

Civil War Defenses of Washington



Battle of Fort Stevens



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Washington, D.C. - Union Victory

Date: July 11-12, 1864

On July 11 and 12, 1864, Confederate General Jubal Early attacked Washington, D.C. with 14,000 men. Civil servants & wounded veterans were summoned to help man the defenses. Several forts within the Washington defenses sent troops, but Fort Stevens was the focus of the assault. By July 12 Union reinforcements had arrived and Early retreated, leaving Washington, D.C. unscathed, but anxious.