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Visit Website Did you know? Buell was appointed a second lieutenant and assigned to the 3rd U. He was later acquitted of any wrongdoing, but the incident earned Buell a reputation as a disciplinarian that would follow him for the rest of his career. Visit Website Buell saw significant action during the Mexican-American War , and was involved in major battles at Monterrey and Churubusco, where he was wounded. He emerged from the war with a promotion to major and a reputation for bravery in combat. In he married Margaret Hunter Mason, the widow of a brigadier general. During this time he served in various departments across the United States and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was then recalled to Washington , D. Buell spent the next several months training new recruits in General George B. McClellan to invade eastern Tennessee , an area believed to harbor sympathy for the Union cause. Buellâ€™citing a lack of reliable transport for his over 50,strong armyâ€™instead elected to move on Nashville. He was able to claim the city with minimal effort in February , and was promoted to major general shortly thereafter. Grant at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. Buell arrived that same evening with nearly 20, of his men. Buell would later insist that he deserved credit for turning the tide at Shiloh, while othersâ€™in particular Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Shermanâ€™argued that his troops ultimately had little effect on the outcome. Beauregard and forced him to abandon the city to Union control. Buell was ordered to repair railroad supply lines during his advance, but his operations were hampered by raids from Confederate cavalry under the command of Nathan Bedford Forrest and John Hunt Morgan. During this time Buell came under fire for what many saw as his sympathy toward the civilian population in the South. Not only was he hesitant to wage the kind of total war later employed by General William T. Sherman, Buell court-martialed pillagers and was also reluctant to harbor escaped slaves in his camps. This drew the ire of many in the North, and Buell was nearly relieved of duty under intense political pressure. A mile away when the battle began, Buell was initially unaware of the engagement. As a result he was removed from command of the Army of the Ohio on October 24, , and replaced by General William S. Buell was finally removed from volunteer service in May and then resigned his regular army commission shortly thereafter. Later Life Although several commandersâ€™including both Grant and Shermanâ€™would later request his services, Buell was not restored to command for the remainder of the conflict. He moved to Kentucky at the end of the Civil War and ran a successful mining company for several years. He later worked as a pension agent from to Buell died in at the age of

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He led Union forces in crushing campaigns through the South, marching through Georgia and the Carolinas

Early life and career Named Tecumseh in honour of the renowned Shawnee chieftain , Sherman was one of eight children of Judge Charles R. Sherman, who died when the boy was only nine. Thomas Ewing , a family friend and a Whig political force in Ohio, adopted the boy, and his foster mother added William to his name. When Sherman was 16, Ewing obtained an appointment to West Point for him. Sherman graduated near the head of his class in The Mexican-American War , in which so many future generals of the Civil War received their experience, passed Sherman by; he was stranded in California as an administrative officer. In he married Ellen Ewing, daughter of his adoptive father, who was then serving as secretary of the interior in Washington. They settled in St. The lure of gold in California led Sherman to resign from the U. Army in and join a St. Louis banking firm at its branch in San Francisco. The Panic of interrupted his promising career in business, however, and after several more disappointments, his old friends, the Southerners Braxton Bragg and P. Beauregard , found him employment January as superintendent of a newly established military academy in Louisiana. His devotion to the Union was strong, but he was greatly distressed at what he considered an unnecessary conflict between the states. He used the influence of his younger brother, Senator John Sherman , to obtain an appointment in the U. Army as a colonel in May Though afterward promoted to brigadier general , he was convinced by his experience at Bull Run that he was unfit for such responsibility, and he begged President Abraham Lincoln not to trust him in an independent command. In October Sherman succeeded to the command in Kentucky, but he was nervous and unsure of himself, and his hallucinations concerning opposing Confederate forces led him to request so many reinforcements from his superiors that some newspapers described him as insane. He lost his Kentucky command, but, with the support of General Henry Halleck , he then served as a divisional commander under General Ulysses S. Sherman distinguished himself at the Battle of Shiloh April 6â€™7, and won promotion to the rank of major general. Grant had a calming influence upon Sherman. Together they fought brilliantly to capture Vicksburg , Mississippi â€™63 , shattering the Confederate defenses and opening the Mississippi River to Northern commerce once more. Though Sherman began his part in the campaign with a defeat at Chickasaw Bluffs, his capture of Fort Hindman, Arkansas, served to restore his reputation. When Grant was placed in supreme command in the west, Sherman succeeded to the command of the Army of the Tennessee and in that capacity took part with Grant in the Chattanooga campaign in November In March , when Grant became general-in-chief of the Union armies, Sherman was made commander of the military division of the Mississippi, with three armies under his overall command. Assembling about , troops near Chattanooga, Tennessee, in May , he began his invasion of Georgia. The opposing Confederate forces led by General Joseph E. Sherman and his staff General William Tecumseh Sherman and staff from left to right: Slocum, and Joseph Mower. Photograph by Mathew B. Lee were having a final showdown. The opposing Confederate forces led by Johnston could offer Sherman only token resistance by now. Sherman leaning on the breech of the cannon and staff at Union Fort No. Library of Congress, Washington, D. Unlike Grant, Sherman declined all opportunities to run for political office, saying he would not run if nominated and would not serve if elected. He died in New York City in Sherman was one of the ablest Union generals in the Civil War. He saw that conflict in its broadest strategic terms, and his March to the Sea is generally regarded as the first example of the use of total war in the modern era.

