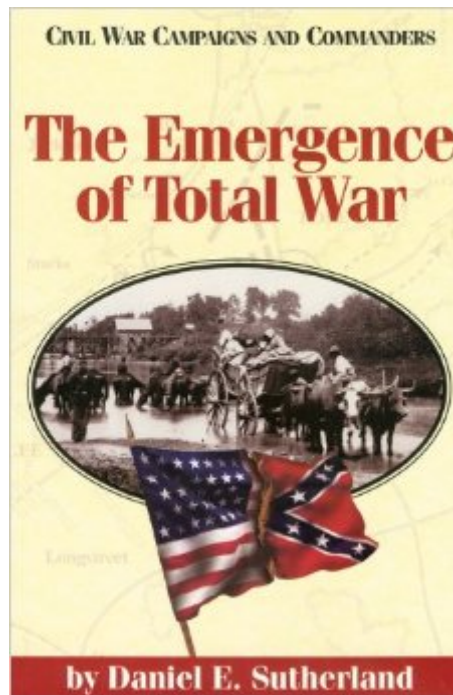


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# The Emergence Of Total War (Civil War Campaigns And Commanders Series)



## Synopsis

Summer 1862. The Confederacy has suffered several important defeats in the Western Theater and faces a serious threat to Richmond in the East. Federal politicians and citizenry, perplexed that fighting has continued into a second year, want an end to the war. Abraham Lincoln asks his battlefield commanders to develop a winning strategy in the East, a strategy that will not spare resources, terrain, nor the well being of private citizensâa strategy that would come to be known as "total war." The plan, implemented in 1862, proves a failure, mostly because of the man charged with carrying it out: Gen. John Pope. Pope's defeat is the story of the Second Manassas campaign. While Pope's demise gives new life to the Confederacy and emboldens Robert E. Lee to invade Maryland, Lincoln remains convinced that a strategy of total war represents the North's best chance for victory. In 1864â1865, Generals Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman will prove him right. A vivid account of how Civil War campaigns foreshadowed total war.

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"The Emergence of Total War" by Daniel E. Sutherland is a short (119 pages text/128 pages total), informative and well written account of the realization by U.S. president Abraham Lincoln during the summer of 1862 that the implementation of a "total war" that targeted the southern states resources

and civilian morale as well as Confederate military forces, was an absolute necessity if the Union was to achieve victory in the American Civil War. The book goes on to explain Lincoln's selection of General John Pope from the western theater to supersede General George B. McClellan as the top Union military leader in Virginia based not just on Pope's competent service and victories in the West (New Madrid, Island No. 10) but also because of the harsh policies Pope implemented to counter the guerilla warfare his troops encountered in Missouri in 1861-1862. Pope's "total war" measures, their effect on the civilian population of north central Virginia, the reaction of the Confederate government and military leaders to them, and Pope's defeat in the campaign and battle of Second Manassas/Bull Run by Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia are all explained and the rivalry between McClellan/Army of the Potomac and Pope's Army of Virginia and the consequences this had on subsequent events are also touched on. The book has two good areas of operations maps, one showing north central Virginia in 1862, the other showing the positions of Union and Confederate forces along the Rappahannock River on August 22, 1862 that sets the stage for the movements that lead the armies back to the plains of Manassas.

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