

# **American Civil War Fortifications (2): Land and Field Fortifications**

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## **Comments:**

There is a lot of information here, ranging from forts to rifle pits. There is a sister volume (which I haven't read) on coastal, brick and stone forts. This one concentrates on timber and earth forts, field fortifications like trenches, rifle pits and ditches, as well as things like abates, chevaux de frises and even wire entanglements. There is great variety here from the very simple to the very ambitious. The power of the spade in the ACW is certainly brought home to the reader and I for one realised what a very modern war this was.

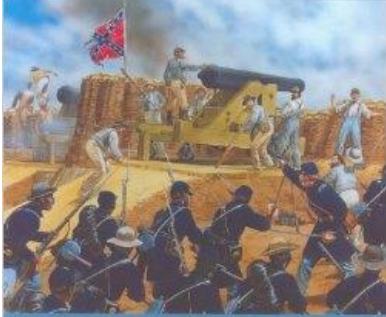
**--Paul Le Long**

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