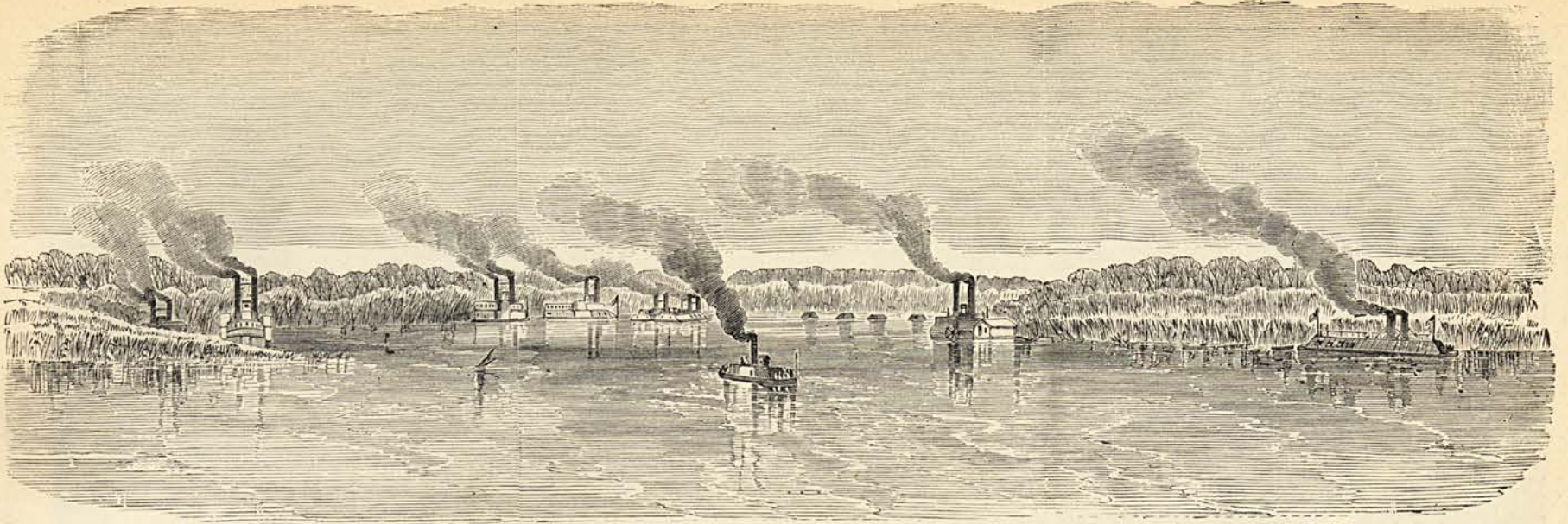
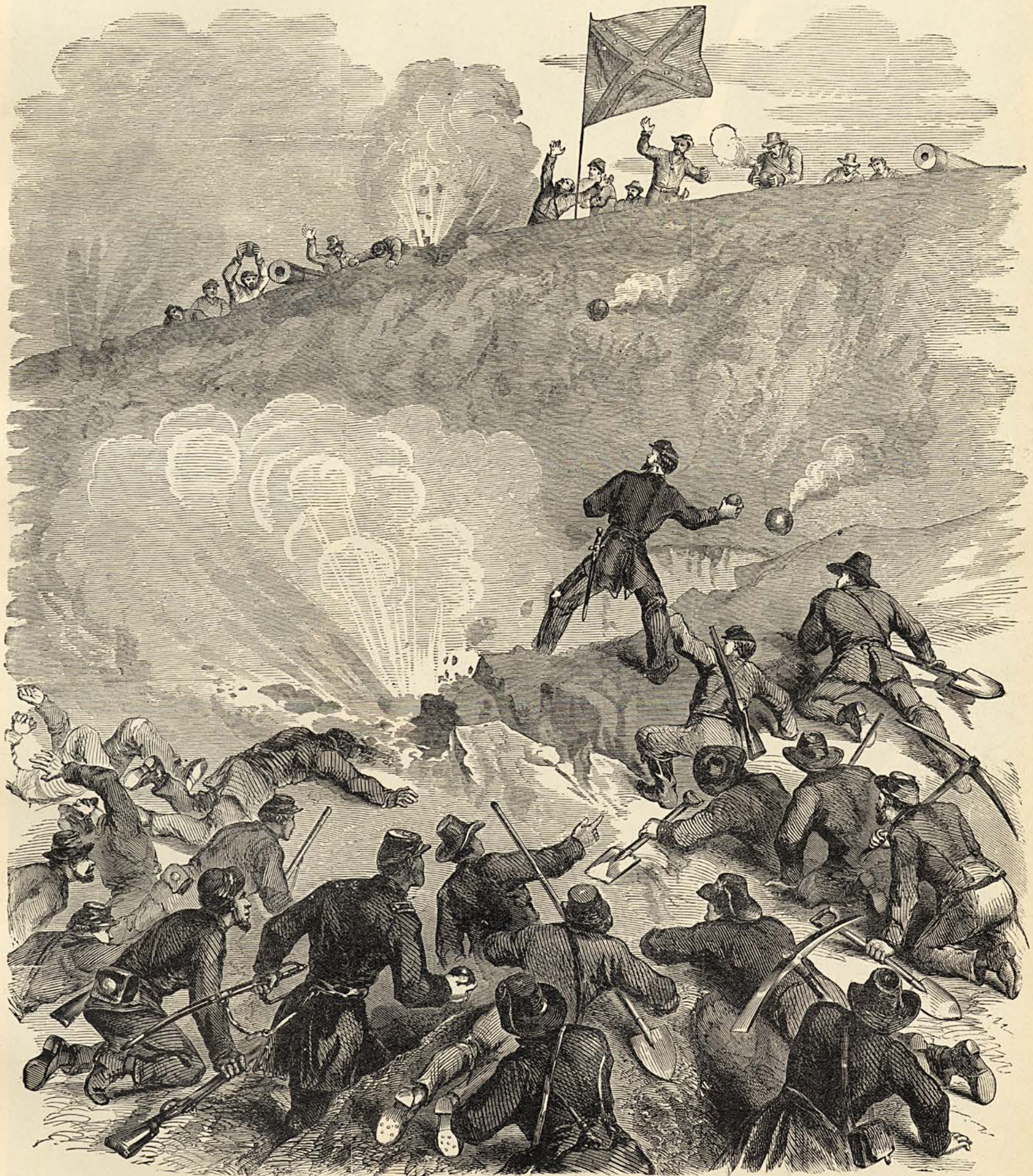




MOUTH OF THE YAZOO RIVER, MISS., WITH THE FEDERAL FLOTILLA.—FROM A SKETCH BY HENRY LOVIE.



FIGHTING WITH HAND-GRENADES AT THE SIEGE OF VICKSBURG.—FROM A SKETCH BY F. B. SCHELL.

The contending forces at Vicksburg toward the end of the siege were separated by a parapet only. Fighting by hand-grenades was the only mode of warfare possible, as the parapets were high and thick, more like massive earth walls than ramparts. The Confederates had not provided grenades, and, to retaliate, threw back those of the enemy which did not explode, after re-priming them. In the most desperate cases men would stand close to the wall and catch the grenades as they came over, with their fuses burning, and quickly hurl them back.