

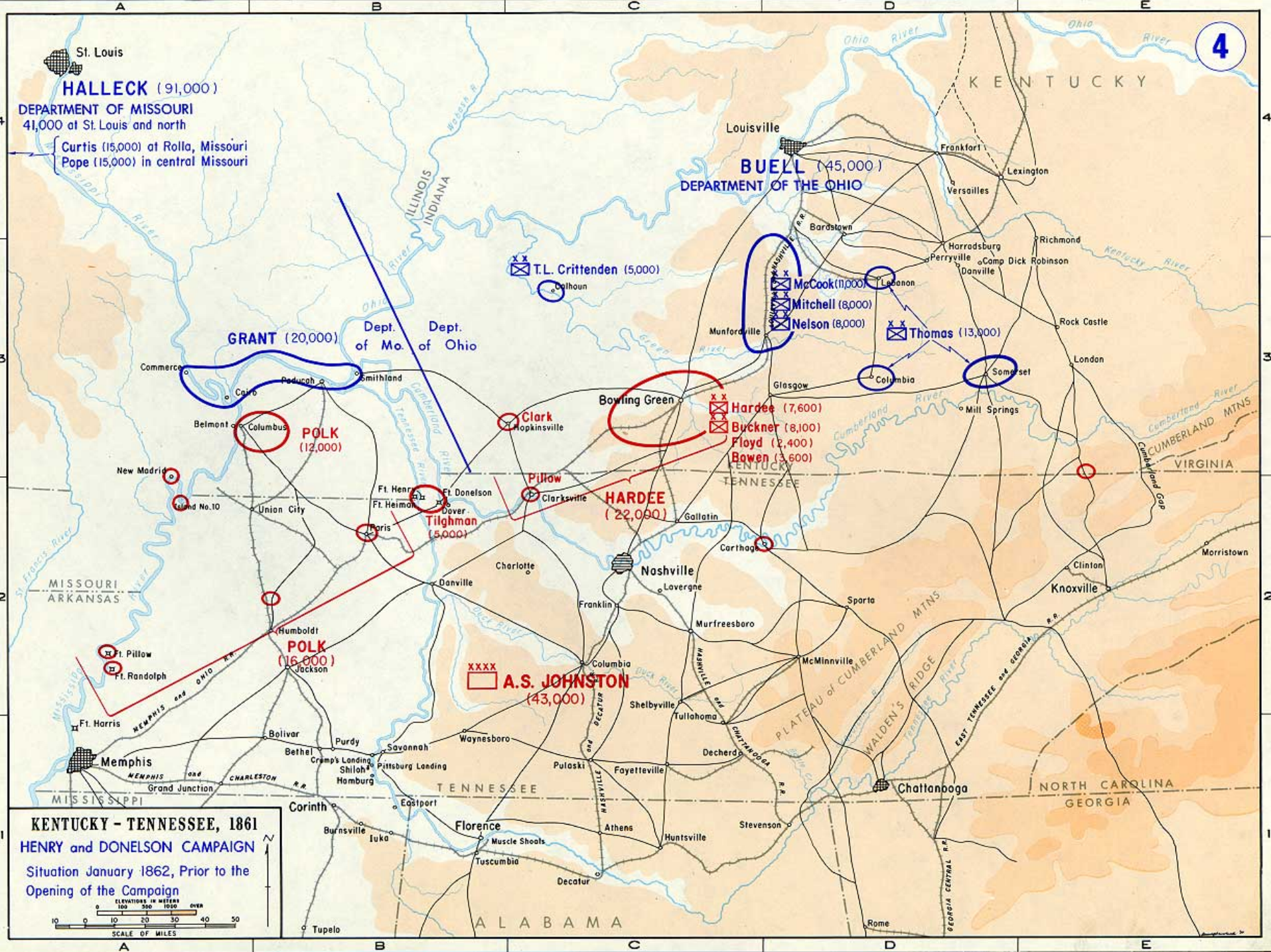
# **Battle of New Madrid and Island No. 10**

# PURPOSE

- **To analyze the geological influences of the Battle of New Madrid / Island No. 10 in Missouri during the Civil War**

# OUTLINE

- **Strategic Overview**
- **Key Players**
- **Tactical Overview**
- **The Siege**
- **Geological Influences**
- **Results**
- **Summary**



