


Conn. monument to be dedicated in Miss.

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VICKSBURG, Miss.—The Connecticut Monument at Vicksburg National Park is set to be formally dedicated Tuesday.

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The monument honors soldiers of the 9th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, who built a canal across the base of DeSoto Point opposite Vicksburg in the summer of 1862.

Union officials hoped the canal would create a channel for navigation, letting Union ships bypass Confederate artillery batteries mounted on high ground at Vicksburg.

The black granite monument features Connecticut's Coat of Arms, the crest of the 9th Connecticut Infantry and faces of men of the regiment etched on the granite. ■