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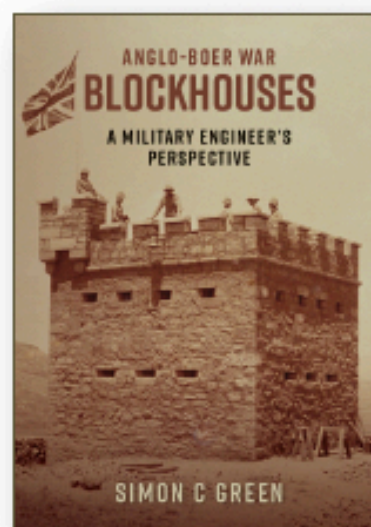
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The Blockhouses of South Africa is a fresh analytical look at the how the construction of over 9,000 small fortifications during the Boer War sought to change its course. From tracing the British Army's use of blockhouses prior to the war, to what conditions were like for the average "Tommy" fighting in these structures; it is a deep dive into topic, previously not achieved.

The author examines all aspects of the South African blockhouses during the war; from their initial concept to protect key bridges and how this nascent doctrine morphed into mass-produced, low cost, pre-fabricated forts deployed in long lines across the veld. This evolution is illustrated with the detail of how they were built, manned and operated in a system designed to defeat roving Boer Commandos.

The 'blockhouse strategy' used by Lord Kitchener during the Guerrilla Phase of the war is examined as part of the wider strategy used to bring the war to its conclusion. Through detailed analysis and the lens of military expert the author finally answers the question "Did the blockhouses win the war?" or were they merely the strategy of a "Blockhead?".



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