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Containing a selection of papers presented at the third International Conference on Defence Sites: Heritage and Future, this volume deals with the scale, design and functions of defence sites. It facilitates a better understanding of the issues raised by their decommissioning and the implications of various disposal processes for the land. Defence sites due to be decommissioned offer a range of opportunities to planners, architects and local communities to redevelop large areas, bringing new life to previously neglected parts of towns. However, the re-use of defence sites also raises questions regarding the recovery of brownfields and contaminated land, since these can have far-reaching legal responsibilities and environmental consequences. Achieving the sustainable development of these sites involves issues related to maintenance and conservation, as well as built and natural environmental controls, while also responding to the needs and aspirations of the community. A number of countries share many of the opportunities and problems in the re-use of defence sites, and this volume stresses these common experiences. CONTENTS: Engineer Leandro Badarán s project to safeguard the fortresses of Alicante in 1794; Summary of the evolution of the fortifications of Santa Barbara Castle in Alicante from its origins to the beginning of the eighteenth century; Rehabilitating, repairing and restoring against demolishing, tearing down and destroying: the recovery of the military fort for the Santa Pola town museum; Fortress churches on the Spanish Mediterranean coast in the sixteenth century; Analysis of the spatiotemporal transformation of Fort San Domingo in Tamsui, Taiwan, from the perspective of cultural imagination; Tiburzio Spannocchi s project for the fortifications of Fuenterrabía in 1580; Reading the history of bastion castles in Galicia (Eastern Europe) using the Friedrich von Mieg map; The influence of tabaire stone on military architecture: the case of Cartagena (Spain); Study of the archaeological building materials on Farasan Islands, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and their relationship with the islands local and climatic environment; Reuse of Spanish civil war air-raid shelters in Alicante: the R46 Balmis and R31 Seneca shelter; Transforming fortresses into artworks: two cultural sites become spaces of topological immersion; The garden of Burle Marx in the Palace of the Lions in the city of St. Luis, Brazil; Recognizing the significance of a Viking fortification in its landscape; Tourism potential analysis of the castles of Vinalopó, Spain: an opportunity for social and tourist development of cultural heritage; Shape recognition for ships: World War I naval camouflage under the magnifying glass

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