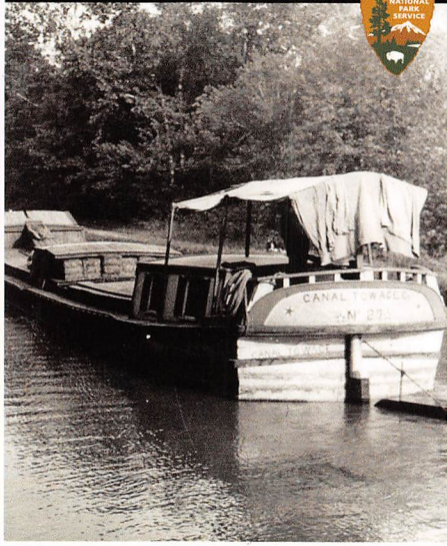


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Fact: C&O Canal boats were worked by teams of four mules, with two pulling at a time.

During the Civil War, the C&O Canal provided a crucial transportation route for the North. Coal to fuel the war effort replaced flour and grains as the primary product transported. The Canal also provided a means to transport Union troops and supplies, thus becoming a target for Confederate sabotage.