



The Star Spangled Banner

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“Defence of Fort M’Henry”

by Francis Scott Key

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

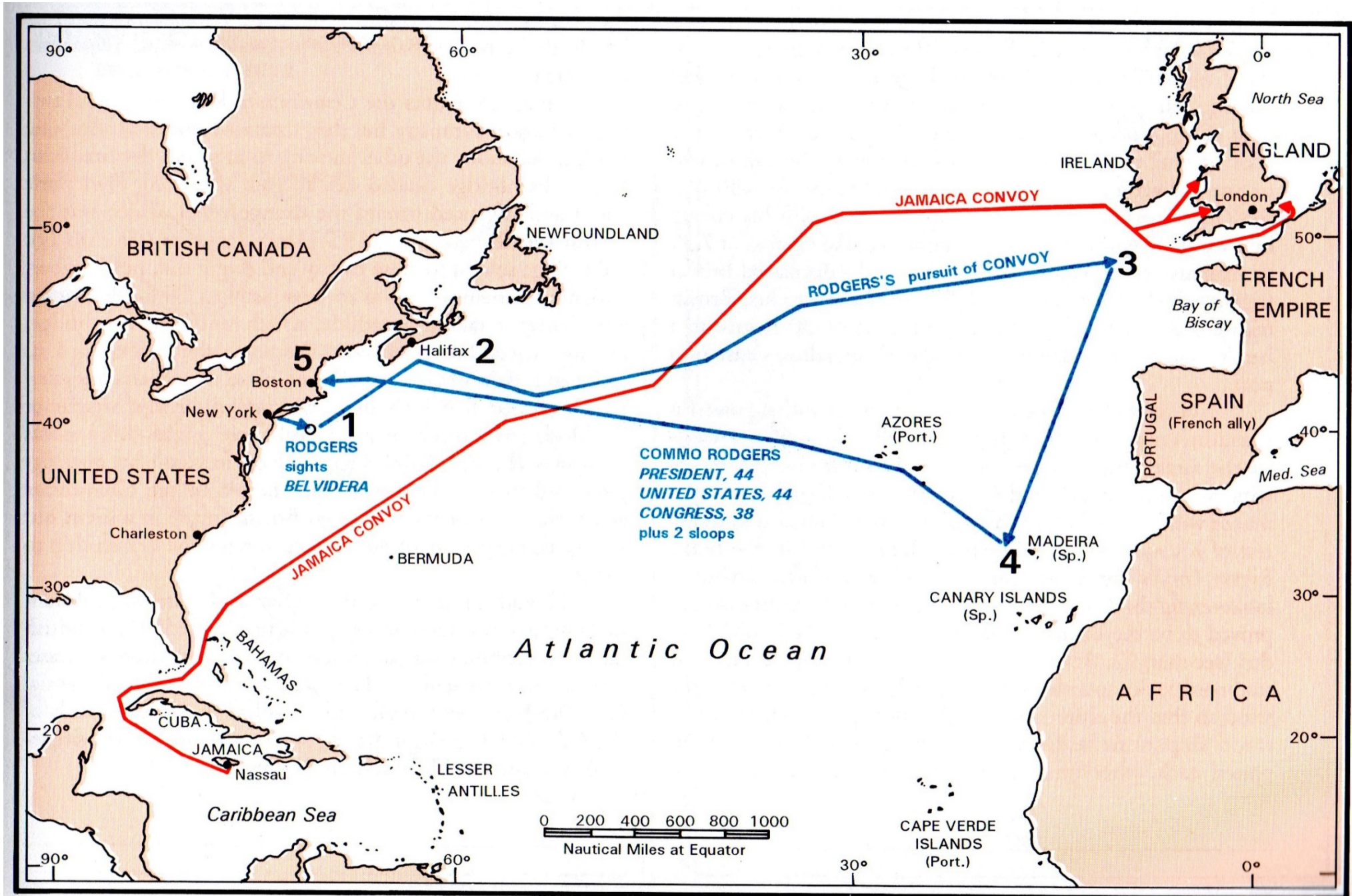
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: '[In God is our trust.](#)'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

War of 1812

- Ongoing conflict from the American Revolutionary War
- Mostly about trade
- James Madison elected in 1808 was pro war
- Communication was slow and the war may have been avoided if only the telegraph had been invented.
 - The US declared war one day after the British agreed in London to compromise.
 - At the end of the War the British unsuccessfully attacked New Orleans after the British had agreed to peace.

