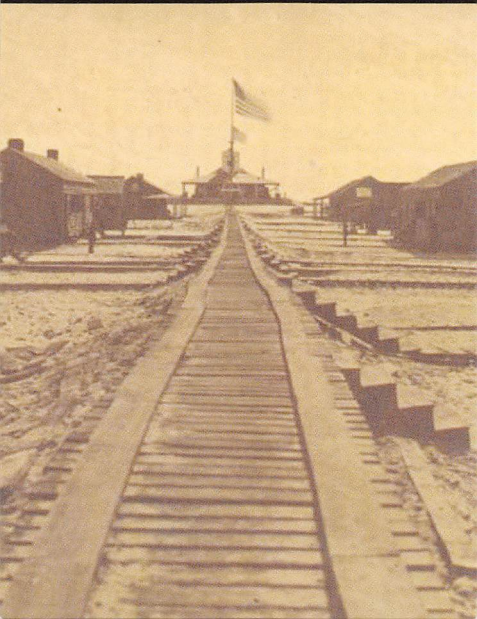


# Gulf Islands National Seashore



## **“Dead Line” at Ship Island**

Ship Island housed over 5,700 Confederate prisoners-of-war awaiting transfer or exchange with Union soldiers. With no prison walls, inmates were fenced or held in tents behind a “dead line.” If they crossed this line, they would be shot. Due to the island’s shifting sands, 153 of the men who died there are buried at sea.

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