

20 BATTLE OF POPPINGTON



CHAP 1



ON THE 21 DAY OF MAY 1868 WE SEE TWO LONG TRAINS THE FIRST ONE CONSISTING OF 30 LARGE PASSENGER CARS DRAWN BY 4 ENGINES AND THE SECOND ONE CONSISTING OF 10 LARGE FREIGHT CARS & 10 COVERED FLAT CARS DRAWN BY 3 ENGINES THE FIRST TRAIN IS CARRYING 10,000 B.C SOLDIERS AND THE SECOND IS TRANSPORTING THEIR EQUIPMENTS AND CANNON TO THE BATTLE FIELD. IT IS ON THE EVE OF A GREAT BATTLE BUT THE SOLDIERS ARE MAKING MERRY FOR ALL THEY KNOW THAT ON THE MORROW SOME WILL LIE BENEATH THE GROUND BUT SOON THERE IS AN ESCAPE OF STEAM AND THE TRAIN COMES TO A GRADUAL STAND STILL



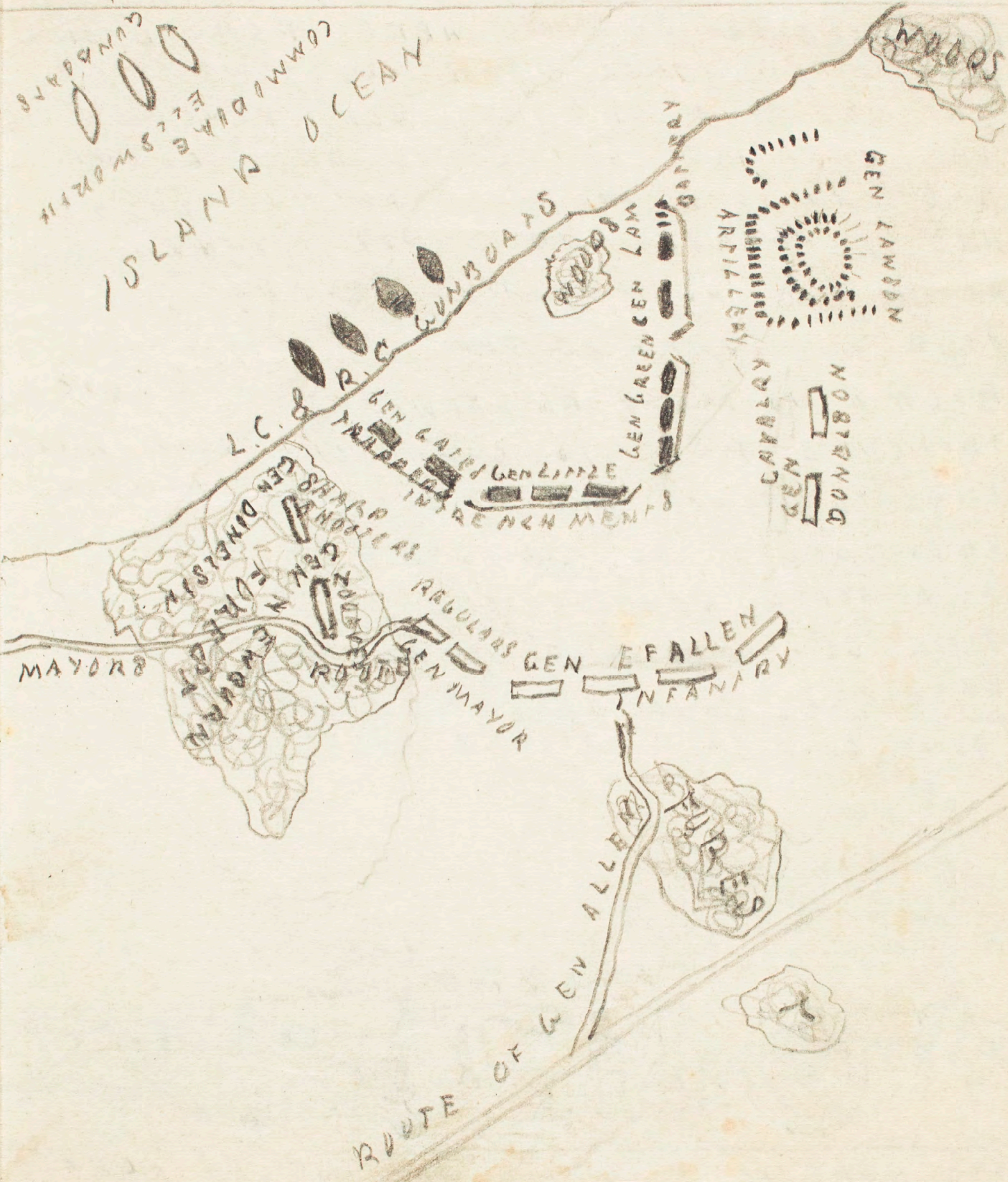
AT THE LAST STATION ON THE LINE

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AND SOON THE GAILY DRESSED SOLDIERS
ARE ON THE MARCH. ABOUT NIGHT FALL
THEY REACH THE SCENE OF ACTION. THE SOLDIERS
WAIT ABOUT TWO MILES FROM THE ENEMYS
INTRENCHMENTS UNTILL NIGHT HAS SHUT OUT
SURROUNDING OBJECTS WHEN WITHOUT MAK-
ING ANY MORE NOISE THAN POSSIBLE ETHAN
ALLEN WITH FOUR THOUSAND INFANTRY MOV-
ED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF WILLIAM G.
LITTLES FORTIFICATIONS WITHIN 300 YARDS
OF THEM. GEN MAYOR ALSO WAS MOVING WITH
THE SAME NOISELESS MARCH ALONG AN OLD
CART ROAD TOWARDS A SMALL WOODS TO
THE LEFT OF ETHAN ALLEN. GEN PORUMENO
