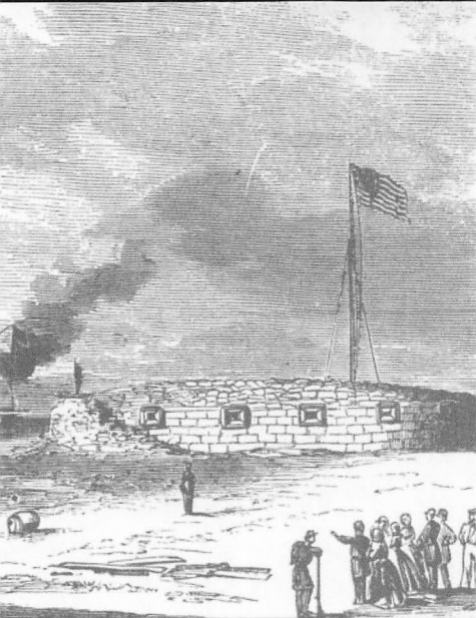


Gulf Islands National Seashore



Ship Island

Strategic Union Staging Ground

The Union used strategically located Ship Island, Mississippi as a base for the naval blockade of southern ports from September 1861 until the end of Civil War. Admiral Farragut utilized the island as the staging ground for naval operations, including the 1862 takeover of New Orleans and the 1865 Battle of Mobile Bay.

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