

America's walls are her seas.

The oceans, wast and perilous, were our defense from the beginning. The Pilgirins and the Puritans fled across their expanse to freedom; and while colonies took the shape of nationhood, it was they that forbade the onslaught of the European armise of the French, the Spanish, the Dutch, the Swedes, But for the oceans, the independence of mind of Americans would never have had time to establish of the expension of the seafacts. Who could have the season and of us a nation of seafacts, who could have the season and of us a nation of fered and keep free the hearthand of villages and farms that colonist's foll formed from the resisting land. That sea and that land bred Americans who had more to do than make war, save to protect themselves from foreign invasion. Neither would they encumber themselves with the expensive garrisoned armise like those in the Europe they had left behind.

Defense of America became defense of the sea, and of the waterways to the interior of the continent. The coastal fortress, manned by few and heavy with armsment, was the answer. No mistaking its confidence, it could not be used for oppression.

There is nothing subtle about a cannon, but to America, it offered peace.

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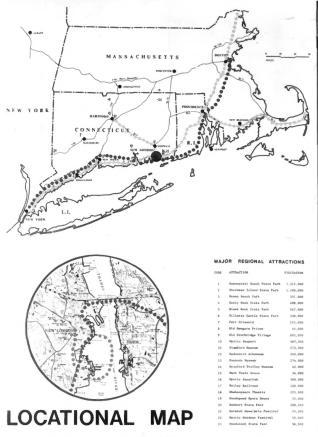








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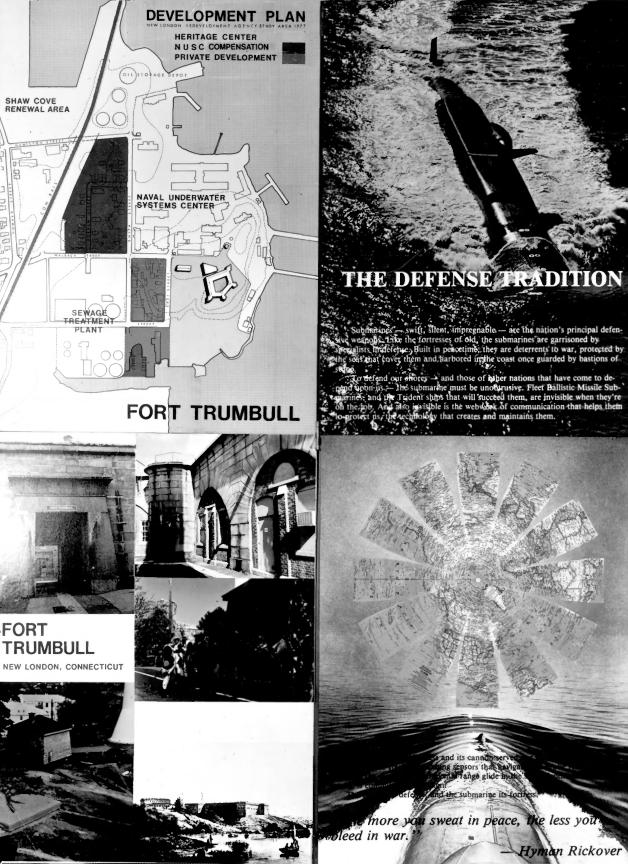




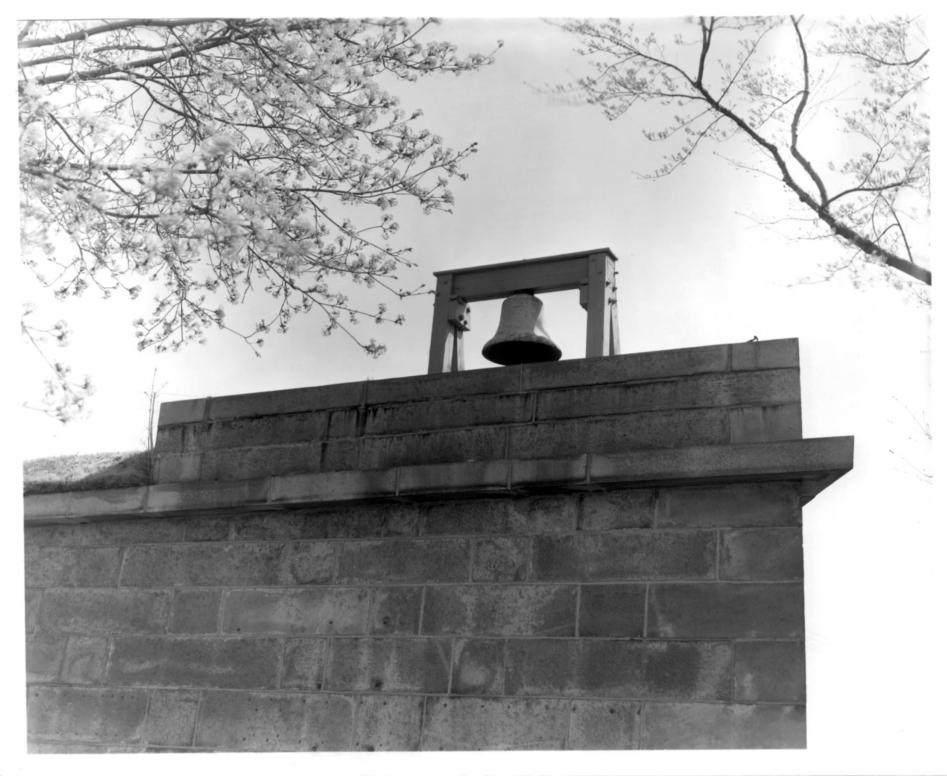


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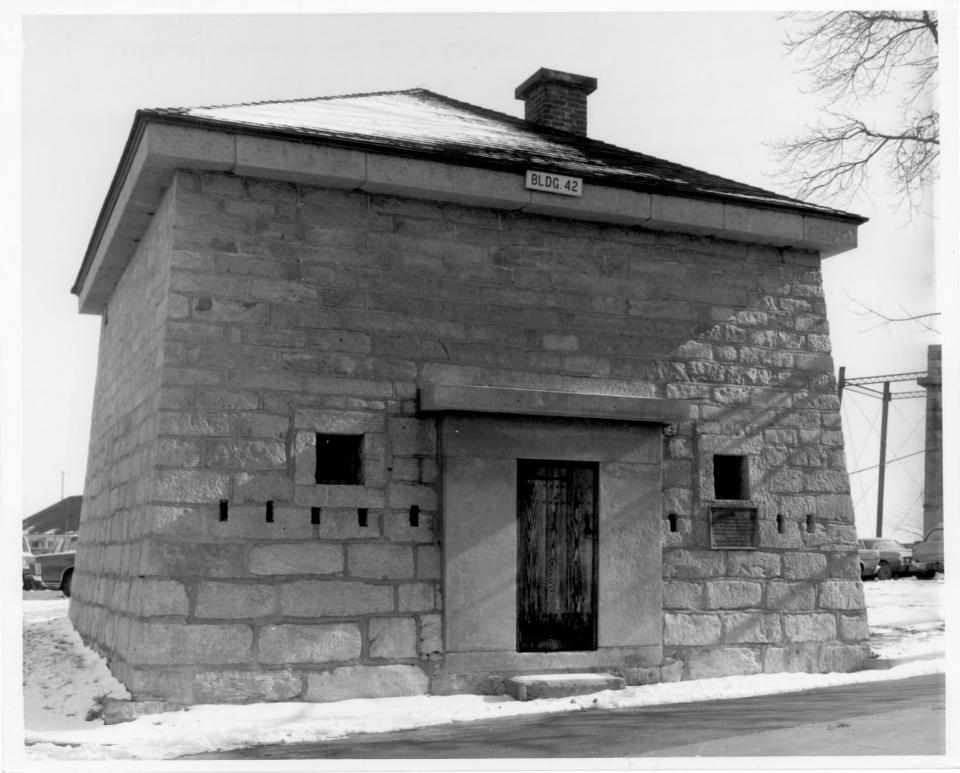
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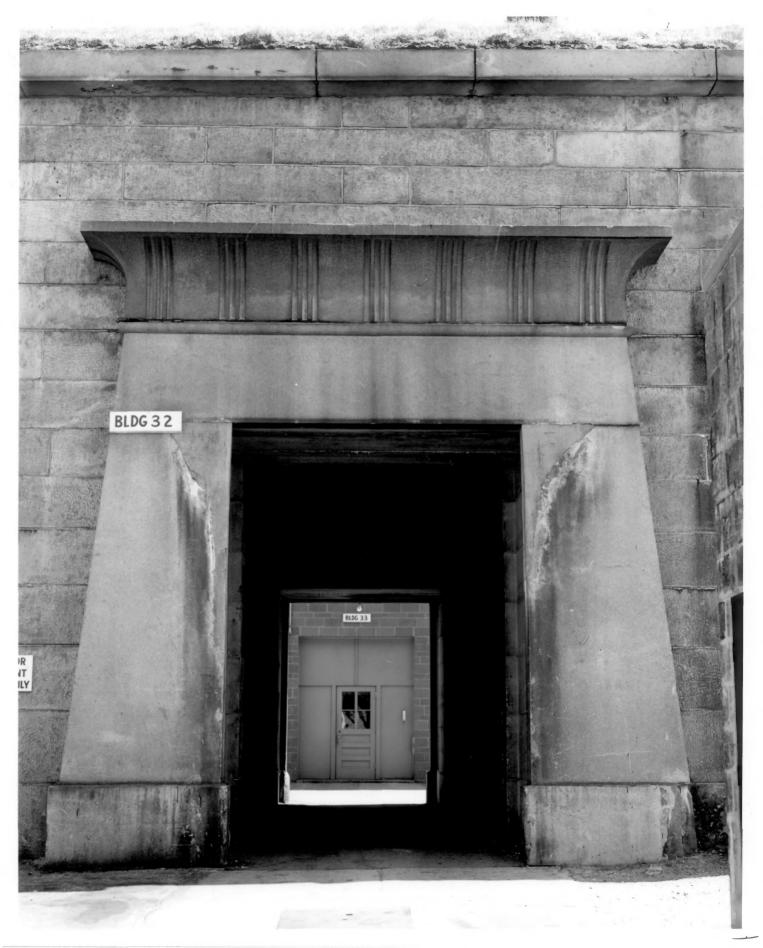
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