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Two years later, from December 11th to 15th, 1862, General Ambrose Burnside's Union Army of the Potomac clashed with General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia in the Battle of Fredericksburg.

With nearly 200,000 soldiers deployed, Fredericksburg was the largest single battle of the American Civil War. The result was a very lopsided Confederate victory.

Two years later, Union General William Tecumseh Sherman completed his March to the Sea with the capture of Savannah, Georgia on December 20, 1864. General Sherman sent a telegraph to President Lincoln which read, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the City of Savannah."

Finally, on December 6th 1865, the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified. The Thirteenth Amendment, the first of the three Reconstruction Amendments, formally abolished slavery in the United States. The Amendment did nothing, however, to protect or expand upon the rights of freedmen.

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