

Evanton Wartime Remains: sites and features



During the first half of 2013 a group gathered at the Cornerstone Cafe on Wednesday evenings to remember and research the wartime remains in Evanton – buildings, sites, or monuments which were new, modified or no longer there. Using old maps, photographs (some over 90 years old), aerial photographs from the wartime and later, military archives and plans, memories spanning over 70 years and details gleaned by walking over the area, information about over 160 sites was gathered. Some pupils from the Kiltearn Primary school, Inverness Young Archaeologists Club and Dingwall Academy joined us as well, recording remains and learning about the wartime and later activities in Evanton.

This report summarises the results of this research. Most of the recorded sites relate to wartime remains, but a few other unrecorded sites were also noted. The details and more photos will also be forwarded to the Highland Council Historic Environment Record (HER) (<http://her.highland.gov.uk>), the RCAHMS Canmore database (<http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/canmore.html>), and the SCAPE/SCH@RP coastal sites at risk database (<http://scharp.co.uk/>) where they will provide valuable new information about Evanton's past. It is clear that this is not the last word, and we hope this report will encourage others to share any other memories and photographs they might have.

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Key:

Area 1: Beechwood (Skiach Services to Wester Teaninich Farm, and down as far as the A9). B Camp

Area 2: Novar (North of Evanton Road). B camp

Area 3: Blythswood (from A9 to Big Burn). A and B camps

Area 4: Site of pre-WWII airfield and A camp expansion. Pre WWII and A camp

Area 5: Shore and runways.

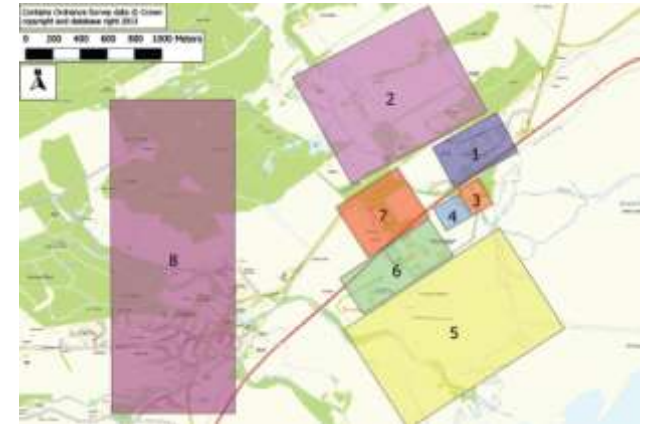
Area 6: Deephaven (A camp)

Area 7: Newton Road North (A camp)