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Infantry Regiment , effective May 14, The disastrous Union defeat at Bull Run led Sherman to question his own judgment as an officer and the capacities of his volunteer troops. President Lincoln, however, was impressed by Sherman while visiting the troops on July 23 and promoted him to brigadier general of volunteers effective May 17, , with seniority in rank to Ulysses S. Grant , his future commander. Sherman considered that his new assignment broke a promise from Lincoln that he would not be given such a prominent position. Critical press reports appeared about him after an October visit to Louisville by the secretary of war, Simon Cameron , and in early November Sherman insisted that he be relieved. In December, he was put on leave by Maj. Halleck , commander of the Department of the Missouri , who considered him unfit for duty. Sherman went to Lancaster, Ohio, to recuperate. While he was at home, his wife Ellen wrote to his brother, Senator John Sherman, seeking advice. She complained of "that melancholy insanity to which your family is subject". Louis and then in command of the District of Cairo. Grant to capture Fort Donelson February Grant, the previous commander of the District of Cairo, had recently won a major victory at Fort Henry February 6, and been given command of the ill-defined District of West Tennessee. Although Sherman was technically the senior officer at this time, he wrote to Grant, "I feel anxious about you as I know the great facilities [the Confederates] have of concentration by means of the River and R Road, but [I] have faith in youâ€”Command me in any way. The massive Confederate attack on the morning of April 6, , took most of the senior Union commanders by surprise. Sherman had dismissed the intelligence reports received from militia officers, refusing to believe that Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston would leave his base at Corinth. He took no precautions beyond strengthening his picket lines, and refused to entrench, build abatis , or push out reconnaissance patrols. At Shiloh, he may have wished to avoid appearing overly alarmed in order to escape the kind of criticism he had received in Kentucky. Finding Grant at the end of the day sitting under an oak tree in the darkness and smoking a cigar, Sherman felt, in his words, "some wise and sudden instinct not to mention retreat". In what would become one of the most notable conversations of the war, Sherman said simply: At Shiloh, Sherman was wounded twiceâ€”in the hand and shoulderâ€”and had three horses shot out from under him. His performance was praised by Grant and Halleck and after the battle, and he was promoted to major general of volunteers, effective May 1, Shortly after the Union forces occupied Corinth on May 30, Sherman persuaded Grant not to leave his command, despite the serious difficulties he was having with Halleck. In December , forces under his command suffered a severe repulse at the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou , just north of Vicksburg , Mississippi. McClernand in his successful assault on Arkansas Post , generally regarded as a politically motivated distraction from the effort to capture Vicksburg.

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The historian John D. He had yet [before Vicksburg] to display any marked talents for leadership. Sherman, beset by hallucinations and unreasonable fears and finally contemplating suicide, had been relieved from command in Kentucky. He later began a new climb to success at Shiloh and Corinth under Grant. Still, if he muffed his Vicksburg assignment, which had begun unfavorably, he would rise no higher. As a man, Sherman was an eccentric mixture of strength and weakness. Although he was impatient, often irritable and depressed, petulant, headstrong, and unreasonably gruff, he had solid soldierly qualities. His men swore by him, and most of his fellow officers admired him. While traveling to Chattanooga, Sherman departed Memphis on a train that arrived at the Battle of Collierville , Tennessee, while the Union garrison there was under attack on October 11, General Sherman took command of the men and successfully defended against an attack of 3, Confederate cavalry. In February , he led an expedition to Meridian, Mississippi , to disrupt Confederate infrastructure. When Lincoln called Grant east in the spring of to take command of all the Union armies, Grant appointed Sherman by then known to his soldiers as "Uncle Billy" to succeed him as head of the Military Division of the Mississippi , which entailed command of Union troops in the Western Theater of the war. Meanwhile, in August, Sherman "learned that I had been commissioned a major-general in the regular army, which was unexpected, and not desired until successful in the capture of Atlanta. McClellan , the popular former Union army commander, and it had seemed likely that Lincoln would lose to McClellan. March to the Sea Main article: Eventually, Sherman won approval from his superiors for a plan to cut loose from his communications and march south, having advised Grant that he could "make Georgia howl".

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