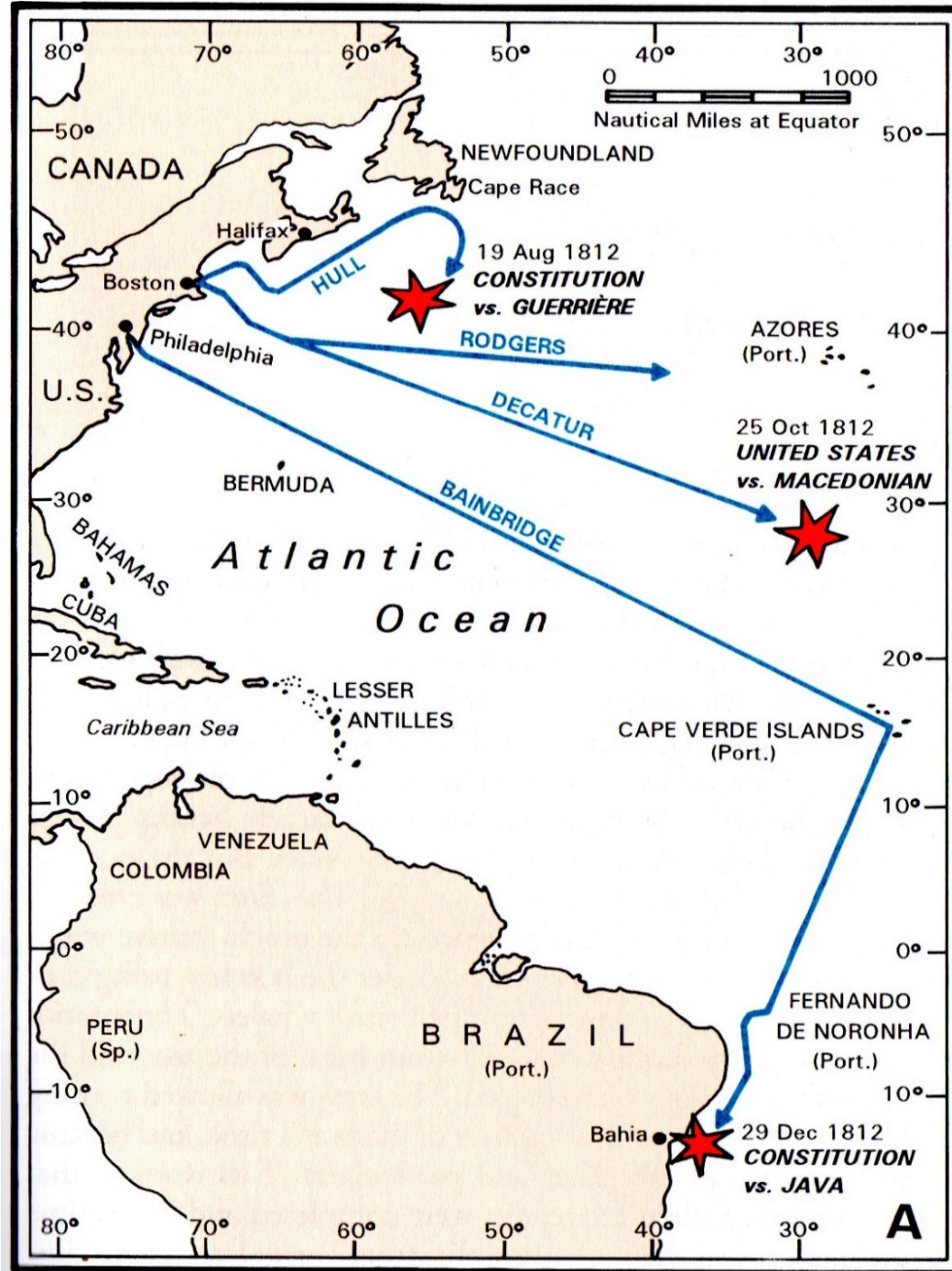
War of 1812 was primarily about trade



War of 1812 – Simplified

- 1812
 - Three major naval engagements in the Atlantic, each surprisingly won by America