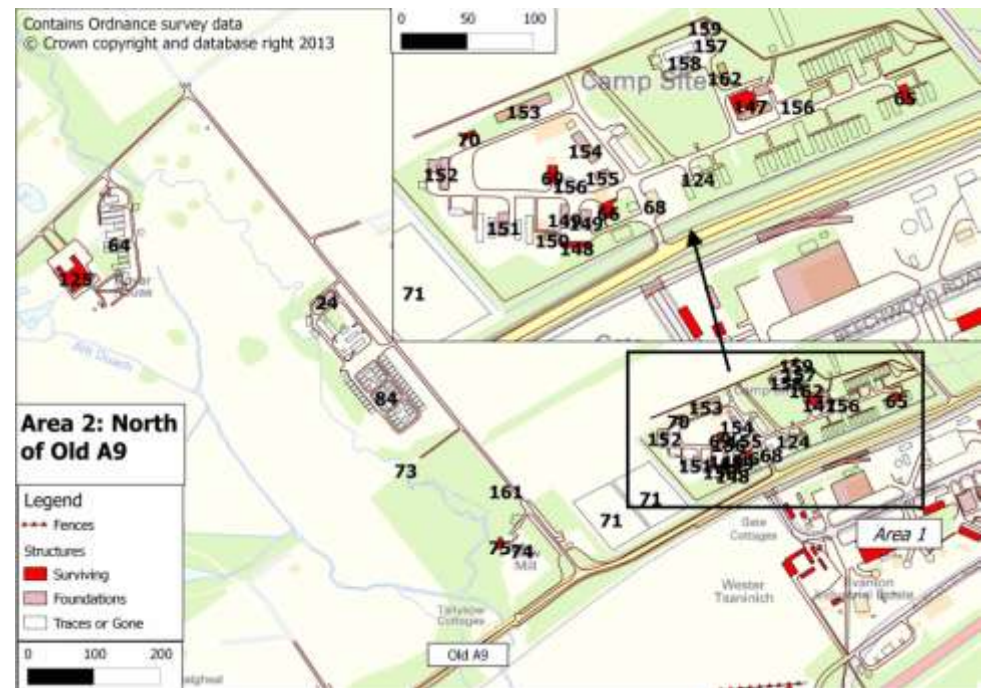
Area 8: Outside the Airfield

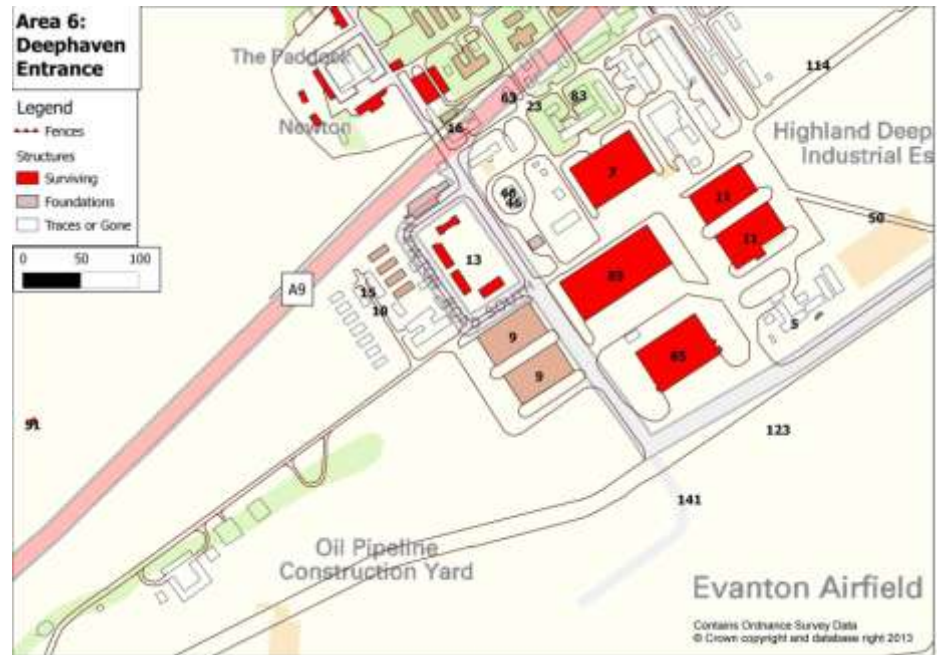
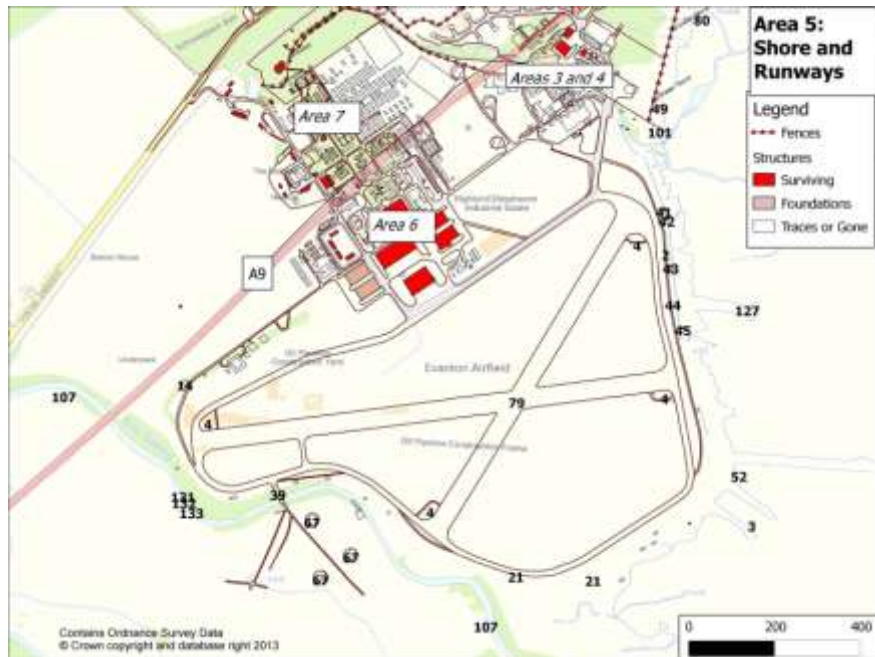
