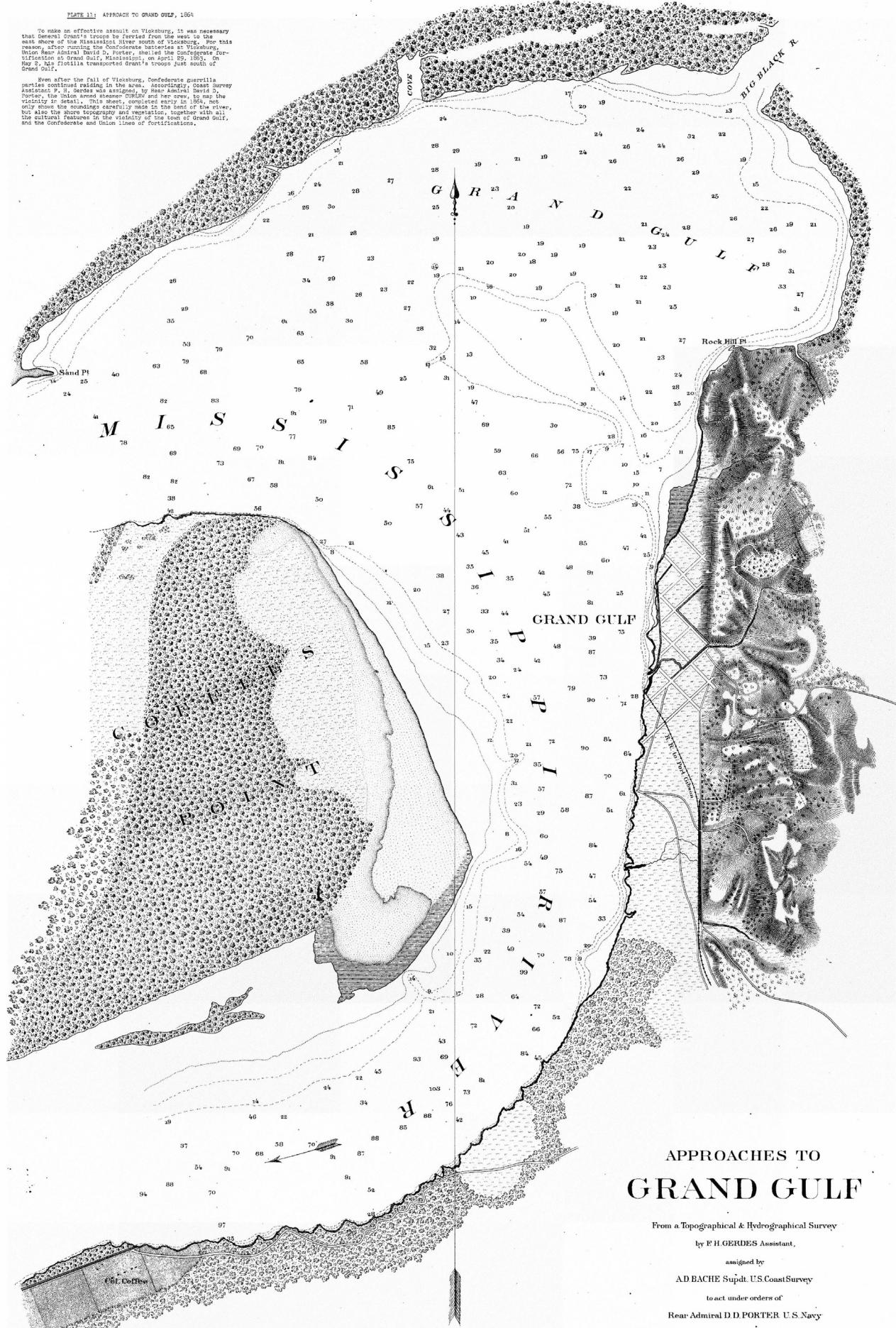


PLATE 11: APPROACH TO GRAND GULF, 1864

To make an effective assault on Vicksburg, it was necessary that General Grant's troops be ferried from the west to the east bank of the Mississippi River. For this reason, after running the Confederate batteries at Vicksburg, Union Admiral D.D. Porter, under the command of fortification at Grand Gulf, Mississippi, on April 27, 1864, May 3, 1864, flotilla transports Grant's troops just south of Grand Gulf.

Even after the fall of Vicksburg, Confederate guerrillas parties continued raiding in the area. Accordingly, Coast Survey Assistant, F.H. Gerdes, and his crew, under the command of D.D. Porter, the Union armed steamer CURRY and her crew, to map the waterways around Grand Gulf. This chart shows the soundings only show the soundings carefully made in the bend of the river, but does not supply any information regarding with all the cultural features and the vicinity of the town of Grand Gulf, and the Confederate and Union lines of fortifications.



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Scale nautical miles

1864

Note. The Soundings are in feet and refer to a mean stage of the river.  
The survey was made in May 1864.  
The curves of 9, 12 and 18 feet are represented thus:

Statute Mile  
Nautical Mile