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**[Military Departments] Johnson's New Military Map of the United States Forts,
Military Posts & all the Military Divisions with Enlarged Plans of the Southern Harbors**

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**NEW MILITARY MAP
UNITED STATES**
 With Military Districts & of the Military Departments
 ACCORDANCE WITH ACT OF MARCH 3, 1879
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The map displays the United States divided into military districts and departments. The Eastern Department (red) covers the Atlantic and Gulf regions. The Western Department (green) covers the Pacific and Rocky Mountain regions. The Southern Department (yellow) covers the Southeast. Insets include Alaska, Hawaii, and detailed views of the Gulf of Mexico, California, and the Pacific Coast. The map is framed by a decorative border.

Description:

Colored By Military Departments -- First State!

A nice example of the first state of Johnson's Military map of the United States.

The Johnson's New Military Map of the United States is an informative representation of the country during the time of its creation. It uniquely emphasizes the military divisions of the nation, with each division represented in a distinct color for clarity. In 1861, the year marking the start of the American Civil War, the U.S. military organization comprised of various departments, each responsible for specific geographical areas. Here is a brief outline of these departments:

1. Department of the East: Headquartered in Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, it covered the area east of the Mississippi River and east of Minnesota. Major General John E. Wool commanded it during the early Civil War period.
2. Department of the West: This department encompassed the area west of the Mississippi and east of the Rocky Mountains. Headquartered at the St. Louis Arsenal, Missouri, it initially fell under the command of Brigadier General William S. Harney.



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3. Department of Texas: This was responsible for military operations in the state of Texas, which had joined the Confederacy in February 1861. Colonel Carlos A. Waite was the last Union commander of the department before it fell under Confederate control.
4. Department of New Mexico: Encompassing the territories of New Mexico and Arizona, the department played a key role in the Western theatre of the Civil War, particularly in the Apache Wars. Colonel Edward R. S. Canby was its commander in 1861.
5. Department of Utah: This department covered the Utah Territory and was pivotal in maintaining order during the period of early settlement in the West. Brigadier General P.E. Connor commanded it from Camp Douglas, aimed at protecting the overland routes from the local Native American tribes.
6. Department of California: This department included the states of California and Nevada, territories that were far removed from the main battlefronts but still played a significant role in the Civil War. Brigadier General Albert Sidney Johnston commanded it before his resignation to join the Confederate Army.
7. Department of Oregon: Including the present-day states of Oregon, Washington, and parts of Idaho, the Department of Oregon was established to facilitate military actions during the ongoing conflicts with Native American tribes. Brigadier General George Wright was its commander in 1861.

These departments served to organize and administer the Union Army's vast wartime efforts during the Civil War, providing strategic, logistical, and command oversight across the geographical expanse of the United States.

The map's standout feature is its nine insets, detailing specific southern harbors, namely Baltimore, Washington DC, Hampton Roads, Charleston, Savannah River, Key West, Pensacola, Mobile Bay, and New Orleans. These insets offer a close-up view of these vital areas, providing a detailed layout of their geographic and strategic features.

Although later editions of the map, colored by states, are more common, this particular Military Districts



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map is scarcer and often considered more desirable due to its unique focus on military divisions. It offers a detailed view of the country's military posts, forts, and divisions during a key period in United States history.

Detailed Condition: