

# Fort Sumter

Fort Sumter, built to protect the port of Charleston, South Carolina is best known for the role it played at the start of the Civil War, where its small Union garrison was bombarded for two days. This view of the fort immediately before the outbreak of the war shows the imposing nature of the structure, and demonstrates its vulnerability to plunging mortar fire from batteries ranged around the harbor. During the Confederate bombardment the barrack buildings were destroyed, and the guns on the terreplein were put out of action. In Confederate hands Fort Sumter continued to help in the defense of Charleston, despite being reduced to rubble by Union guns.

- 1 Bombproof traverses
- 2 Officers' dining rooms
- 3 Fort commander's private quarters
- 4 Officers' quarters
- 5 North west stairwell
- 6 Northern scarp
- 7 Sharpshooter's platform
- 8 Smoothbore columbiad on wooden garrison carriage
- 9 Lower casemate tier
- 10 Upper casemate tier
- 11 North east scarp
- 12 Flagpole
- 13 Hot-shot furnace
- 14 Columbiad smoothbore on *en barbette* carriage
- 15 Unmounted ordnance
- 16 Central stairwell tower
- 17 The salient
- 18 Rodman smoothbore on iron casemate carriage
- 19 Terreplein
- 20 Belfry
- 21 Grit boxes
- 22 South east scarp
- 23 Cookhouse store
- 24 Internal stairway
- 25 Enlisted mens' dining hall
- 26 Enlisted mens' barrack rooms
- 27 Offices
- 28 Southern scarp
- 29 Magazine
- 30 South-western stairwell
- 31 Gorge wall
- 32 Offices
- 33 Officer's quarters
- 34 Stone-built jetty
- 35 Sally port

