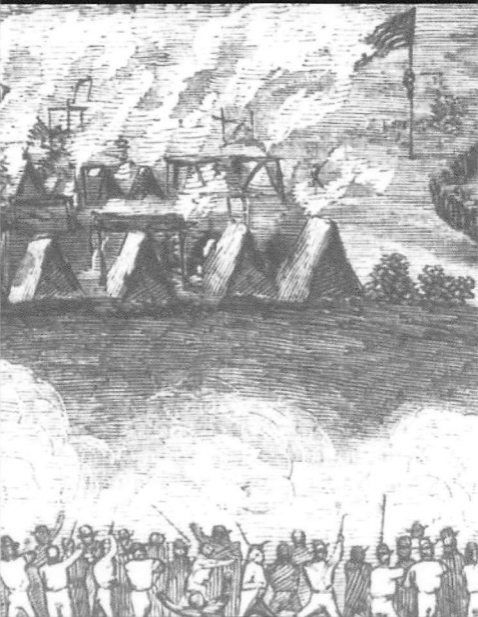


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Secret Night Time Raid on Santa Rosa Island

On October 9, 1861, over 1000 Confederates secretly landed on Santa Rosa Island near Fort Pickens, Florida. Before dawn they attacked and burned a Union camp outside the fort in the first significant Civil War battle in Florida. In retaliation for this raid, a massive artillery bombardment struck Confederate positions on November 22-23.

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