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Siege of Vicksburg

Stock#: 96094
Map Maker: Kurz & Allison
Date: 1888
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 450.00



Description:

Siege of Vicksburg, a chromolithograph produced in 1888 by Kurz & Allison, Art Publishers in Chicago, provides a visual representation of the significant military campaign during which the Corps under General U.S. Grant, aided by the navy led by Admiral Porter, culminated in the surrender of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. This event marked a turning point in the Civil War, establishing the Union's control over the Mississippi River and significantly undermining the Confederate's strategic hold.

The Siege of Vicksburg, which took place over several weeks in 1863, was an integral aspect of the Western Theater of the American Civil War. The Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was vital due to its strategic position on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. By controlling Vicksburg, the Confederacy maintained the ability to transfer goods, soldiers, and communication between the Eastern and Western theaters. Its fall was thus of paramount importance to the Union's efforts to bisect the Confederacy and control the river entirely.

Kurz & Allison, renowned for their evocative depictions of pivotal moments in American history, created this print to commemorate the event. It not only captures the strategic significance of the siege but also the intense collaboration between ground troops and naval forces. General U.S. Grant's tenacity and Admiral Porter's naval prowess are emblematically represented in this piece, showcasing their combined efforts that would lead to one of the most consequential Union victories of the Civil War.

The surrender of Vicksburg on July 4, a day already synonymous with American independence, resonated deeply with the Union populace. This print, created a quarter-century after the event, attests to its enduring importance in the national consciousness, emphasizing the interplay between military strategy,



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collaboration, and the broader political implications of the siege. The work stands as a testament to the critical nature of the Siege of Vicksburg in shaping the outcome of the American Civil War.

Detailed Condition: