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Comments:

This volume contains a wealth of information on the costs, design, construction and theory of ECW fortifications. The text is sprinkled with many contemporary quotes. While the author points out how ersatz and old fashioned these fortifications were compared to contemporary continental designs, I was struck by the sheer scale of them & both in terms of the number built and the size and complexity of many of the fortifications.

Not a book for the general reader perhaps but important for anyone wanting to wargame an ECW siege.

--Paul Le Long

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