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The Geology of the Civil War

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Geologists are investigating how geological forces millions of years ago sculpted the terrain of Civil War battlefields — bringing a new perspective to the war's events. Read November's EARTH magazine and learn how igneous rock foiled the Confederates at Gettysburg, how powdery glacial sediments sealed Vicksburg's fate and why limestone was the soldiers' real enemy at Antietam.

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