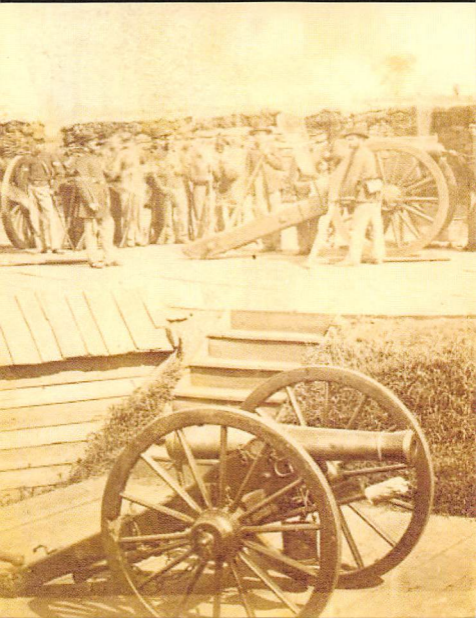


# Stones River National Battlefield



# Fortress Rosecrans

## Defense and Occupation

This rare photograph shows men and cannons that defended Fortress Rosecrans. The earthen walls of the fort stretched three miles and protected a supply center crucial to the Union Army's drive to Chattanooga. For the people of Murfreesboro, Fortress Rosecrans loomed as a grim reminder that the Union Army controlled their town.

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