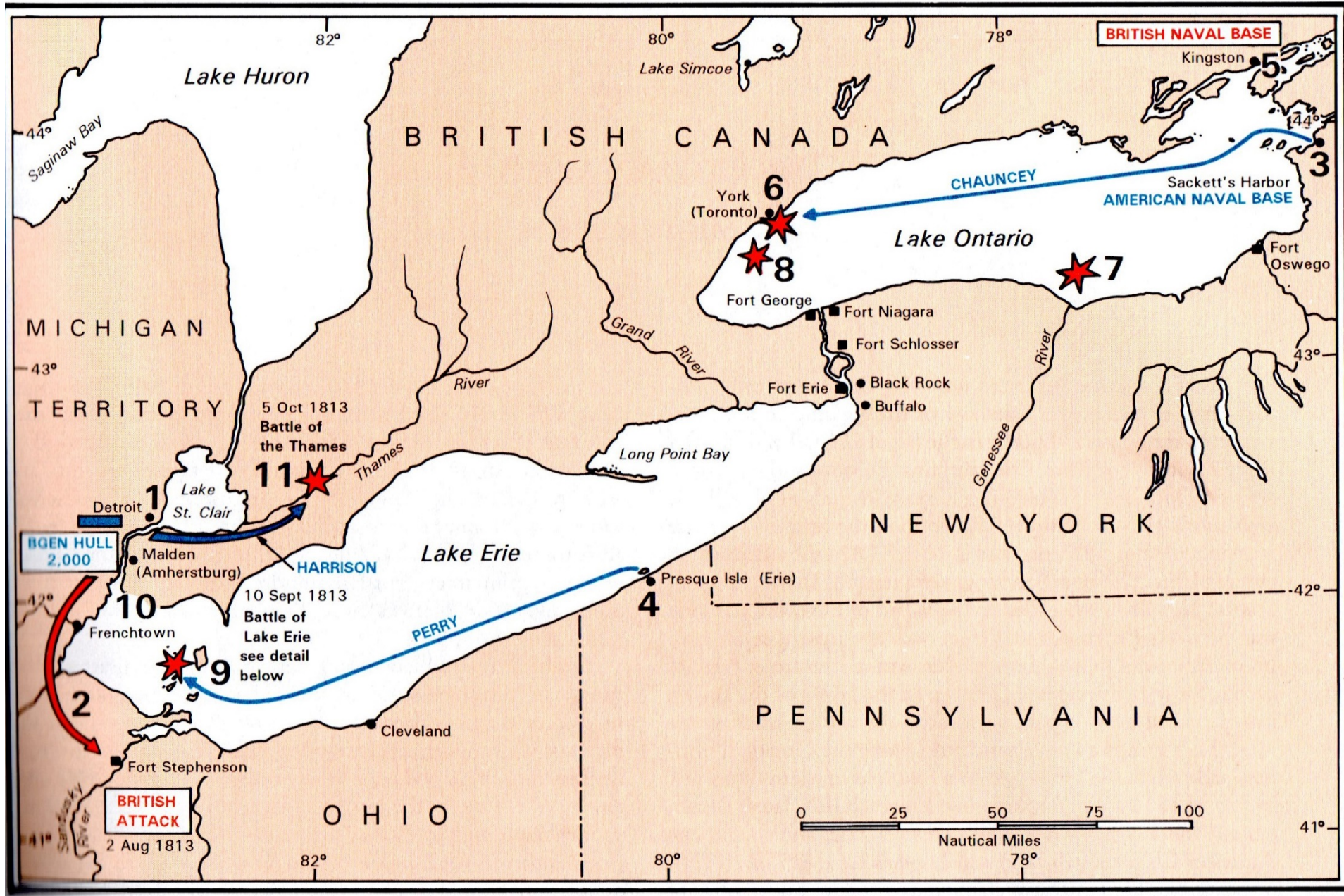
Early Frigate Duels



War of 1812 – Simplified

- 1813
 - US attempts to take Canada. Fails for the second time in less than 40 years.

