



THE BATTLE OF CHAPULTEPEC

The [Battle of Chapultepec](#) in September 1847 was a battle between the United States Army and Marine Corps against Mexican forces holding Chapultepec in Mexico City. The castle, sitting atop a 200-foot (60 m) tall hill, was an important position for the defense of the city. For the Battle for Mexico City, of which the Battle of Chapultepec is a part, General Winfield Scott's US Army totaled 7,200 men (including about 400 Marines), and Gen Santa Anna's Mexican Army totaled about 15,000. In the Battle about 2,000 US troops attacked 880 Mexican troops and took Chapultepec in a 60 to 90-minute battle. Many famous commanders on both sides of the American Civil War participated in the battle as lower ranking officers, including Ulysses Grant and Robert E. Lee.