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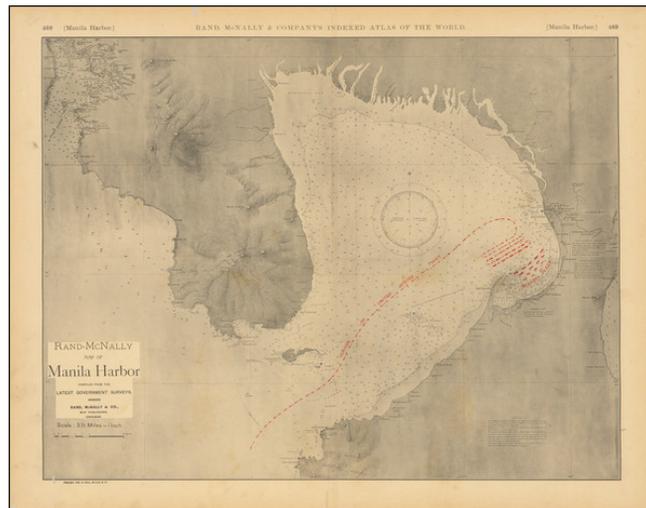
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Map of Manila Harbor Compiled From the Latest Government Surveys

Stock#: 98750
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1898
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Remember the Maine! Spanish American War

Scarce map of Manila Harbor, published by Rand McNally in 1898 shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.

The map depicts the harbor of Manilla as it appeared during the Battle of Manila Bay, fought May 1st, 1898. The chart is fairly detailed, including sounding depths for the bay and illustrations for nearby coastlines. The map also includes useful navigational details and notes to enable ships to more effectively sail in the bay.

An intriguing facet of this map is its depiction of the Battle of Manila Bay. The map, which utilized U.S. military surveys of Manila, discloses the locations of the shore batteries that defended the harbor. More strikingly, the map illustrates the deployment and line of battle of the U.S. Navy's Asiatic Squadron against the Spanish fleet anchored in Manila Bay. Both fleets are illustrated in red, as is the course of the American ships. The unusual serpentine course of the U.S. fleet as depicted on the map was the strategy that enabled their victory in Manila. Arranged in three ranks, the fleet sailed line ahead, fired their port guns then turned, firing now their starboard guns. This process was repeated five times until the Spanish fleet attempted to launch a counter-attack and flee the bay. This action was rebuffed by the powerful American fleet, though, and the Spanish were forced back into the harbor where they chose to scuttle their ships and retreat to mainland Manila.

This map offers a nice glimpse into a largely forgotten conflict in U.S. history and illustrates the pride



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many citizens had for their navy's actions far abroad. The quick production of this map for the 1898 Rand & McNally *Indexed Atlas of the World* showcases the patriotic fervor that gripped the nation during the Spanish-American War.

Detailed Condition:

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