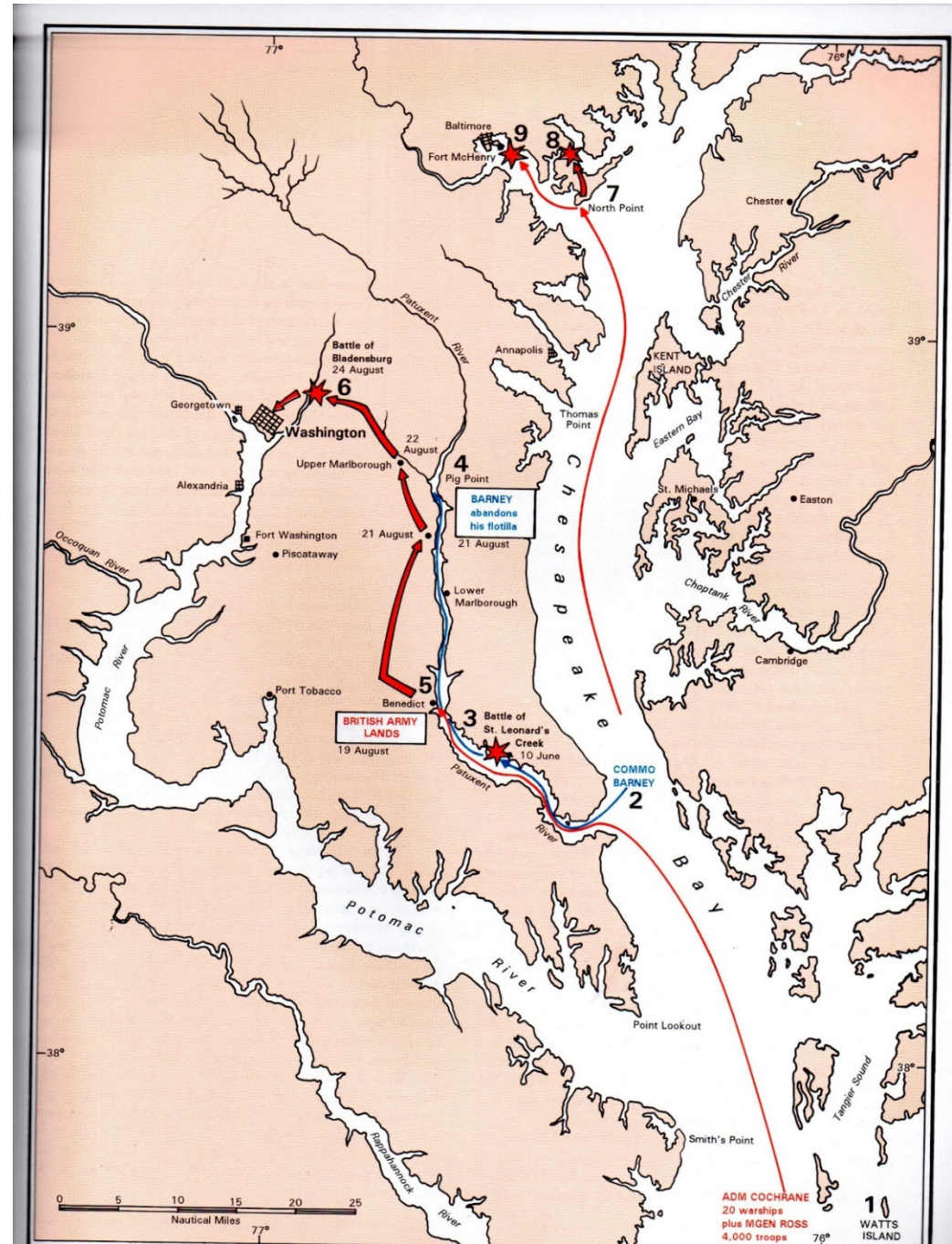
War in the Great Lakes Region



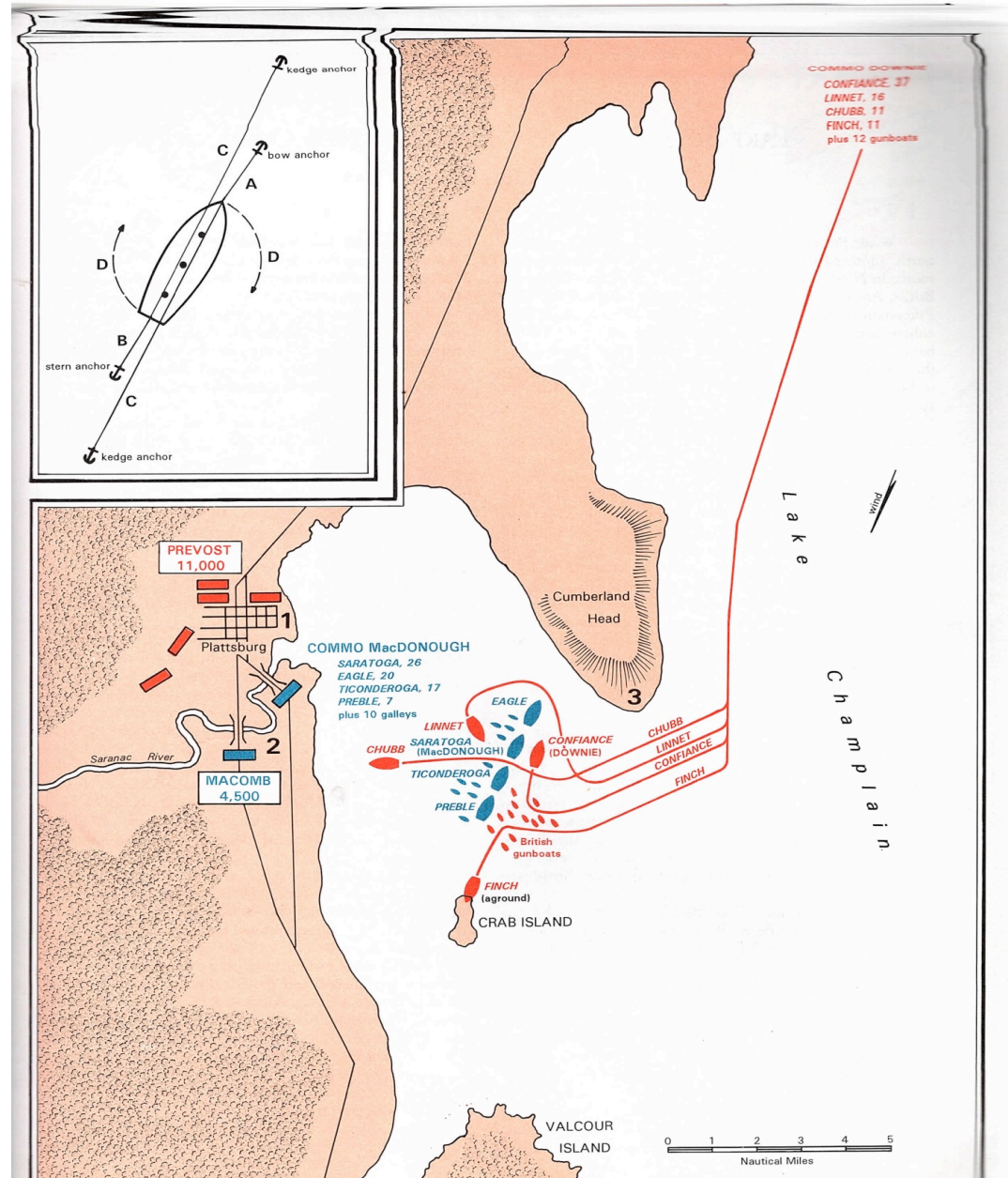
War of 1812 – Simplified

- 1814
 - British launch three pronged attack on the US
 - Initial attack on the Chesapeake, Washington and Baltimore
 - Main attack to split US by moving down Lake Champlain and the Hudson River
 - Attack on New Orleans to control the Mississippi River

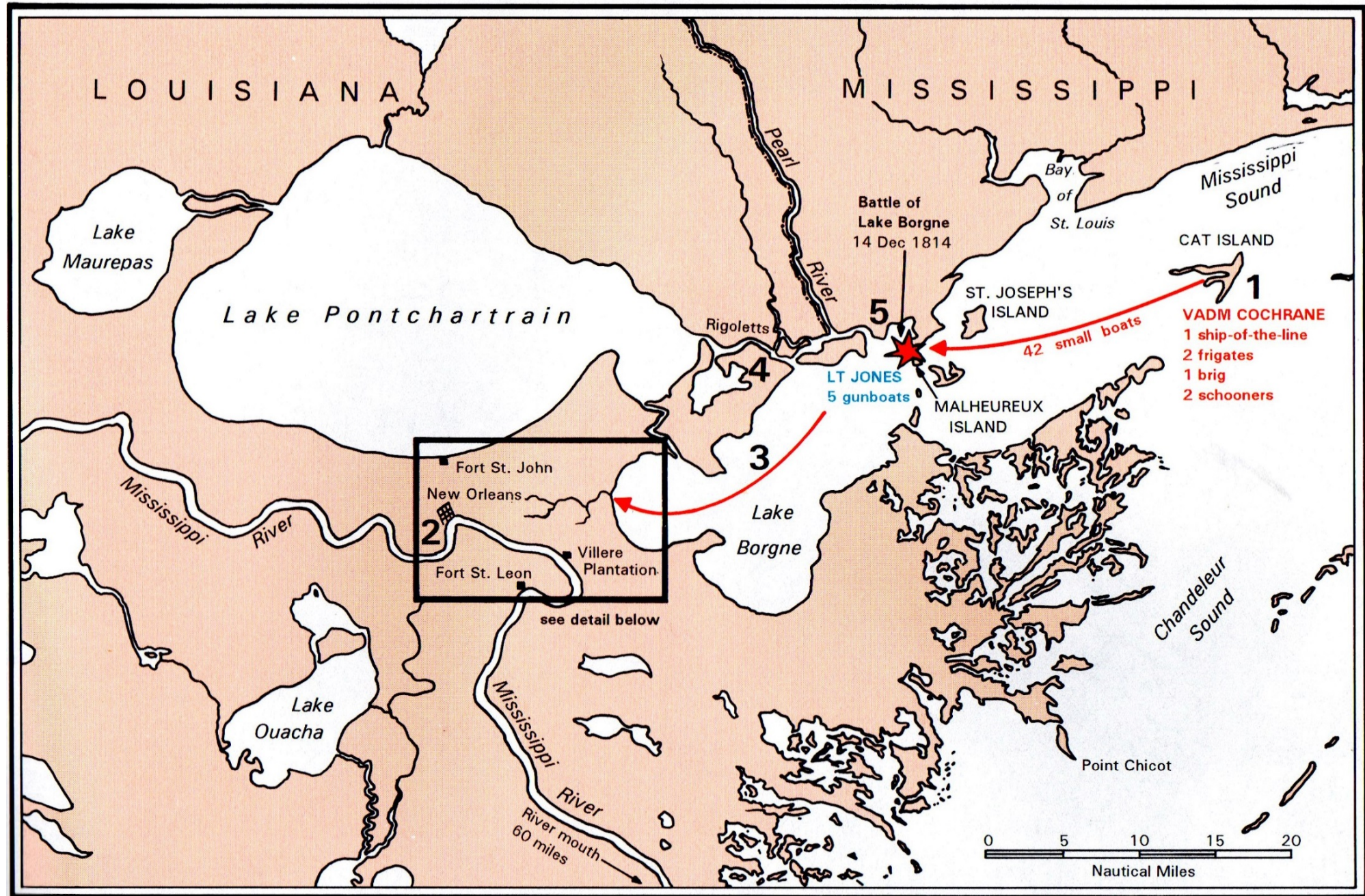
War in Chesapeake Bay – August/September 1814



