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This study has presented a comprehensive overview of the battles and the campaigns that the Confederate Trans-Mississippi Army fought from 1862 to 1865 and explains how the Trans-Mississippi Army made a significant contribution to the overall Confederate war effort. The Trans-Mississippi Army's major contributions included protecting the international border between the Confederacy and Mexico as well as trans-Mississippi ports in Texas and western Louisiana. By protecting these vital areas, the Trans-Mississippi Army ensured that cotton was successfully exported and that vital war supplies made it into the Confederacy. The Trans-Mississippi Army also contributed to the overall Confederate war effort by ensuring that the trans-Mississippi states did not secede from the Confederacy and form their own Union.