

The Rifled Cannon A New Way to Wage War

The massive fortification of Fort Pulaski took 18 years and 25 million bricks to build, but in 30 hours on April 10-11, 1862, the rifled cannon opened gaping holes in its walls, forcing the Confederate garrison to surrender. The new technology ended the dominance of masonry fortifications and changed the way war was waged.

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