



Evolution of Entrenchments

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 280 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The American Civil War ushered in a new era in land warfare. In this war, mass armies first experienced the widespread impact of industrial technology. The response of the Civil War soldier and field commanders to the technology of the Industrial revolution shaped tactical and strategic organization into new forms. If it was, in fact, the first of the great modern wars, it stands before us as an evolutionary monument. The devastating increase of fire power. Brought on by the introduction and standardization of the muzzle loading rifle musket and the rifled artillery, doomed the opened frontal assault and ushered in the entrenched battlefield. The defense would dominate the offense. No where was the superior power of the fortified defense better illustrated than at the Battle of Fredericksburg. There would occur an evolution in the employment of entrenchments during the Wilderness campaign, not only in a defensive posture, but also as an essential adjunct to the attack. Advanced technology in weaponry and the trench, due to the heightened fire power, would dominate the battlefields of the...



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