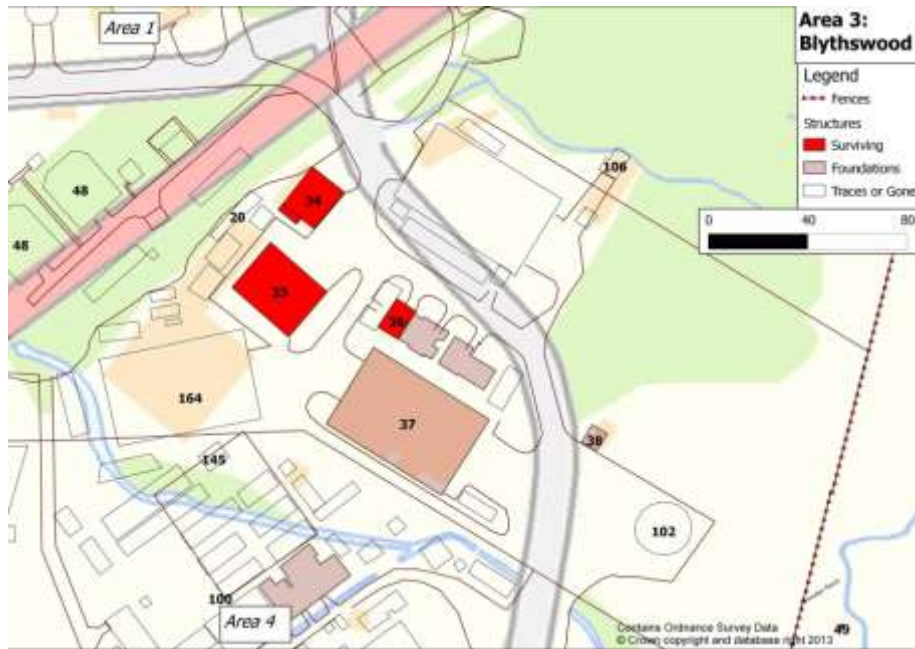
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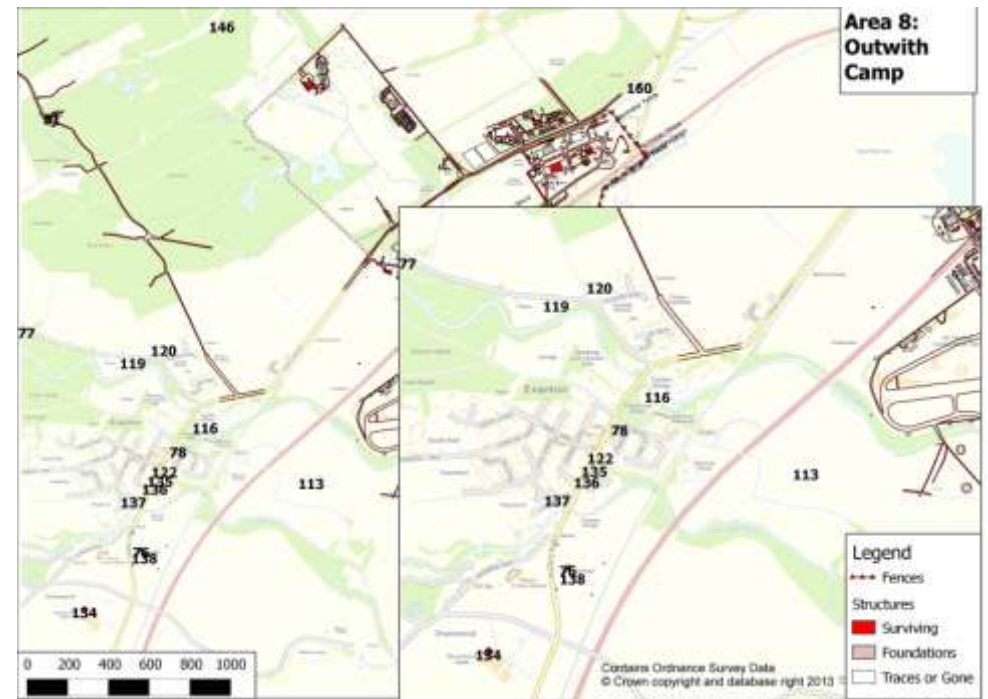
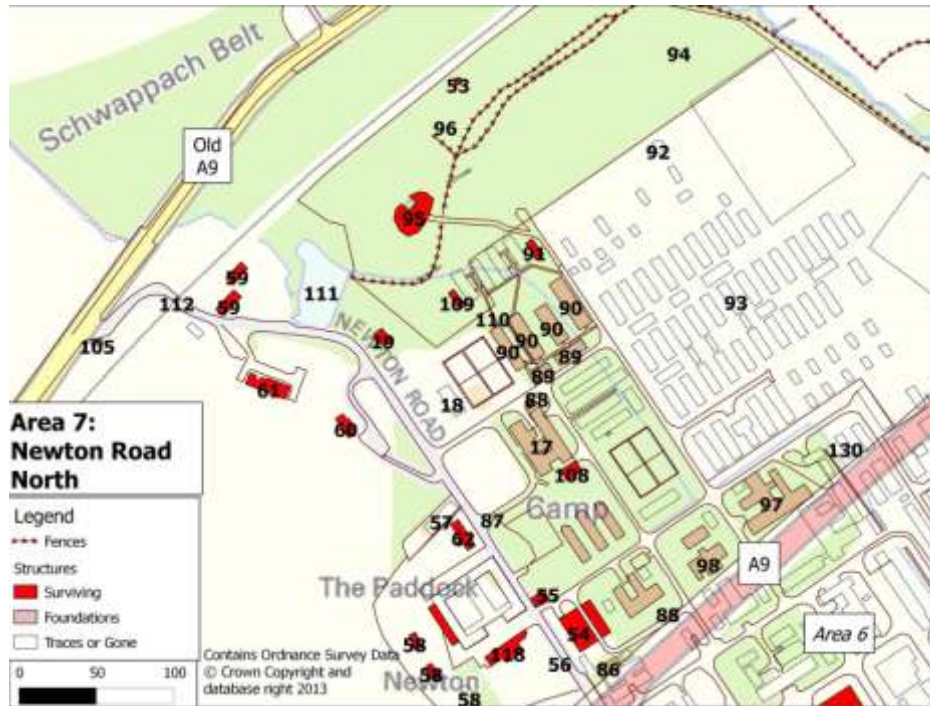


