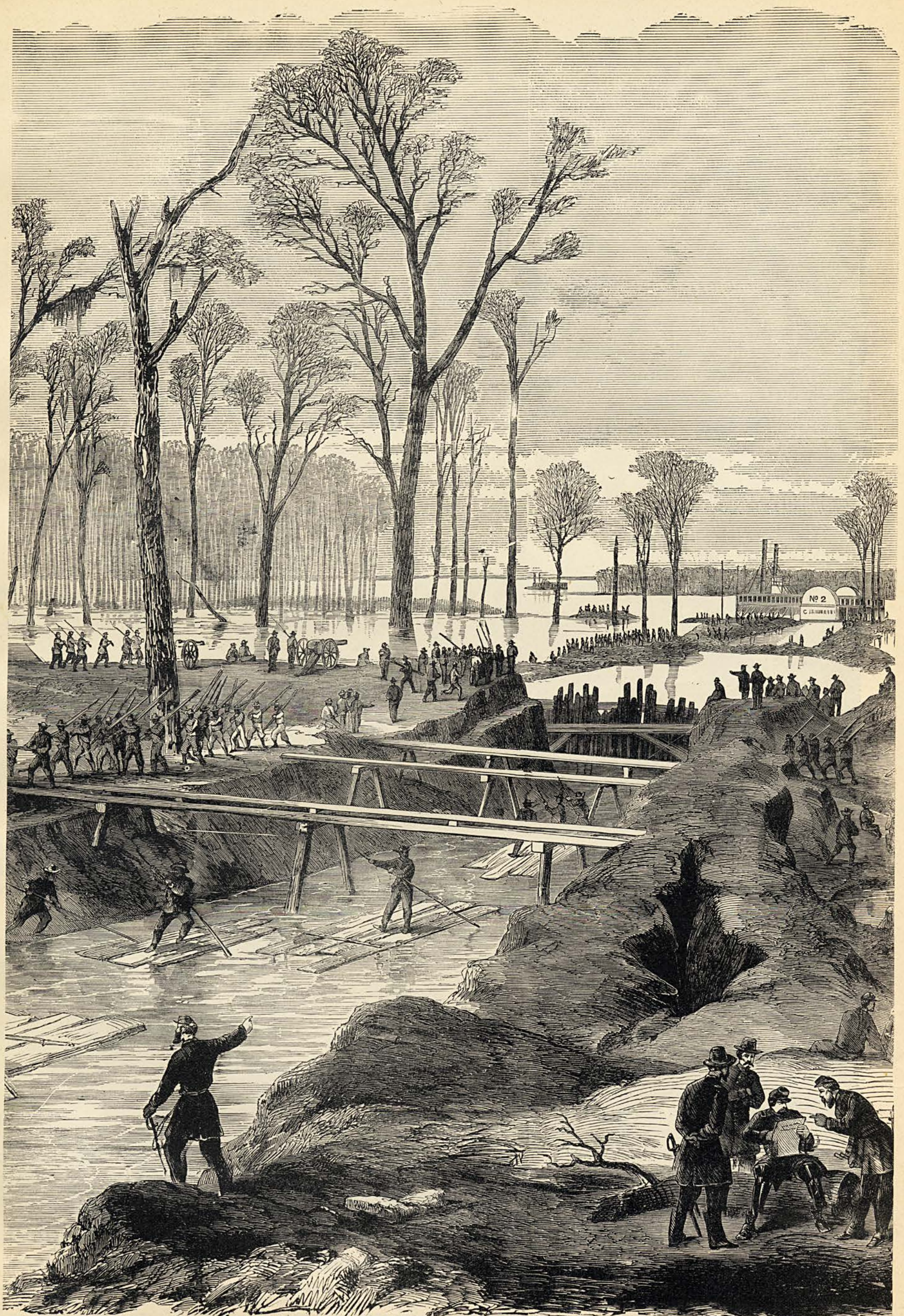




HEAD OF THE CANAL OPPOSITE VICKSBURG, MISS., CUT BY ORDER OF GENERAL GRANT.—FROM A SKETCH BY H. LOVIE.

The Vicksburg Canal was constructed across a peninsula formed by a sharp bend in the Mississippi. It was intended to open a water way by which Union vessels could pass Vicksburg without encountering the formidable Confederate batteries at that point.