

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site



The Battle Of Roanoke Island

First Battle of the Burnside Expedition

Roanoke Island, a linchpin in the Confederate control of eastern North Carolina, was attacked by Federal forces on February 7, 1862. Following a naval bombardment, Union troops, led by General Burnside, stormed the island on February 8, capturing almost 3,000 Confederates. This first serious victory helped raise a flagging Union spirit.

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