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8	Various buildings, use unknown		Unknown	<p>The Highland Car Club met on Evanton airfield in the 1960's. Large crowds attended, and pictures survive of some of the events. One photo in particular shows some of the wartime buildings which no longer survive. One is quite tall and distinctive. The exact position of these buildings and their functions remains a matter of debate. The picture was perhaps taken at the east end of the runway near the gas works. Further investigation is needed to pinpoint these buildings.</p>			<p>Eddie Szymborski, Willie Fraser, Alan Kinghorn Alasdair Cameron + discussion</p> <p>Photo: Alasdair Cameron</p>	
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AREA 1: Beechwood								
25	Nissen hut 	NH 62536 67560	surviving	A nissen-style hut survives in the B camp, near the entrance to the camp and next to Wester Teaninich farm. It is a popular naval type, made of frameless corrugated asbestos. In wartime it was used as a first aid station.			Mairi Crow Photo: Preston White	1
26	Guard hut 	NH 62521 67592.	Gone	The Guard hut to the B camp was destroyed recently. Pictures from the 1980s show a timber extension in the front, but this has gone by the 2000s. In the late 1960s it was Keith and Patience bakery. Later Goodtread tyres used it as a store.			Eddie Szymborski Bill Shirran Roddie Lovett Alex Fraser Photo before demolition: Alan Kinghorn	1
27	Electricity substation 	NH 62511 67610	Surviving	A wartime brick building near the entrance to B camp still survives. Plans from 1943/4 suggest that it was an electricity substation. (NA ADM 1-13568)			Photo: Preston White	1
12	Hangar 	NH 62623 67565	Surviving	Pentad type hangar in B camp, now used by Munro's for recycling. Post war, the hangar has had a number of companies use it, including a box factory, Duncan Munro timber, a firm putting pylons in the Fyrish area, then assembling cells for the Invergordon smelter, James Jack, Haulage & Cranes and Norfrost. On the 1943/44 plan, this is marked Bldg No 70A "Major Inspections, Minor Repair and Modifications", 1 of 2 "Large hangars, each with hutting 85' x 16' dispersed. (Coke stove heating)" (NA ADM 1-13568). Aerial photographs from 1944 and 1946 show clearly that this was the last hangar to be built in this area, constructed after the 1944 flight.	MHG27882	119764	Willie Fraser, Eddie Szymborski, Alan Kinghorn, Bill Shirren Photo: Susan Kruse	1





