

A Closer Look at the Map

- Panorama of the Seat of War – this map is one section of a 6-part series showing the entire Confederate war zone. Bachmann carefully crafted these maps as contiguous documents – each was issued and sold separately, but designed to fit together to create a composite view of the entire Confederacy. This section of the map focuses on Florida and parts of Georgia and Alabama.
- The “bird’s eye view” depicts Florida as a very large state with miles of coastline and numerous lakes and rivers.



- Numerous steam and sailing ships surround important Florida cities and waterways in 1861. Cities include St Augustine, Cape Canaveral, Tampa Bay, Cedar Key, and Pensacola. Waterways include the northeastern border, the Florida Keys and the Tortugas, and the mouth of the Mississippi River.

- Bachmann combines his cartographic and artistic skills to give his perspective, perhaps a subtle pro-Union bias. Union blockade ships in large flotillas fly American flags. Confederate blockade-runners, usually lighter ships that run through or around a naval blockade have no flags.
- The map includes a unique legend (bottom corners) that shows distances from Key West and Tallahassee to other ports vital to the war effort. For example, Key West is 690 miles to Beaufort, South Carolina.
- The three Union-controlled forts of Ft. Dallas (present-day Miami), Ft. Henry and Ft. Key West fly American flags.
- Florida’s young but important railroad system, located in the northern portion of the state is shown. The railroads were a Confederate strength, transporting goods and supplies for the army.
- The map includes “Lake Kee Cho Bee,” “The Everglates” and “Indian Hunting Grounds,” which show the Seminole Indians living in the south.

