

The Citadel of Langres

Construction : 1842-1850.

Composition : Strengthened surrounding wall (8 bastions to rider, 2 half-moons, 2 doors, ditches, pincers, 4 barracks, 5 powder magazines, arsenal, shops of stocking).

Situation : 0,37 miles in the south of Langres.

Altitude : 0,28 miles

Area : 79 hectares. (Initial Influence)

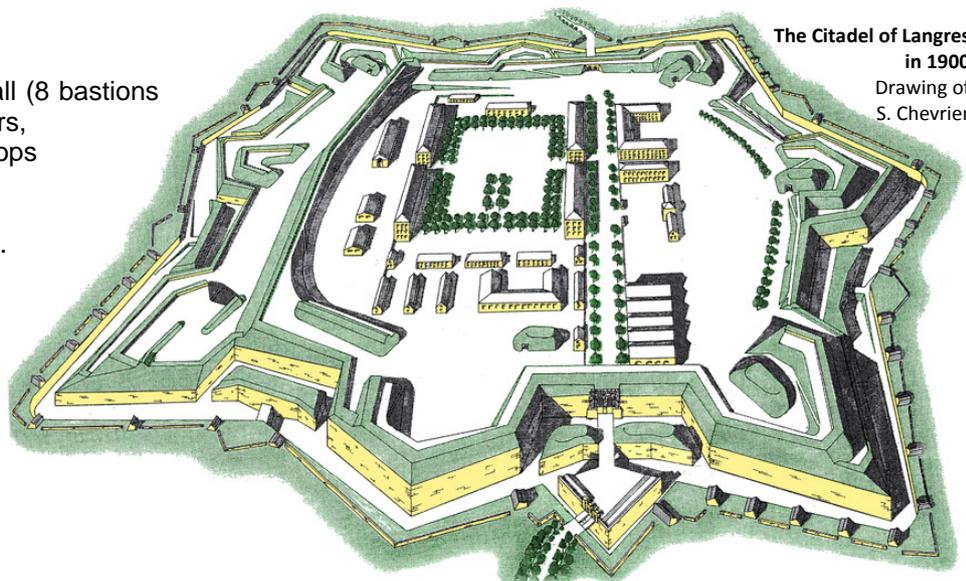
Capacity : 3000 men

Secondary work :

sight southern east (1847)

sight southern west (1848, destroyed)

Owner : commune of Langres (part West) and Ministry of the Defence (part east).



The Citadel of Langres
in 1900

Drawing of
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Possibility of visit for groups : information to the OTSI of Langres



Story :

Bolting the plateau of Langres at 0,37 mile in the South of the city, this « new city » completely is the latest big french citadel to be built selmilitaryon The principles of the architecture widely used by Vauban. Its role is double:

- provide and support an army of 18000 men and 1000 horses for 6 months.
- be a point of resistance between Belfort and Paris.

To reach these objectives, the citadel consists of 3 different and additional places :

- a powerful strengthened 4 km long crown provided with 8 enormous bastions and with wide ditches.
- a vast military exercise place (3,5 ha) quartered by 4 barracks-fortresses welcoming 3000 men..
- a big place of warehouse equipped with enormous shops of stocking and with arsenals.

The whole is connected with the former city by two curtains protecting an entrenched camp which could welcome an army in the field. From then, on the perimeter strengthened by the city reaches 8 kilometres and presents an unequalled defensive variety of works.

For 40 years, from 1873 till 1914, the 21th Regiment of Infantry occupied the totality of buildings... In the 1930s, the 21th participant workforce between Langres and Chaumont, a company of policemen-motive settled down in both barracks and buildings the South of the military exercise place left vacant. When policemen-motives left Langres in 1976, the 711th Mixed Company of Essences occupied the North of the district Turenne for 3 years; it will stay until 1996.



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