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MILITARY EVENTS IN FLORIDA DURING THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865

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IN THE VOLUMINOUS WRITINGS on the Civil War the region of the upper South has attracted attention as the battleground of the War and de military activity in the Confederate States of the lower South, especially Florida, has received little notice. The fighting in Florida began early in 1861 but was most active during the last two years of the War. This compilation of nearly one hundred forty military events at over eighty different places will give some indication as to the extent of the War in Florida.

This list of military activities in Florida is compiled from *The War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* and it does not include any military events which are not described in these documents. The location of each military event is identified by the type of incident and the date it occurred. Standard military terms from the *Army Regulations and Rules of War of the Confederate States* are used to describe the types of military events.

<i>Place</i>	<i>Type of Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
1. Amelia Island	Evacuation	March 3, 1862
2. Apalachicola	Occupation	March 4, 1862
3. Apalachicola	Expedition	May 31-June 6, 1865
Arsenal	Seizure	January 6, 1861
4. Bagdad	Reconnaissance	August 7-10, 1862
5. Baldwin	Raid	July 23-28, 1864
	Skirmishes	August 10, 1864
		August 12, 1864
6. Barber's Ford	Skirmish	February 10, 1864
7. Barrancas, Fort	Bombardment	January 1, 1862
	Expedition	August 13-14, 1864
8. Barrancas	Transfer of U.S.	
Barracks	Troops	January 10, 1861
9. Beresford Lake	Expedition	October 6-9, 1862
10. Blackwater Bay	Expedition	October 25-28, 1864
11. Bluff Springs	Action	March 25, 1865
12. Brooke, Fort	Engagements	October 16, 1863
		December 25, 1863
13. Bryant's		
Plantation	Skirmish	October 21, 1864
14. Canoe Creek	Action	March 25, 1865
15. Cedar Creek	Skirmishes	March 1, 1864
		April 2, 1864

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16. Cedar Keys	Naval Descent Upon Skirmish	January 16, 1862 February 16, 1865
17. Cooper, Camp	Capture	February 10, 1864
18. Cotton Creek	Skirmish	March 25, 1865
19. Cow Ford Creek	Skirmish	April 2, 1864
20. Croked River	Affair	May 20, 1862
21. East Florida	Expedition Along Coast	November 3-10, 1862
22. East River Bridge	Skirmishes	March 4-5, 1865
23. Escambia River	Skirmish	March 25, 1865
24. Euchee Anna Courthouse	Affair	September 23, 1864
25. Fernandina	Skirmish	April 10, 1862
26. Finegan, Camp	Skirmishes	February 8, 1864 May 25, 1864
27. Florida Railroad	Union Raid	August 15-19, 1864
28. Gainesville	Action Skirmish	August 17, 1864 February 14, 1864
29. Gates, Fort	Expedition	April 1, 1864
30. Gonzales, Camp	Skirmish	July 22, 1864
31. Grand Bayou	Affairs	January 25, 1864 August 7, 1864
32. Jackson's Bridge	Affair	May 25, 1864
33. Jacksonville	Evacuation Expeditions	April 9, 1862 July 15-20, 1864 March 7-12, 1865
	Occupations by U.S. Forces	March 12, 1862 February 7, 1864
	Operations	March 23-31, 1863
	Recapture	October 5, 1862
	Re-occupation	March 10, 1863
	Skirmish	May 28, 1864
34. Jefferson, Fort	Occupation	January 18, 1861
35. King's Ferry Mills	Expedition	February 15-23, 1864
36. Lake City	Skirmish	February 10, 1864
37. Lake George	Capture of C.S.S. Sumter	March 13, 1864
38. McGirt's Creek	Skirmish	March 1, 1864
39. McRee, Fort	Bombardment	January 1, 1862
	Seizure	January 12, 1861
40. Magnolia	Skirmishes	September 24, 1864 October 24, 1864
41. Marianna	Action Expedition Skirmish	September 27, 1864 Sept. 18-Oct. 4, 1864 September 27, 1864
42. Marion, Fort	Seizure	January 7, 1861
43. Marion County	Expedition	March 7-12, 1865
44. Mayport Mills	Skirmish	October 2, 1862
45. Milton	Expeditions	June 14-15, 1862 February 19, 1865 February 22-25, 1865
	Reconnaissance	August 7-10, 1862
	Skirmishes	August 29, 1864 October 18, 1864
46. Milton, Camp	Capture Expedition	June 2, 1864 May 31-June 3, 1864
47. Mitchell's Creek	Skirmish	March 25, 1865
48. Monroe Lake	Expedition	Apr. 26-May 6, 1864
49. Myers, Fort	Attack	February 20, 1865

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50. Nassau River	Expedition	February 9-10, 1864
51. Natural Bridge	Action	March 6, 1865
52. Newport Bridge	Skirmishes	March 5-6, 1865
53. New Smyrna	Affair	March 23, 1862
54. Ocean Pond	Engagement	February 20, 1864
55. Ocklockonnee Bay	Affair	March 24, 1863
56. Olustee	Engagement	February 20, 1864
57. Palatka	Skirmishes	March 27, 1863 March 16, 1864 March 31, 1864 August 13, 1864 February 13-14, 1864 February 20, 1864
58. Pease Creek	Skirmishes	
59. Pensacola	Abandoned by Confederates Affair Bombardment Destruction of U.S. Drydock Evacuation Occupied by Union Forces Reconnaissance Skirmishes	May 9-12, 1862 May 25, 1864 November 22-23, 1861 September 2, 1861 March 20-24, 1863 May 9-12, 1862 August 7-10, 1862 June 25, 1862 April 2, 1864
60. Pensacola Navy-Yard	Descent On	September 14, 1861
61. Pickens, Fort	Bombardment Evacuation by Confederates Occupation by Union Forces	November 22-23, 1861 May 9-12, 1862 May 9-12, 1862
62. Pine Barren	Expedition	November 16-17, 1864
63. Point Washington	Skirmish	February 9, 1864
64. St. Andrews Bay	Affair	April 7, 1862 March 20, 1863 March 9, 1863 December 30, 1863
65. St. Augustine	Skirmishes	
66. St. Johns Bluff	Capture Engagements Expedition Skirmish	October 3, 1862 September 11, 1862 September 17, 1862 Sept. 30-Oct. 13, 1862 October 2, 1862
67. St. Johns Mill	Capture of Signal Station	August 19, 1863
68. St. Johns River	Operations Skirmish	May 19-27, 1864 February 2, 1865
69. St. Marks	Naval Descent Upon Operations	June 15, 1862 Feb. 21-Mar. 7, 1865
70. St. Marys River	Expedition	Jan. 23-Feb. 1, 1863
71. Santa Rosa Island	Action Reconnaissance	October 9, 1861 March 27-31, 1862
72. Saunders	Affair Skirmish	May 19, 1864 March 19, 1865

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73. Smyrna	Affair	March 23, 1862
74. Station Four	Action	February 13, 1865
75. Tampa	Affair	May 6, 1864
	Bombardment	June 30-July 1, 1862
76. Taylor, Fort	Occupation	January 14, 1861
77. Ten-Mile Run	Skirmish	February 8, 1864
78. Township	Skirmish	January 26, 1863
79. Trout Creek	Skirmish	July 15, 1864
80. Welaka	Action	February 5, 1865
	Affair	May 19, 1864
	Skirmish	March 19, 1865
81. Whiteside, Black Creek	Skirmish	July 27, 1864
82. Whitesville	Skirmish	July 24, 1864
83. Woodstock	Expedition	February 15-23, 1864
84. Yellow River	Operations	June 25, 1864