

Pietro Paolo Floriani
da Macerata, 1654

Difesa et Offesa Delle Piazze

Opera non solo utile e necessaria à
Capitani, e Governatori di Fortezze,
ma anco di sommo profitto à
studiosi dell'Historie Militari, così
antiche, come moderne

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Introduction to the volume

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Link to resource consulted

↗ [Internet Archive](#)
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Scientific Analysis Data

Identified Units of Measurement

1 Ferrarese foot = 0.404 m

1 *Andante* pace of 2 Ferrarese feet = 0.801 m

1 Ferrarese *pertica* = 10 Ferrarese feet = 4.039 m

Sites Dissertation

Yes

Geometric Constructions

No

Construction Techniques and Materials

Yes (earth, no casing)

Second Flank Applications

Yes (because it deals with existing fortifications, therefore both with and without a second flank)

Dissertation of Outworks

Yes

Irregular Fortification
Geometric Construction

No

Earth-only Fortifications

Yes

Reference to other Treatises

Not directly, but probably Francesco Tensini

References to existing or demolished fortifications

Many references, but no details

“qualche Baloardo piccolo, e imperfetto (come ne sono alcuni in Vienna) ò non finito, come era quello, che attaccarono li Spagnuoli in Vercelli, ò pur che la lunghezza della difesa di detta Piazza importali la sàlute del Regno, e dello Stato del Principe”

‘some small, imperfect ramparts (such as some in Vienna) or unfinished, such as the one that the Spaniards attacked in Vercelli, or even if the length of the defence of said square is important for the safety of the Kingdom and the State of the Prince’

Additional information

Further notes on the topics covered

External works on the island, double trench, continuous ditch, fausse-bray

Essential critical bibliography

Pietro Paolo Floriani (Macerata, 1585 – Ferrara, 1638)

Military architect and engineer Apprenticeship in Zibello, then Crema (1608), Pesaro (1611), Macerata (1612), Madrid (1612), exploration for the survey of Algiers (1614), defence of San Germano Vercellese and reconstruction of the walls(1617), Milan (1618), Hungary (1619), Prague (1623), Castel Sant'Angelo (1627), Macerata (1627), Ferrara (1629), Malta (1635), Rome and Macerata (1637), Ferrara (1637).

Annotations

- 1 Mostly theoretical considerations on companies and the people involved; many references to battles and famous figures. Maggiorotti edition, 1936, cited in Treccani
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