

Abstract

The aim of this essay is to conduct a review of the fort-towers preserved in the current Autonomous Community of La Rioja; their concept, their typology, and the differences between them and other kind of forts. This paper studies the historical context in which they are developed, and the construction systems and materials used to build them. This type of military architecture must be studied separately from the rest of forts in order to analyze the way they were created and their current situation, and to predict their evolution. This paper will focus on six towers which have been restored during the last 20 years in different towns of the region: Anguciana, Baños de Rioja, Herce, Lumbreras, Préjano y Torremontalbo; built during the 11th and 15th centuries.