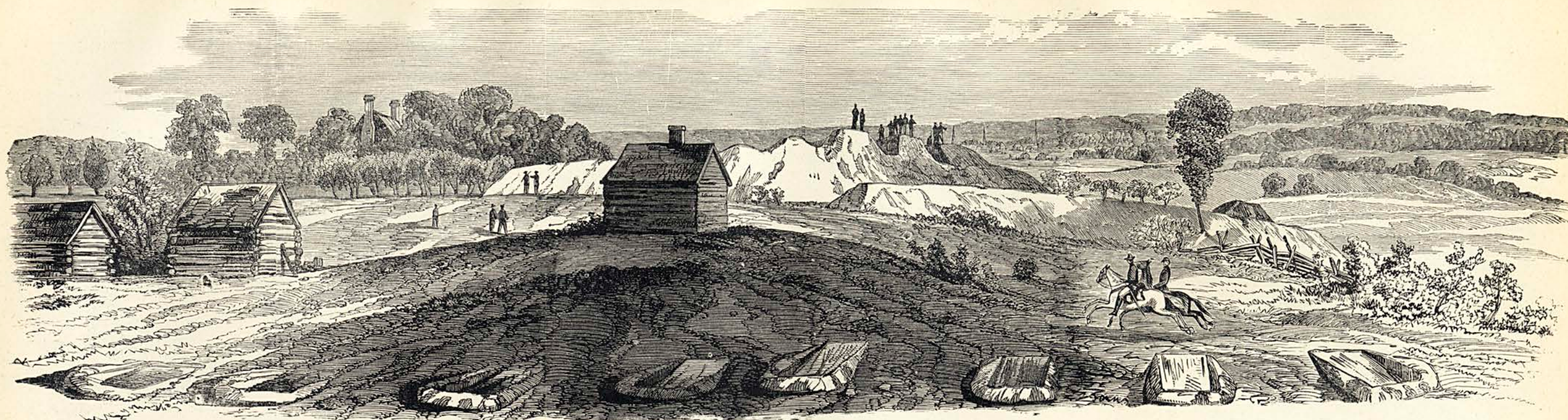
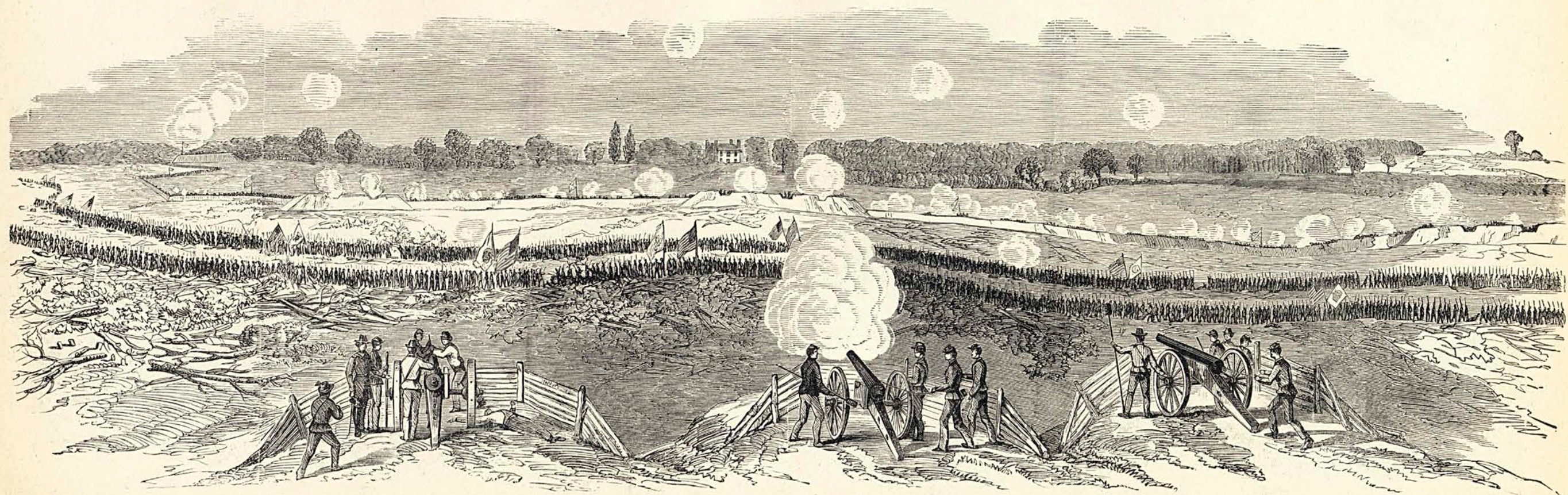




EARTHWORKS ON THE LEFT OF THE CONFEDERATE LINE IN FRONT OF PETERSBURG, CAPTURED BY THE EIGHTEENTH ARMY CORPS, GENERAL W. F. SMITH.
FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.



BURNSIDE'S CORPS CHARGING THE CONFEDERATE POSITION ON THE RIGHT OF THEIR LINE OF DEFENCE.—FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.

When Grant with his army was crossing the James in June, 1864, he expected General Butler to push forward with the Army of the James and take position on the defences of Petersburg, and to facilitate and strengthen his movement he sent the corps of W. F. Smith to Butler's assistance. Smith captured a part of the works after hard fighting, and when Hancock's corps after some delay came up another small portion was captured. But as there was an inner line of defences to which the Confederates fell back, and which they soon fully manned, the captured positions were of little value. Burnside's corps afterward made a gallant assault on this inner defence.