



## Strangling The Confederacy: Coastal Operations in the American Civil War

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Casemate Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Strangling The Confederacy: Coastal Operations in the American Civil War, Kevin Dougherty, While the Civil War is mainly remembered for its epic battles between the Northern and Southern armies, the Union was simultaneously waging another campaign, dubbed "Anaconda", that was gradually depriving the South of industry and commerce. When an independent Dixie finally met its end, it was the North's coastal campaign that was responsible. Strangling the Confederacy examines the various naval actions and land incursions the Union waged from Virginia down the Atlantic Coast and through the Gulf of Mexico to methodically close down every Confederate port that could bring in weapons or supplies. The Union's Navy Board, a unique institution at the time, undertook the correct strategy. Its original decision to focus on ten seaports that had rail or water connections with the Confederate interior shows that it understood the concept of decisive points. In a number of battles the Federals were able to leverage their superior technology, including steam power and rifled artillery, in a way that made the Confederate coastal defences highly vulnerable, if not obsolete. On the other hand, when the Federals encountered Confederate resistance at close-quarters...



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