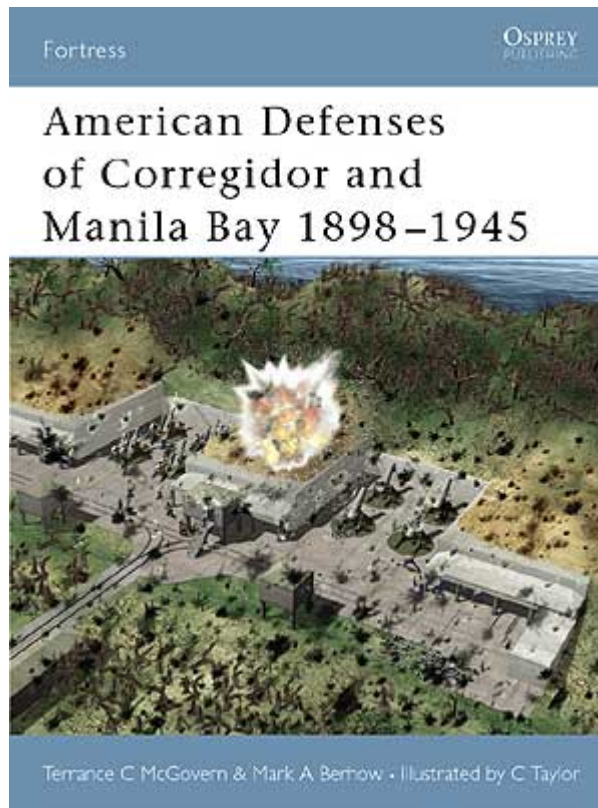


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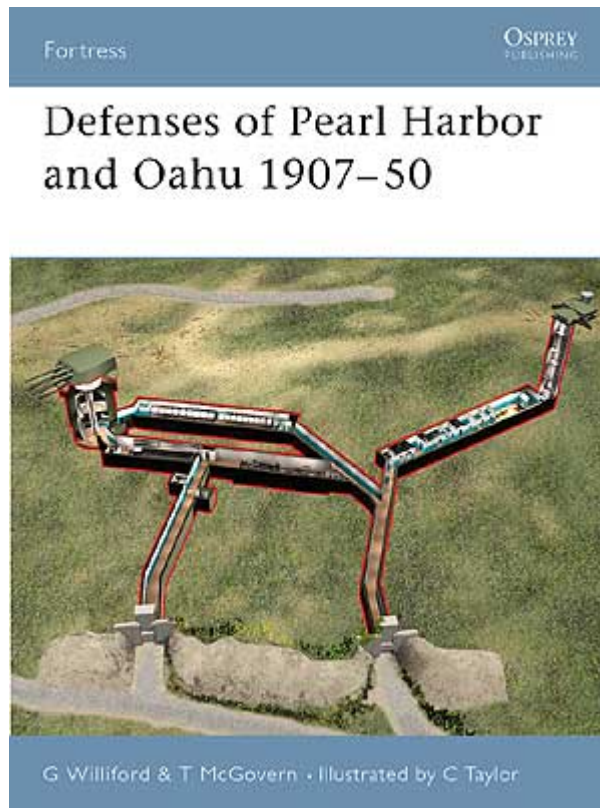
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The book begins with a brief review of America's involvement in Hawaii before detailing the first phase of the design and development of defense projects from 1908 to 1916. The next twenty years are known as the "quiet" years of garrison life. The story then turns violent with the beginning of World War II and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The wartime defense enhancements are detailed, including the impressive naval turret program. The book also documents the current status of these historic forts, including information about how to visit these forts today. Illustrated with more than 50 photographs, artworks, and drawings, this 64 page softbound book is the product of over 20 years of research by its authors, Terrance McGovern and Glen Williford. The **price of book is \$20, which includes domestic shipping.**

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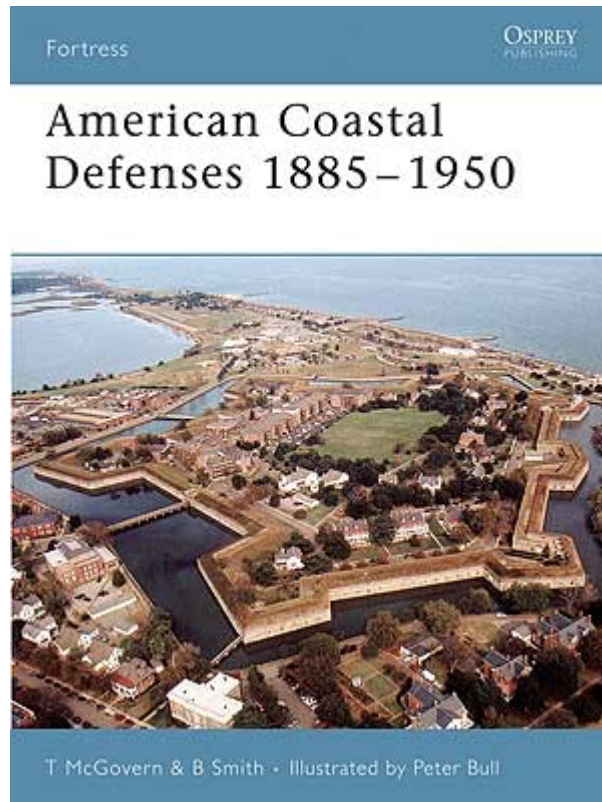
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American Coastal Defenses 1885-1950 (Fortress 44) By Terrance McGovern and Bolling Smith

This forty-fourth book in Osprey Publishing's series "Fortress" details the history of the America's coastal defenses in the Modern Era (1885 to 1950). With its navy neglected and its seacoast defenses all but abandoned, U.S. Congress finally created an inter-service committee in 1885 to examine the needs and means for defending the coast. The ensuing report of the "Endicott Board" established the Endicott Program, which in turn created the Endicott System, the basic pattern for American coast defenses until their demise after World War II. When modified by the Taft Board, system became the Endicott-Taft System.

By the start of World War I, nearly a hundred forts and hundreds of gun and mortar batteries defended over 30 harbors, supported by submarine mines, searchlights, and all the other necessary appliances of war. It was the greatest defensive effort in the history of the country, and its remains still stand at virtually every significant harbor in the country. Compared to the older Third System works, however, the concrete batteries of the breech-loading era, less obvious and less intuitive, have for decades been shrouded in ignorance and misperception. Even their date has often been misjudged, since concrete can belie its age. Only in recent years have the batteries and structures of the Modern Era begun to receive the historical attention they deserve.

As America again moved toward war in 1940, a systematic program (which became known at the 1940 Program) was adopted to modernize the coast defenses, replacing older works with new ones that were more powerful yet required fewer men. The war ended as America was completing an unrivaled system of coast defenses, but victory eliminated the need. Within a few years the America's coastal defenses were dismantled, its guns cut up for scrap. The book also documents the current status of these historic forts, including information about how to visit these forts today. Illustrated with more than 50 photographs, artworks, and drawings, this 64 page softbound book is the product of over 20 years of research by its authors, Terrance McGovern and Bolling Smith. The **price of book is \$20, which includes domestic shipping.**

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