St. Louis  
**HALLECK** (91,000)  
 DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
 41,000 at St. Louis and north  
 Curtis (15,000) at Rolla, Missouri  
 Pope (15,000) in central Missouri

Louisville  
**BUELL** (45,000)  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO

**GRANT** (20,000)

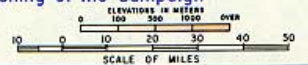
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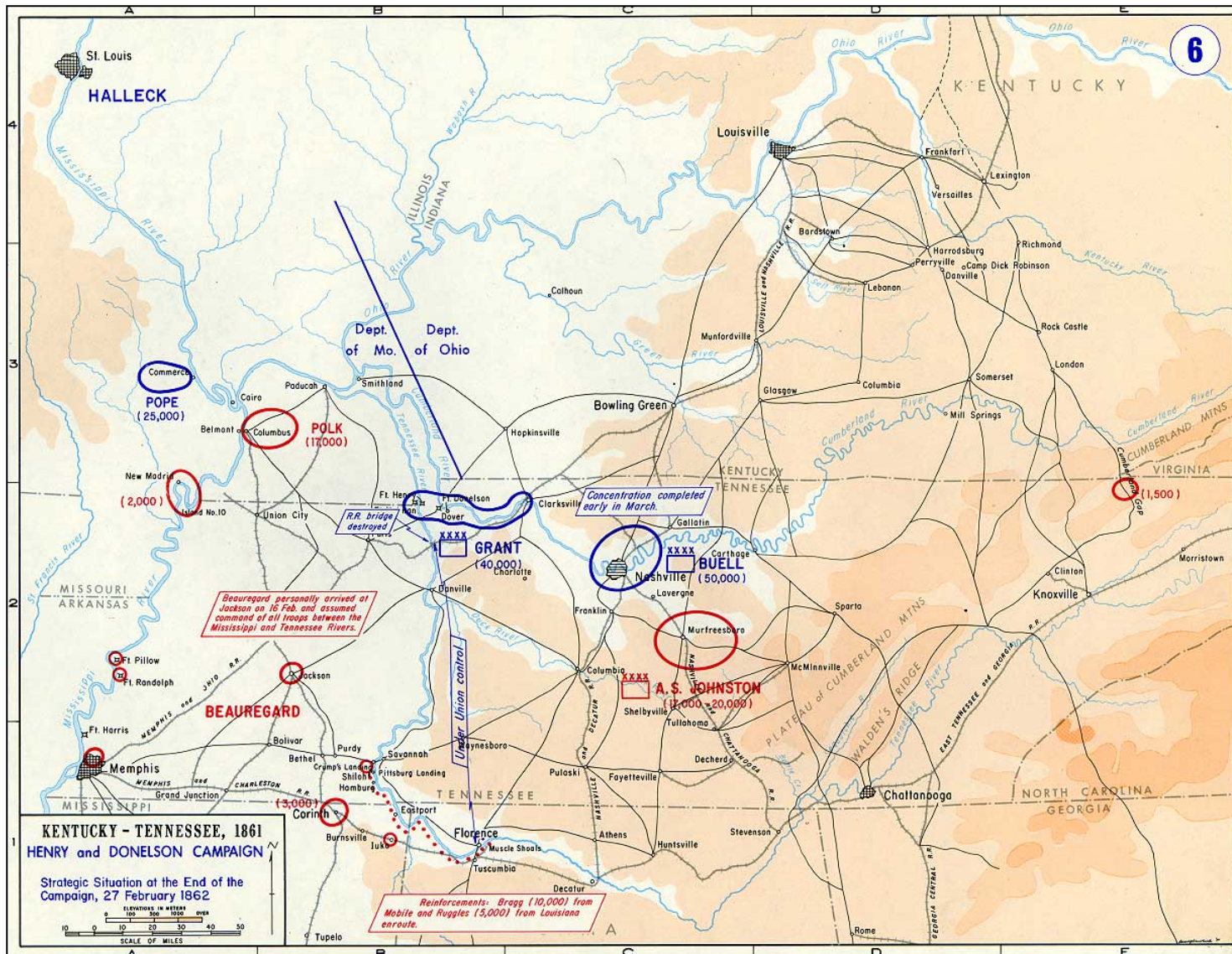
**POLK** (12,000)