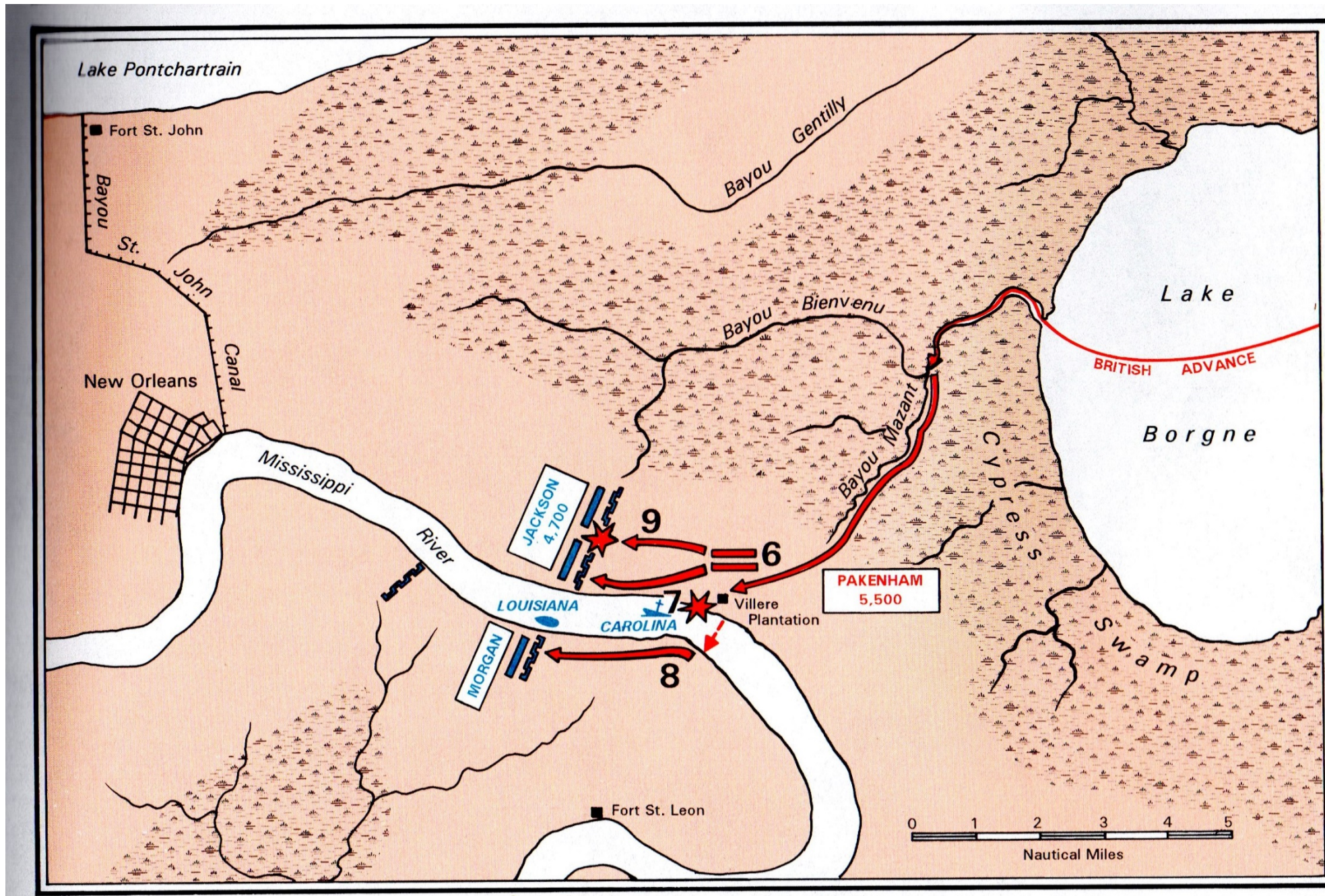
War on Lake Champlain - September 1814



War in New Orleans – December 1814



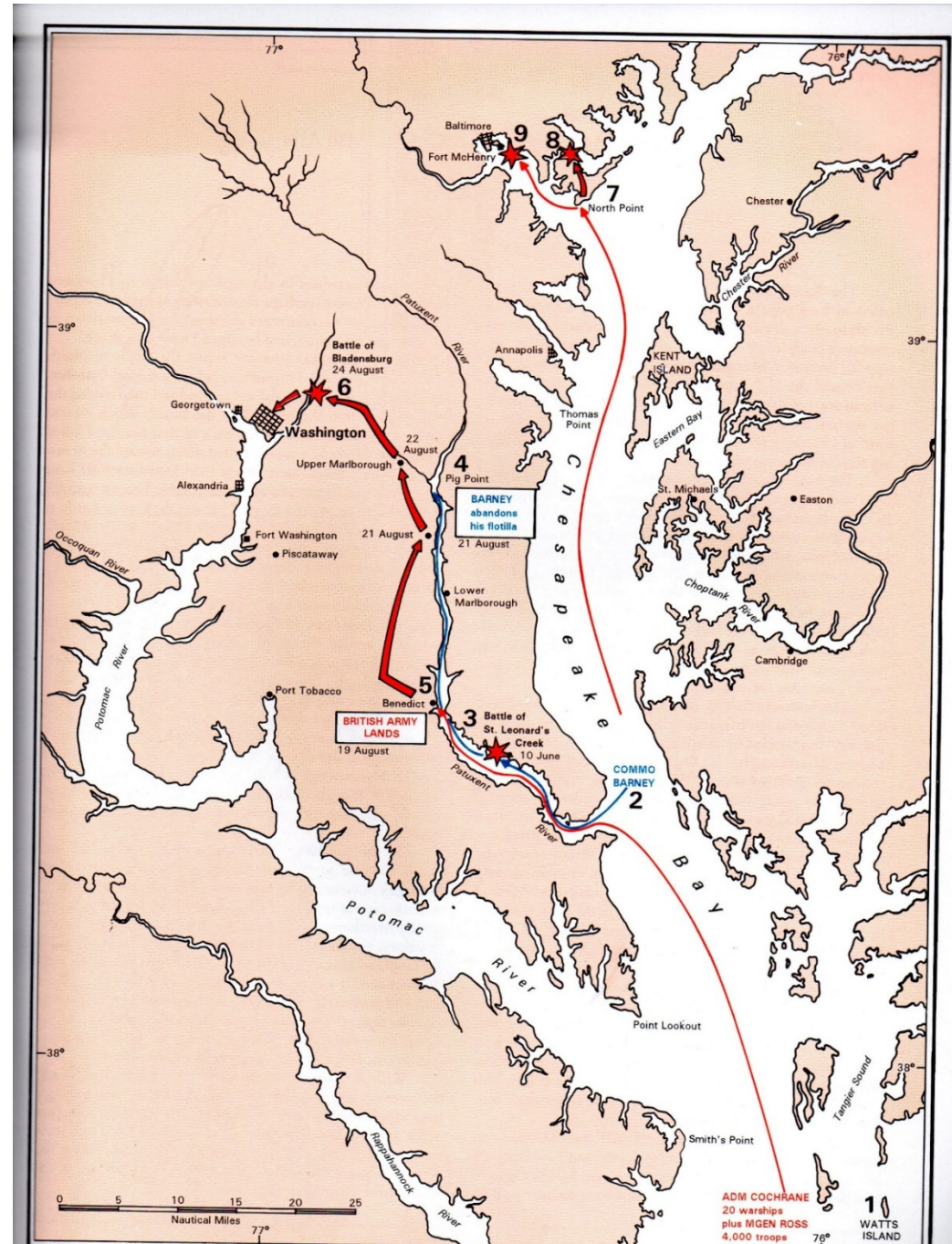
War in New Orleans – January 1815



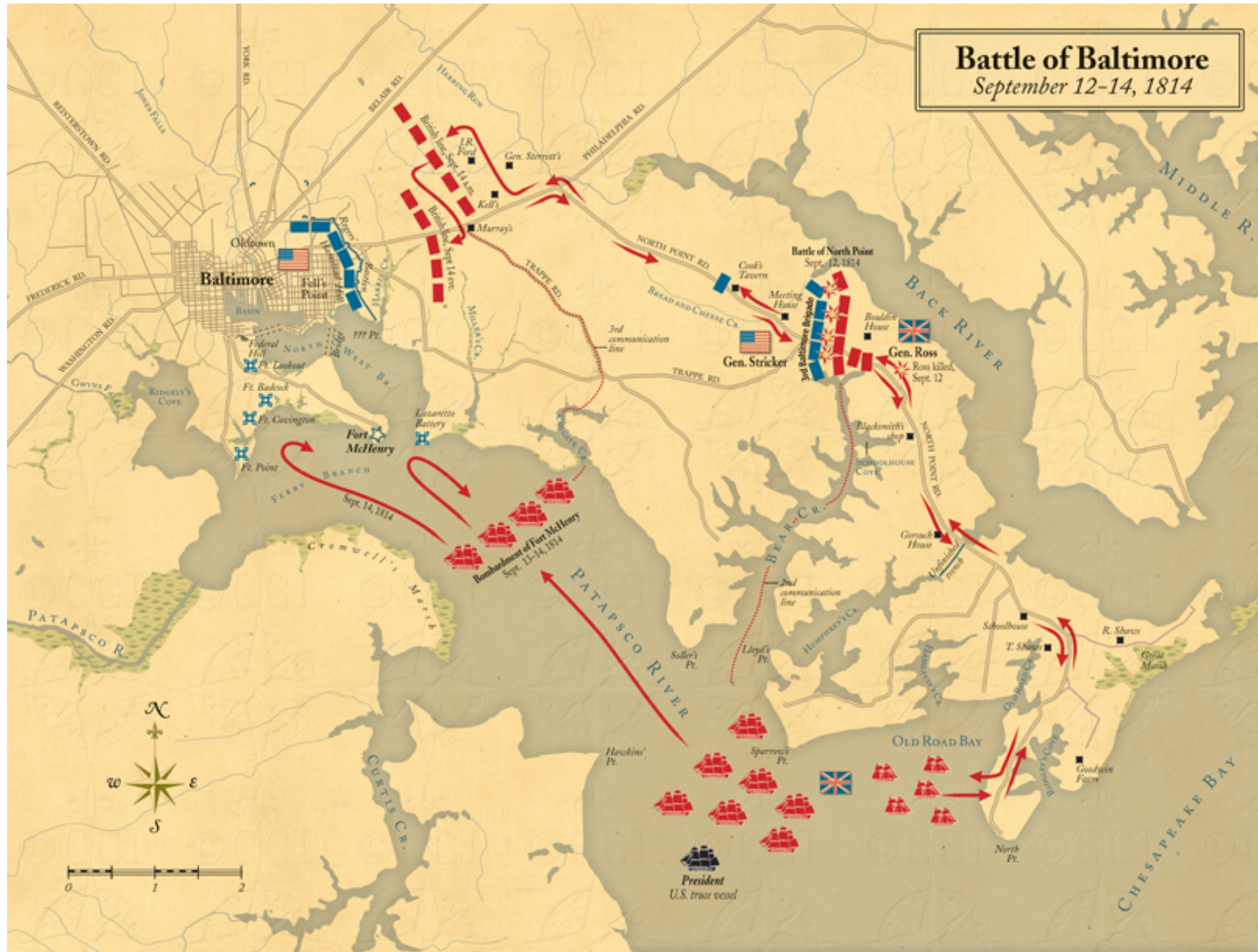
Star Spangled Banner – The Actors

- **Dr. William Beanes** was a prominent doctor in Upper Marlboro, MD
- **Major General Robert Ross**, British commander of Raid on Washington. When they reached Upper Marlboro he commandeered Dr. Beanes house to use as his headquarters.
- **Francis Scott Key** was raised in Upper Marlboro and worked as a lawyer in Georgetown.