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22	Two Hangars	NH 62759 67630; NH 62794 67644	1 gone, 1 surviving	Two Mainhill hangars/sheds were built in the 1943/1944 expansion of the airfield on Beechwood Road. The shed to the west listed on the wartime plans was destroyed after the war, and replaced by the new building. In the late 60s and early 70s, it was the Shattaline company where ornaments were made out of resin, in a process which shattered them internally, not on the outside. All sorts of items were made, including a plastic grave cross prototype. It was described by workers as an unpleasant place to work. There is a website describing the history and work. Shattaline went in to liquidation 1972/3. The shed to the east was taken over by Mackay and Macleod, then Shanks and McEwen and now Isleburn. On wartime plans, it is listed as electrical, instrument, auto-pilots and camera repair shop, "Small hangar (60 x 84 - steam heating) in dispersal area, with hutting 30' x 16'." (NA ADM 1-13568).			Bill Shirran Alasdair Cameron Eddie Szymborski, Alex Fraser, Bill Shirran, Alpin MacDonald Photo: Preston White	1
								
128	Engine Testing Sheds	NH 6280 6777	Gone	The engine testing sheds were almost at Beechwood on the south side of the railway. These sheds are depicted and labelled on a plan of a military-issue Underground Cable Scheme for the Beechwood area, now in private collection. It was dangerous to be on the railway when testing was happening (Hamish Mackay, whose father worked on the railway).			Hamish Mackay	1
140	Hangar	NH 62599 67476	Gone	A Mainhill hangar was situated to the south of Wester Teaninich farm. It does not appear on the 1943-1944 plans for the area, but is on later military plans. It appears on the 1946 aerial photo, but has gone by the time of the 1965 aerial photo.				1
32	Nissen Hut	NH 62627 67384	surviving	This nissen hut was moved across the fence from inside the camp to outside, to its present location, after the war. Its wartime use is not known.			Alpin MacDonald Bill Shirran Eddie Szymborski Photo: Susan Kruse	1
								




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28	2 hangars	NH 62585 67649; NH 62726 67711	Gone	<p>Two large Pentad hangars are depicted on wartime plans in this area, and were built as part of the expansion of the airfield in the 1943/1944. They collapsed under the weight of snow in the early 1960s. Alpin MacDonald bought buildings in this area after the war, using some small buildings behind the eastern hangar as a workshop.</p> <p>The plans from 1943/4 (NA ADM 1-13568) list the hangars as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70(a) “Major Inspections, Minor Repair and Modifications “Large hangars, each with hutting 85' x 16' dispersed. (Coke stove heating)” • 71 “Engine Repair Shop”, “Large hangar (steam heating) with brick building 24' x 18' separate for Petrol” 			Alpin MacDonald	1
29	Romney Hut 	NH 62708 67620	surviving	<p>On the wartime plan, this Romney hut was proposed to be used for a fabric store (NA ADM 1-13568). After the war it was used by mechanics, and had pits which have been covered. It is currently (2013) used by Arts in Motion.</p> <p>To the south of this is a raised area with trees from earlier estate landscaping, and next to the road, a loading bank, probably wartime, but it has had concrete blocks added later.</p>			Alpin MacDonald Alasdair Cameron Alan Kinghorn Photo: Preston White	1
30	Romney Hut 	NH 62763 67581	surviving	<p>Romney hut with good ventilation, but its function is not known, because it does not appear on the 1943-44 plans. Post-war photos show it with a ramp leading to one end. The building parallels a smaller lubricant store situated to the east which no longer survives. After the war this building was used by Shattaline firm. It is currently (2013) used as a store by Arts in Motion.</p>			Bill Shirran Photo taken 1981 by Paul Francis, © Airfield Research Group	1





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47	Building 	NH 62488 67342	Surviving	The building now occupied by Highland Roller Doors company had sandbags within it, and was used for firing practice. On the 1943/44 plan (NA ADM 1-13568) this is recorded as Bldg No 126/7, "Test Butt for Cannon". The plane in the hangar was tilted up to fire. The 1946 aerial photograph shows what appears to be a hanger directly in front (to the south) of this building, but it does not appear in the 1944 aerial photograph. No traces remain of the hangar. After the war children played in the sand.			Bill Shirran Alpin MacDonald Phil Glover; Mairi Crow	1
143	Stand-by-Set House 	NH 62560 67478	One building survives, one gone.	A Stand-by-Set house and Amplification building situated to the southeast of Wester Teaninich Farm are recorded on wartime maps. A picture from the 1980s probably shows the Stand-by-Set house at this location. One of the buildings, probably this one, is said to still survive.			Mairi Crow Photo taken 1981 by Paul Francis, © Airfield Research Group	1
144	Military Building 	NH 62507 67634	Gone	A brick structure behind the wartime Evanton Airfield electricity substation and near to the entrance to B camp was later used for the Goodtread tyre business. Wartime plans indicate that it was the Protected Communications Building, and an aerial is discernible on aerial photographs.			Photo taken 1981 by Paul Francis, © Airfield Research Group	1
129	Pillbox	NH 62611 67367	Gone	The 1946 aerial photographs show what appears to be a Type 27 pillbox situated near petrol stores in this area.				1