**HARDEE** (22,000)

**A.S. JOHNSTON** (43,000)

**KENTUCKY - TENNESSEE, 1861**  
**HENRY and DONELSON CAMPAIGN**  
 Situation January 1862, Prior to the Opening of the Campaign

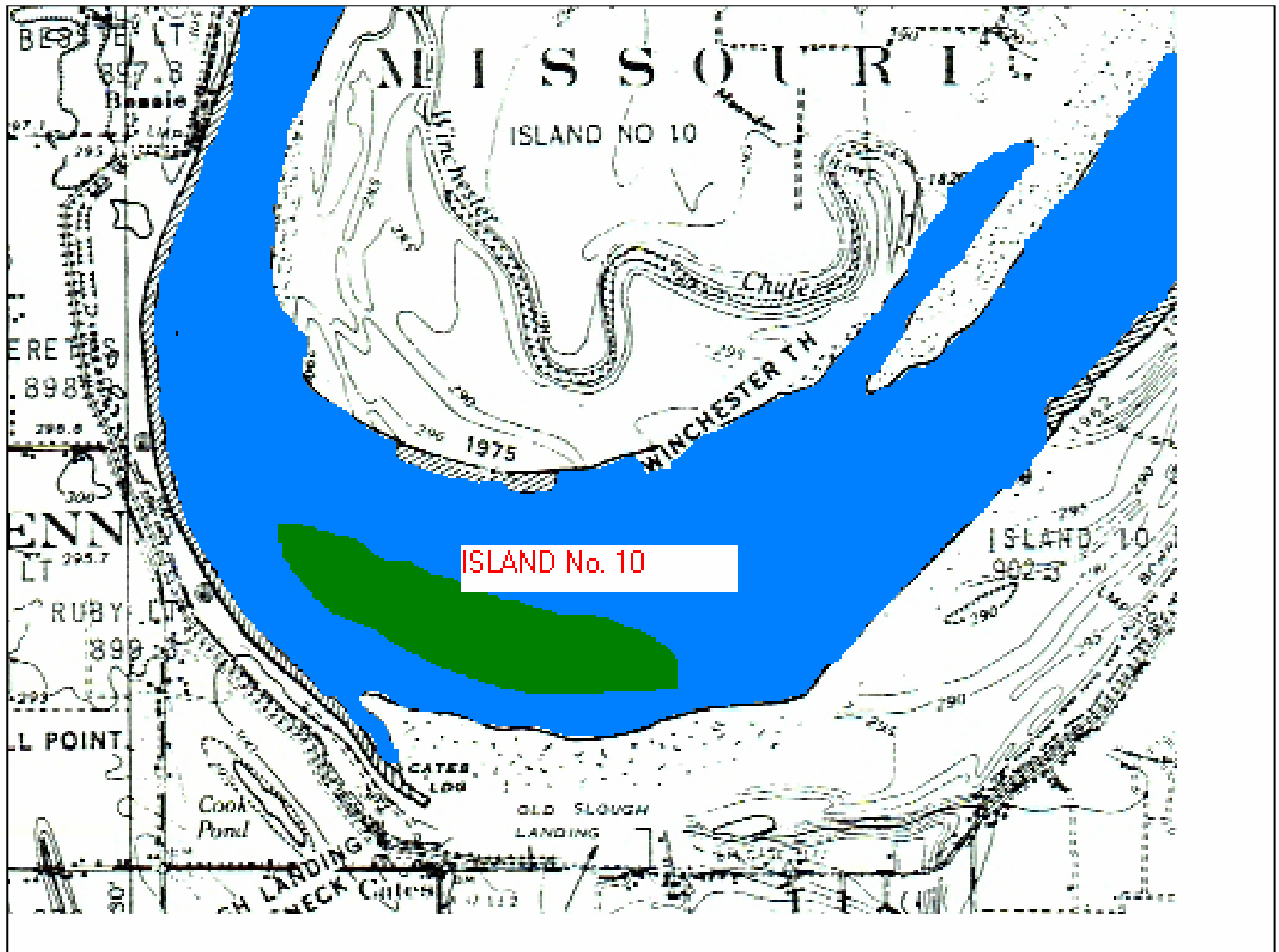




- **Forts Henry on the Tennessee River and Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River were taken by Union forces under BGEN Ulysses Grant in February 1862**



