the evidence of the site has nearly vanished, Port Hudson, Louisiana, holds a distinct place in Civil War History. Located just north of Baton Rouge, the village was the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River and the site of the longest genuine siege in American military history. In *Port Hudson, Confederate Bastion on the Mississippi*, Lawrence Hewitt offers a compelling account of the Confederate occupation of Port Hudson in August, 1862, and the Union's efforts to capture the stronghold, culminating in a final unsuccessful assault in May, 1863. Throughout his study, Hewitt offers a colorful narrative account of daily life in the garrison, the commanders' strategies, and the importance of Port Hudson to the war. Wanting to strengthen their hold on Vicksburg, the Confederates began constructing earthworks for a battery at Port Hudson in early April, 1862. By late summer, the first troops began arriving for duty. As these soldiers fortified the bluff, they sought to avoid drawing fire from Union naval vessels already present in the area. Throughout their occupation of Port Hudson, the Confederate troops were able to hold their position tenaciously, fighting off Federal efforts to block supply ships by controlling the mouth of the Red River. The Union's failure to starve out the Confederates eventually led them to launch a direct assault on Port Hudson. This attack was unsuccessful and was followed by an equally disastrous siege. Consequently, Port Hudson did not surrender until after the capitulation of Vicksburg in 1863. Hewitt also discusses a unique outcome of this period of the war: the increased enlistment of black soldiers in northern units. According to the author, the newspaper coverage of the charge by black troops at Port Hudson proved to be vital in convincing the northern masses to accept the enlistment of nearly 180,000 black soldiers in the army before the end of the war. *Port Hudson* will generate renewed interest in and discussion of an important period in Civil War history among scholars and Civil War buffs alike.

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