



# **The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg**

*Charles River Editors*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg

*Charles River Editors*

**The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg** Charles River Editors

\*Includes pictures

\*Includes accounts of the Alabama's raids and battles written by its sailors and captain

\*Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading

\*Includes a table of contents

“God helps those who help themselves.” – The motto of the Alabama

After the first year of the Civil War, the Confederacy was faced with a serious problem. While the South had enjoyed some stunning victories on land, they had been all but cut off from the world at sea. The more industrialized North had realized that in case of an extended war, the best way to defeat the Confederacy was to starve it of supplies. The rebels started the war with no real navy to speak of, and so the federal government quickly set up a blockade of all Southern ports and river mouths. By depriving the South of revenues derived from its main export, cotton, the North seriously injured the Southern economy.

Without European intervention and the ability to build a navy that could rival the Union's, the Confederacy was mostly reduced to token resistance and using fast moving ships that could evade the blockade and import and export goods. Again, that was only partially successful, and today, the blockade runners are better known for their extracurricular activities; most notably, some of the crews also acted as privateers on the high seas, attacking U.S. shipping and taking any loot for themselves. The daring exploits of these commerce raiders caught the imagination of Southern soldiers and civilians and buoyed up morale, even as the war news turned increasingly grim.

Among all the Confederate commerce raiders, by far the most famous was the CSS Alabama. The Alabama attacked American ships and eluded the U.S. Navy around the globe for more than two years, all without ever having docked at a Southern port. The Alabama conducted seven expeditions, raiding commerce in locations as diverse as the Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Atlantic Ocean, capturing dozens of prizes across tens of thousands of miles of water. In fact, the Alabama would meet its demise as a result of having to head into port in France to refit and repair the ship after so much heavy use.

While the Confederates tried to rely on blockade runners, the Union Navy assigned many ships the task of tracking them down and stopping them. One of these ships, the USS Kearsarge, would face off against the Alabama off the French coast. Unaware the Union ship was partly fitted with the armor of an ironclad, the Confederates decided to attack, and after the Alabama was escorted out of the French harbor by French ships, the Alabama and Kearsarge dueled with each other in full view of hundreds of Frenchmen gathered on the coast. The battle lasted about an hour until the Alabama was headed to the bottom and dozens of its sailors were killed or wounded. Dozens more would be rescued, including some by the Kearsarge, and with that, the most famous Confederate raiding vessel of all was no more. The battle itself was celebrated in a number of artworks, including a few paintings by Edouard Manet, and the end of the Alabama brought relief to Union supporters across America.

By the last year of the war, blockade running had been all but strangled. Several major ports had fallen to the Union, and the rest were tightly blockaded. The blockade runners had also suffered from attrition. By the end of the war more than 1,100 of the ships had been captured and another 355 had been sunk or run aground.

The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg looks at one of the Civil War's most famous ships. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the CSS Alabama like never before.

 [Download The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confede ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confe ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg Charles River Editors**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Deborah Anderson:**

Do you have favorite book? In case you have, what is your favorite's book? Publication is very important thing for us to know everything in the world. Each reserve has different aim or even goal; it means that e-book has different type. Some people really feel enjoy to spend their time for you to read a book. They may be reading whatever they acquire because their hobby will be reading a book. Consider the person who don't like looking at a book? Sometime, person feel need book whenever they found difficult problem as well as exercise. Well, probably you will want this The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg.

#### **Maria Davis:**

Inside other case, little persons like to read book The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg. You can choose the best book if you like reading a book. As long as we know about how is important any book The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg. You can add knowledge and of course you can around the world by a book. Absolutely right, simply because from book you can learn everything! From your country till foreign or abroad you may be known. About simple thing until wonderful thing you could know that. In this era, we are able to open a book or perhaps searching by internet unit. It is called e-book. You can utilize it when you feel bored stiff to go to the library. Let's read.

#### **Christopher Hardnett:**

What do you concerning book? It is not important along? Or just adding material if you want something to explain what yours problem? How about your extra time? Or are you busy man or woman? If you don't have spare time to complete others business, it is make one feel bored faster. And you have time? What did you do? All people has many questions above. They have to answer that question because just their can do that will. It said that about publication. Book is familiar on every person. Yes, it is correct. Because start from on guardería until university need this The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg to read.

#### **Rosalie Castillo:**

Do you like reading a e-book? Confuse to looking for your best book? Or your book ended up being rare? Why so many concern for the book? But any kind of people feel that they enjoy for reading. Some people likes looking at, not only science book but novel and The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg or even others sources were given know-how for you. After you know how the great a book, you feel need to read more and more. Science reserve was created for teacher or even students especially. Those books are helping them to add

their knowledge. In other case, beside science reserve, any other book likes The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg to make your spare time much more colorful. Many types of book like this one.

**Download and Read Online The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg Charles River Editors  
#DPSIFWVN872**

## **Read The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors for online ebook**

The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors books to read online.

### **Online The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors ebook PDF download**

**The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors Doc**

**The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors Mobipocket**

**The CSS Alabama: The History of the Famous Confederate Raider that Sank Off the Coast of France during the Battle of Cherbourg by Charles River Editors EPub**