# Island No. 10



# **Union Operations in Middle Mississippi River in March 1862**

- **Campaign: Joint Operations on the Middle Mississippi River (1862)**
- **Capture of Confederate Forts Henry and Donelson and Shiloh Campaigns**



# **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**April 1861 – Confederate BG Pillow occupies Positions along bank and island, guarding river**

**28 Feb 1862 – Union advance to New Madrid**

**29 Feb – Confederates reinforce their positions**

**1 Mar - Sikeston, MO skirmish**

**2 Mar – New Madrid, MO skirmish**

**3-14 Mar – Siege and capture of New Madrid**

**7 Mar – Engagement at Point Pleasant, MO**

**15 Mar - 7 Apr – Siege and capture of Island No. 10**

**8 Apr – Confederate garrison of Island No. 10 surrenders at Tiptonville, TN**



# Key Players

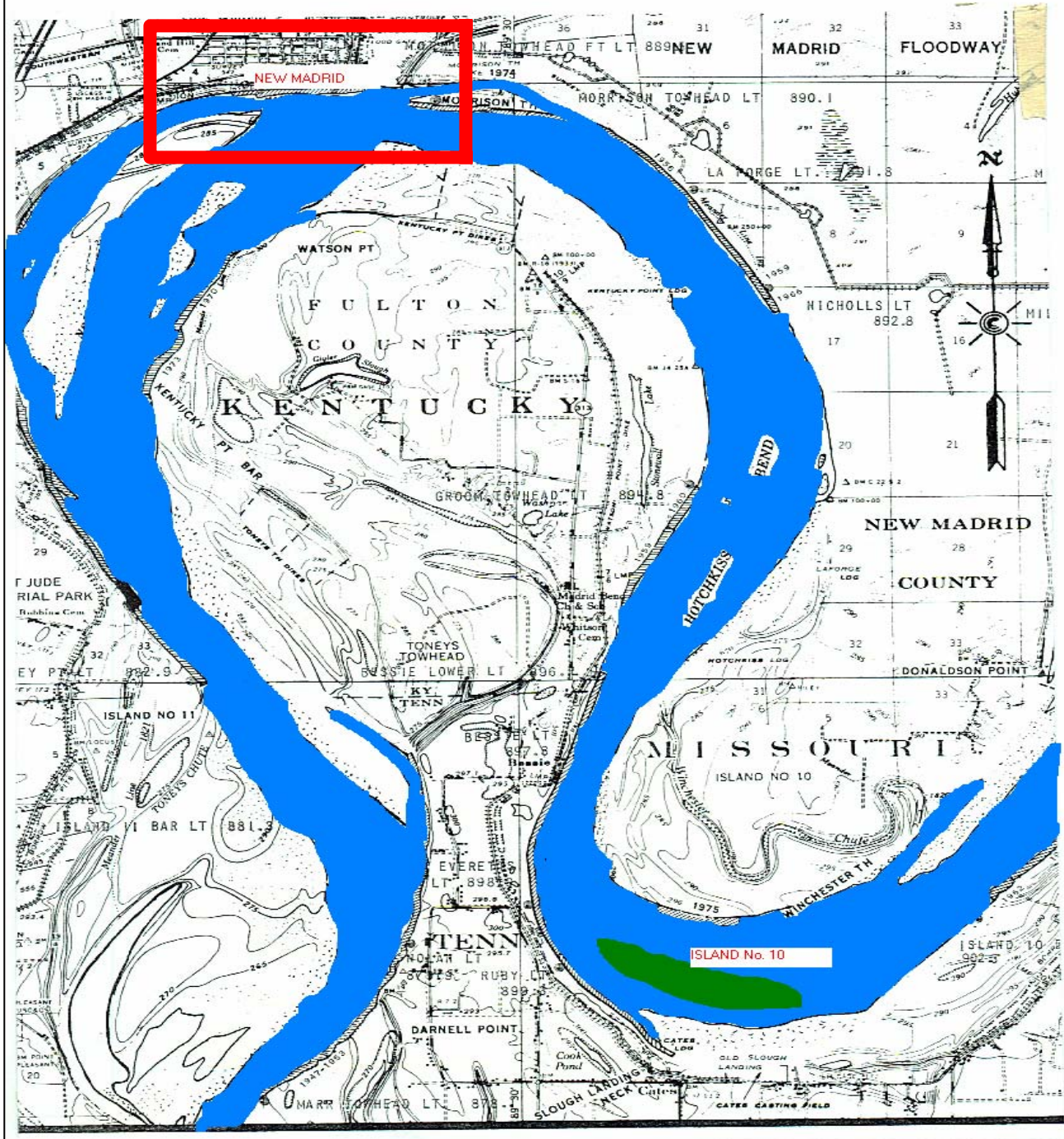


- **BGEN Pope**
- **Flag Officer Foote**

- **GEN Beauregard**
- **BGEN McCown**
- **BGEN Thompson**
- **BGEN Mackall**

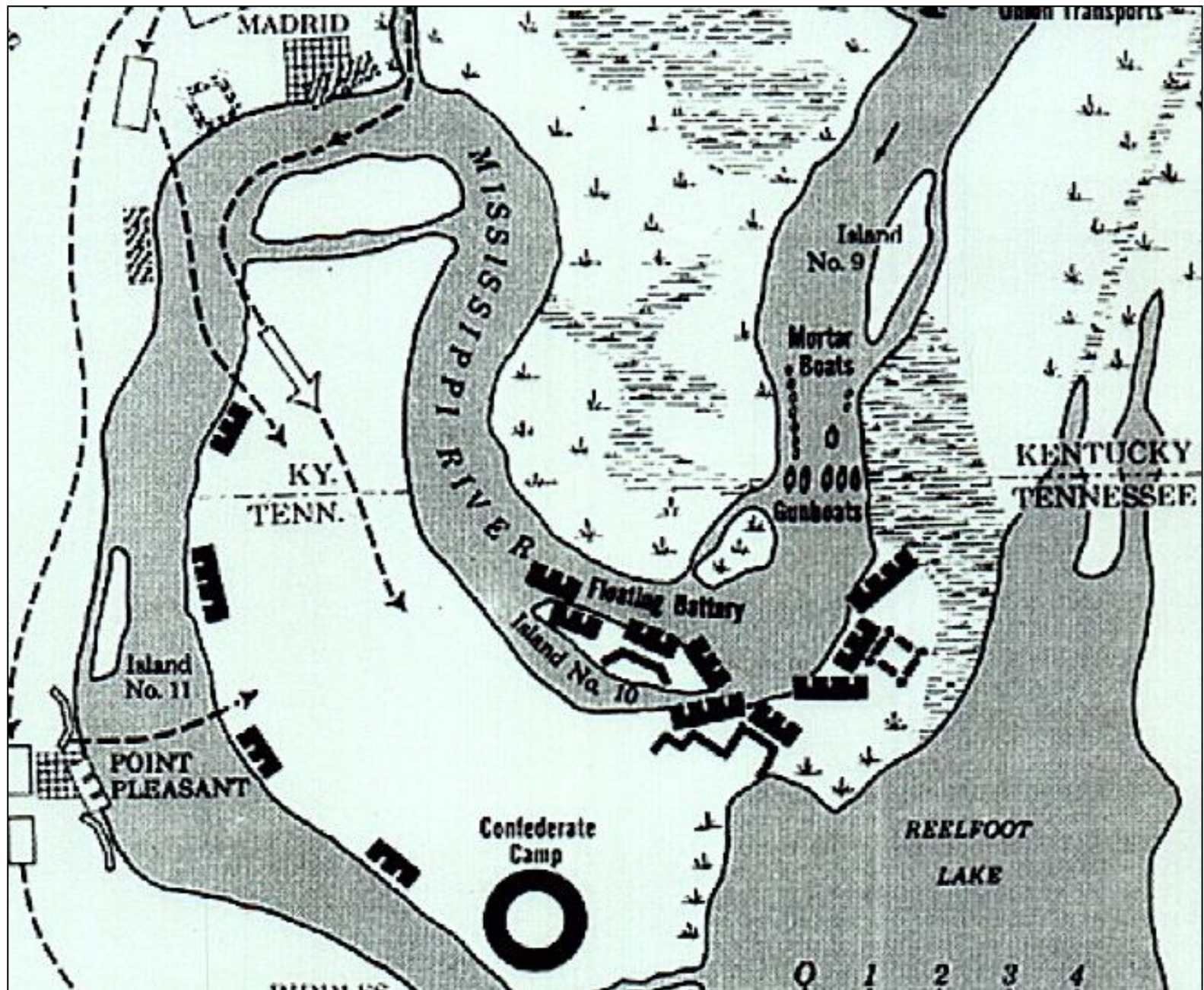
# **New Madrid**

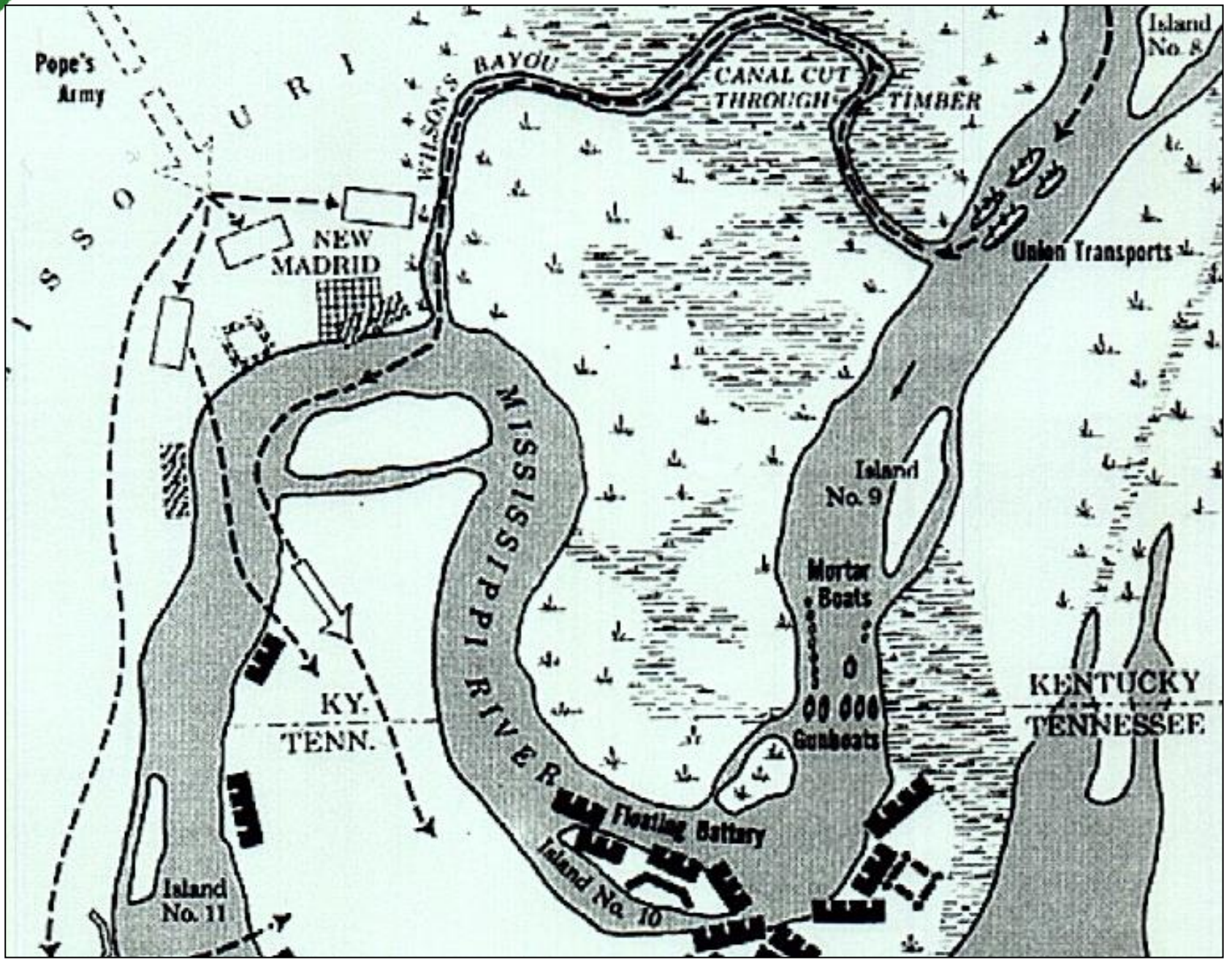
- **Successful Siege by Union forces**
- **Confederates escape to Island No. 10**
- **Union takes city**

