The Knoxville Campaign: Burnside and Longstreet in East Tennessee

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Abstract

A Solid Look at an Important Campaign

Earl Hess adds to his already impressive body of work on the American Civil War with this new campaign study of the Knoxville campaign in the winter of 1863. While Hess does not offer any new path-breaking interpretations on his subject, he does prod....

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Hess’s account of the understudied Knoxville Campaign sheds new light on the generalship of James Longstreet and Ambrose Burnside, as well as such lesser players as Micah Jenkins and Orlando Poe. Both scholars and general readers should welcome it. The scholarship is sound, the research, superb, the writing, excellent. Steven E. Woodworth, author of Decision in the Heartland: The Civil War in the West In the fall and winter of 1863, Union General Ambrose Burnside and Confederate General James Longstreet vied for control of the city of Knoxville and with it the railroad that linked the Confederacy.