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AREA 2: Novar								
24	Cinema	NH 61790 67937	Foundations only	<p>The cinema was situated on the left going up Novar House drive, opposite Gunport cottages. It is clearly visible on 1946 aerial photographs. Hamish Mackay recalls as a boy going to the cinema every Saturday night towards the end of the war, when it cost 6 pence to get in.</p> <p>This area of the camp was known as 'Mowlem', perhaps after the contractor who worked on the airfield. After the war, when it was ruinous, animals sheltered in it, and straw bales and potatoes were stored there. It was also used to hide the first JCB digger to come to the North until it was unveiled to the public and bought by the estate. The foundations still survive.</p>			Eddie Szymborski Alan Kinghorn Bill Shirran Hamish Mackay Archie Rose (via Alasdair Cameron) Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
64	WRNS's buildings	NH 61476 68024	Gone	<p>The 1946 aerial photo clearly shows a variety of military buildings/huts to the east of Novar House. Some were constructed of timber and others concrete portal frames with hollow block infill. These were used by the WRNS personnel. A photograph from Alness Heritage Centre from the late 1940s appears to show these barracks. WRNSs were also housed in Novar House.</p>			Eddie Szymborski, Catriona Fraser, Alpin MacDonald, Roddie Lovett; Alan Kinghorn Photo: Alness Heritage Centre. Map: Crown copyright, in possession Mairi Crow.	2
65	Barracks and ablution block	NH 62652 67788	huts gone, ruinous wash house	<p>Near to the old A9 in an area forested after the war, there were two rows of barracks in Nissen huts, each with a wash hut. Some people remember these as for WRNS, but wartime plans list them as 'Ratings Quarters', suggesting they held other naval personnel. The huts were destroyed, presumably when the area was planted with trees after the war; however in places the concrete foundations can be probed. One ruinous wash house is now visible after the trees were cut down, at NH 62611 67791.</p>			Alan Kinghorn Photo: Susan Kruse	2





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66	Fire Station 	NH 62427 67701	Surviving	On the site of present day Novar sawmill, just to the left as one goes into the sawmill, is a two-storey wartime building with large door. It has a lean-to addition to the western side with a large door. Currently (2013), there is a modern open building in front of the wartime structure. According to plans, it was a fire station.			Eddie Szymborski Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
68	Guard House 	NH 62463 67706	Gone	A guard house for the WRNS's area was recently demolished, and the new Novar Estate office built on its site. It was U-shaped in plan. Edith (Herd) McHardy lived here 1973-77, and her parents in the house to 1980. It was known as Modhachaidh, and pictures show it with a later porch added between the two wings.	MHG27883	119765	Alan Kinghorn; Edith McHardy Photo taken 1972, ©Edith McHardy	2
69	Building 	NH 62385 67727	Surviving, later extension	A war time concrete framed building infilled with hollow clay bricks is in the current sawmill premises. According to wartime plans, it was the victualling store. Later it became a joiners' building. Eddie Szymborski worked there in the 70s and 80s. It has a later addition.			Eddie Szymborski Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
70	NISSEN HUT 	NH 62322 67757	Surviving	Nissen-like hut, situated on the edge of the present sawmill, with a brick base and corrugated asbestos roof. Originally it was probably wartime accommodation, although there is no indication of use on wartime plans. Joe Duncan and his family lived in it from 1959 to the early 1960s, and then moved to a house in the former married quarters.			Alan Kinghorn Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
71	Playing fields 	NH 62220 67607	Field	Playing fields situated to the west of the sawmill area, probably used in wartime. They appear clearly in 1946 aerial photographs, with markings. They are now used as agricultural fields.			Alpin MacDonald Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2