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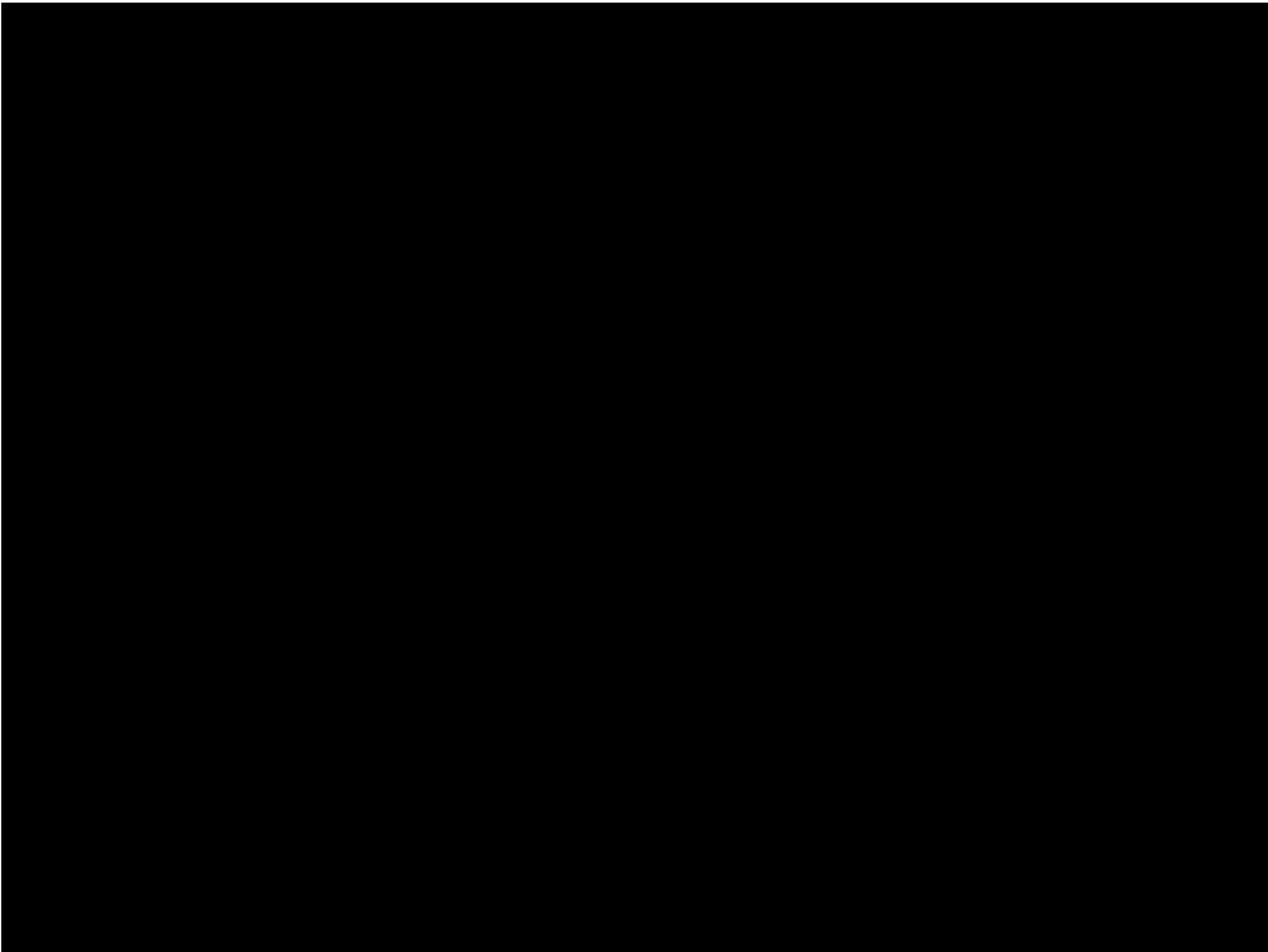


Battle of Baltimore – September 1814



From Poem to Anthem

- A week later the poem was published in the American and Commercial Daily Advertiser titled “Defence of Fort M’Henry” and it was a hit.
- Key took it to Thomas Carr, a music publisher who adapted it to the rhythms of composer John Stafford Smith's "To Anacreon in Heaven" a popular tune at the time on both sides of the Atlantic. The song was named “The Star Spangled Banner” and became very popular.
- In 1889 The Star Spangled Banner was approved by the Navy for official use; In 1916 Woodrow Wilson signed an Executive Order naming The Star Spangled Banner our national anthem. And finally in 1931 the Congress passed and the President signed a law naming the song as the United States of America’s national anthem.



Credits

Maps from:

The Naval Institute

Historical Atlas of the U.S. Navy

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As an equity analyst, institutional salesperson and trader he worked with some of the premier investment banking firms in many of the world's leading financial centers including New York, Tokyo, London, Chicago and San Francisco. In 2001 Ed became a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and is currently a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch in Westport, CT.

Ed first became interested in the Revolutionary War as a child when he learned his neighbor's house was partially burned by the British during the Danbury Raid in 1777. He and his wife are fascinated by history and have visited many important battlefields both here and abroad.

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