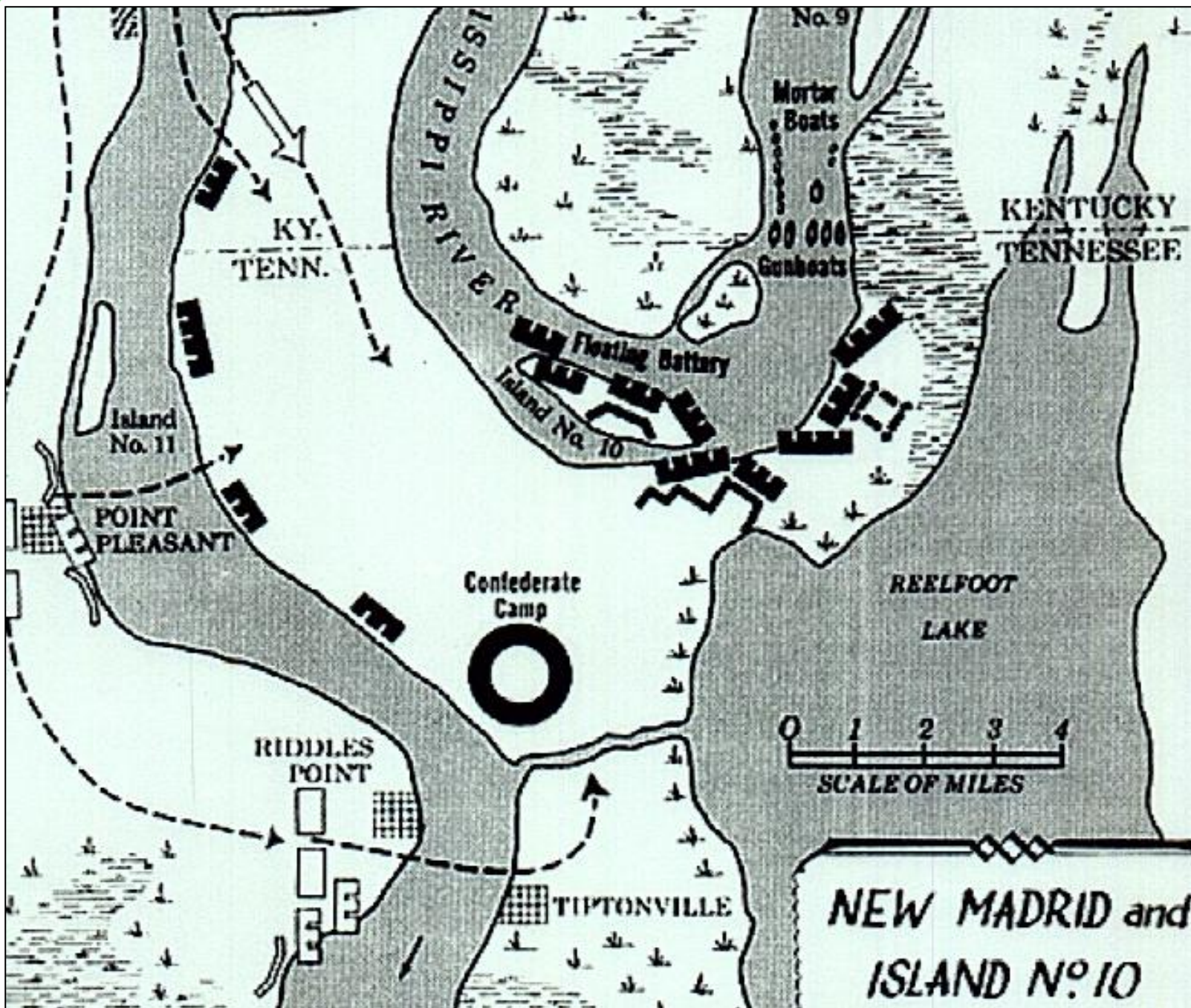


# Battle of Island No. 10

- **Confederates mission**
- **Union mission**
- **Casualties: Unknown**
- **Victory: Union**
- **Result: Opened upper Mississippi River to Union control as far south as Fort Pillow, TN**









# **INFLUENCE of GEOLOGY**

- **Mississippi River bends back over on itself, creating favorable location for “choke point defense”**
- **New Madrid County soil was very sandy, and easily excavated**
- **A bypass canal was successfully excavated by Union forces in short time; complete surprise to Confederates**

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