WITH 500 SHARP SHOOTERS AND GEN NEWBERN
WITH 1000 ROUAVES MARCHED ALONG THIS
SAME ROAD GEN PORUMENO KEEPING ALONG
DOWN TO THE SEA SHORE. WHILE GEN
NEWBERN STATIONED HIMSELF A LITTLE BE-
LOW GEN MAYOR IN THE EDGE OF THE
WOODS. GEN DONELSON WITH 2000 CAV-
ALRY IS ON ETHAN ALLENS RIGHT FLANK
SO AS TO GIVE BATTLE TO BURT GREENS
FORCES AND GEN LAWSON WITH 500
ARTILLERYMAN A 100 CANNON OF ALL KINDS
HEAVY ARTILLERY CONSISTING OF FIELD
PIECES HOWITZERS MACHINE GUNS AND

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THE PLAN OF BATTLE

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BOMBARDING CANNON WERE PLACED ON A SLIGHT EMINENCE OVER LOOKING THE BATTLE AND ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE CAVALIERS SO AS TO RAIN GRAPE AND CHNISTER INTO THE ENEMY'S RANKS AND TO HARASS AND ANNOY THE WHITE ARMY AFTER THE PLAN OF BATTLE HAD BEEN LAID AND CARRIED OUT THE SOLDIERS BEGAN TO MAKE BREASTWORKS AND BIG TRENCHES ALSO TO GIVE OUT AMMUNITION AND TO PLACE THE AMBULANCES WITHIN EASY REACH OF DRIVERS AND ATTENDANTS AND AFTER SENDING OUT SPYS AND GETTING SENTRIES AND OUTPOSTS THE WEARY SOLDIERS FELT NEEDED TO AWAKE IN SOME GUNS FROM ALLONS HEAVY ARTILLERY



THE MURROW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT STRIKE THAT WAS GOING TO DECIDE THE FINE OF BIG CONTINGENT