Siege of Vicksburg
31 March – 4 July 1863
“See what a lot of land these fellows hold, to which Vicksburg is the key!”  Abraham Lincoln
Vicksburg was located on the crest of steep sided bluffs comprised of Peoria Loess deposited during the last ice age.

It is located on the eastern side of the Mississippi River, in Mississippi.

Just below confluence with the Yazoo River.

Mississippi River flowed directly beneath the City, within rock throwing distance.

Main rail line from Jackson, Mississippi ran through Vicksburg.

Union attempted to cut a canal across the big bend.
Sentinel of the Mississippi River
Vicksburg Campaign Map – Union Forces Run Circle Around Vicksburg
Fort Hill on Vicksburg’s Bluffs

Commanding views allowed artillery to target river and all river side approaches to the Confederate entrenchments.
Porter Runs the Confederate Batteries at Vicksburg
Vicksburg Campaign Map – Closing the Gaps and Beginning the Siege
First Union Assault – May 19, 1863
Second Union Assault – May 22, 1863
Fort Garrott and Hovey’s Approach

Entrenchments seen in aerial view today
Stockade Redan on left and Federal artillery on right.
STOCKADE REDAN
ON THE
GRAVEYARD ROAD
CONFEDERATE DEFENSES - VICKSBURG, MS
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