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73	Bridge 	NH 61909 67682	Demolished	The bridge on a lane to Braemoray from Novar Drive was built using wartime concrete portals stretched across the burn. The portals would have come from the WRNS's quarters on Novar Drive. The bridge has been demolished, and the portals are lying to the side and in the burn.			Alan Kinghorn, Eddie Szymborski Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
117	Lovers Lane	NH 61705 67142 at junction with Evanton Road	Overgrown	The path leading between Novar House area, where the WRNS personnel stayed, and the military camp was reputedly known as Lover's Lane in wartime, for obvious reasons. Others remember the path but not the name.			Alpin MacDonald Map: Malcolm Standring	2
75	Sawmill 	NH 62052 67566	one building surviving	The old Novar estate sawmill was situated here post war to 1990s. The sawmill utilised wartime buildings and there is one concrete portal framed hut still left. The hollow block wall was lined with bricks. Foundations to the southwest suggest that it might have been larger. Foundations of other buildings can also be discerned in the area, including one with a pit 1.5m deep, presumably for motor servicing. Other buildings depicted on plans and aerial photos are no longer visible, but foundations may survive under vegetation. Plans suggest that these buildings were stores in wartime. Near the old A9 at NH 62107 67512 is a dump of concrete wartime frames, probably from air raid shelters.			Alpin MacDonald, Ian Midgley, Alan Kinghorn, Bill Shirran, Roddie Lovett Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
74	Pits 	NH 62086 67561	Foundation only, one pit survives	Large pits for servicing big lorries were on the road up to Novar, on the west side. A large pit survives in one of the foundations at the old sawmill site.			Ian Midgley	2





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84	Buildings	NH 61880 67791	Gone	There were several buildings near the cinema (see no. 24), function unknown, but perhaps part of the cinema site, and further buildings to the south. Some people remember that WRNS personnel were housed there. These buildings appear clearly on the 1946 aerial photo. The inside rooms were partitioned concrete or breeze block, floors were concrete. Close to the cinema was a portal building used by Novar estate to house families in the 1950s, including Joe Duncan (before he moved to the nissen hut on the sawmill site – see no. 70).			Alan Kinghorn Map: Crown copyright, owned by Mairi Crow. Not to be reproduced without permission of Mairi Crow.	2
124	Barracks 	NH 62495 67726	DESTROYED	A wartime building with a large entrance was destroyed in 2013, and the rubble transported near to the sawmill offices. According to plans, this was part of a complex of four buildings forming the CPO's quarters. Nearby to this building, at NH 62497 67712, are the footings of another building in this complex.				2
125	Novar House	NH 61410 67972	surviving	WRNSs were stationed in the house during the war. A former WRNS, now living in Canada, remembers that WRNS Officers stayed in Novar House with other ranks in the surrounding huts. At certain times the lower ranks were allowed into the house. There was a secret telephone exchange in the attic.	MHG22470	107877	Eleanor Munro; Evanton Oral History Project; Zoe Boone Map: Crown copyright, owned by Mairi Crow. Not to be reproduced without permission of Mairi Crow.	2
161	Pillars 	NH 62061 67651	Surviving	A pair of concrete pillars is situated on the western side of the road leading to Novar house. They are similar to others found on Novar estate. However, these do not appear to lead to any roads or other lanes in use or appearing on later maps.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2




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147	Military Buildings	NH 62535	Surviving	 <p>A large complex of buildings, comprising a high brick building with large doorways and with abutting nissen-type structures to the south and northeast, survives in a ruinous condition to the east of the sawmill. Only one end of each of the abutting nissen-type huts survive. The two-storey large building is well ventilated, with chimneys, louvers and holes, and has a concrete slab roof. There is tiling on some of the floor of the main building, and the walls retain wartime paint. The northern nissen hut had a black flooring lying on the concrete foundation. This complex of buildings is on wartime plans, but unfortunately not annotated. Nearby to the northwest is a now-demolished canteen, so it is unlikely to have been used for this purpose. Perhaps it was an officer's mess, but the large ceilings and wide doors are puzzling.</p>			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
148	Storehouse	NH 62404 67674	Surviving	 <p>A brick building situated parallel to the old A9 in the present day sawmill site of Evanton airfield B camp is listed as a Victualling store on wartime plans. It is currently in poor condition, with some bricks falling out. The interior has original paint on the wall. The west end appears to be a later enlarged opening.</p>			Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
149	Laundry	NH 62411 67693 NH 62394 67696	Foundations only	 <p>Concrete foundations of two rectangular buildings are in the present sawmill site of the Evanton airfield B camp, to the west of the Fire Station. On wartime plans they are listed as Laundries. The 1946 aerial photographs and fragmentary wall remains in one corner show that they were nissen huts.</p>			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
150	Military Building	NH 62385 67680	Foundations only	 <p>In the sawmill area of Evanton airfield B camp, the concrete foundations of a military building of unknown use are situated between the laundries and the senior officer's, at a different orientation than these buildings, but parallel to the nearby Victualling store. It currently is situated just outside a more modern workshop.</p>			Photo: Susan Kruse	2

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151	Barracks and Ablution block 	NH 62348 67690	Foundations only	Five parallel buildings are listed as Senior Officer's Quarters in the sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp. The two to the east appear to have been destroyed. The middle building, slightly larger than the others, has concrete foundations, and evidence of plumbing remains, suggesting it is an ablution block. The foundations of the two westernmost barracks are ephemeral. The 1946 aerial photo suggests that the centremost building was a flat roofed ablution block, with the other four buildings nissen huts with asbestos roofing.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
152	Military Building 	NH 62301 67730	Foundations only	At the western end of the sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp are the concrete foundations of a long rectangular building, with a square, tiled annex to its northwest. The wartime plans do not detail the function.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
153	Sick Quarters 	NH 62363 67778	Foundations only	Concrete foundations and a bit of brick walling remain of a long rectangular structure in the sawmill area of Evanton airfield B camp. They are listed as sick quarters on wartime plans. 1946 aerial photos suggest they were nissen-style buildings.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
154	Education Hut 	NH 62410 67748	Foundations only	The concrete foundations of the rectangular education hut survive to the west of a modern portacabin in the sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp. Aerial photographs suggest that it was a nissen hut.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2

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155	Baggage Store 	NH 62423 67727	Foundations only	The concrete foundations of a rectangular building are situated to the north of the Fire Station in the sawmill area of Evanton airfield B camp. It is listed as a Baggage store on wartime plans. The 1946 aerial photos suggest that it was an asbestos-roofed nissen-style hut.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
156	Water tanks 	NH 62398 67721 NH 62570 67781	One gone, one ruinous	Two circular water tanks are depicted in the sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp on wartime plans. The one to the west, situated near the surviving building which was once the victualling store, no longer survives. The one to the eastern part of the area is fragmentary. It is concrete, smooth on the outside, but showing corrugated patterns on the interior.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
157	Military Building 	NH 62505 67828	Foundations only	Concrete foundations of a building of unknown purpose survive to the east of the site of the Canteen in the eastern sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2
158	Canteen 	NH 62485 67815	Gone	Wartime plans show the location of a large H-shaped complex of buildings serving as a canteen in the eastern sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp. They are buried now under rubble. 1946 aerial photos show that the two wings were nissen-style buildings.			Photo: Susan Kruse	2

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159	Nissen style hut 	NH 62500 67841	Surviving	A small nissen-style hut survives at the northern end of the B camp buildings to the east of the present sawmill. It has asbestos roofing and bricked ends. Wartime interior paint survives inside.			Photo: Alan Kinghorn	2
162	Military Building	NH 62515 67803	Foundations only	Concrete foundations of a rectangular building situated to the southeast of the canteen and to the north of the surviving complex of buildings in the eastern sawmill area of the Evanton airfield B camp can be probed just beneath the turf. The building is depicted on wartime plans, but without a function listed.				2
AREA 3: Blythswood								
33	Workshops 	NH 62550 67206	surviving	The current Blythswood retail outlet has a distinctive shape, allowing high north facing windows to give even lighting conditions indoors. It is a steel and brick building with roof timber sarking and probably felt on top. According to wartime plans, it was used at the end of the war for an airframe component repair shop, blacksmiths, coppersmiths, metal works and welders shop (NA ADM 1-13568). In a RAF plan from 1946, the building is not labelled by function, and is said to be part of Naval buildings on the site. It appears on the 1946 aerial photograph with camouflage paint on its roof. Innes 1995 p. 28 shows a similar type of building from Arbroath which were aircraft repair shops of a naval type. After the war, the building was used at some point as a potato store.			Alasdair Cameron, Eddie Szymborski, Roddie Lovett Innes, Graham Buchan 1995. British Airfield Buildings of the Second World War (Aviation Pocket Guide 1) Archie Rose (via Alasdair Cameron) Photo: Alasdair Cameron	3



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34	Hangar	NH 62564 67243	Surviving	<p>The Bain hangar to the north of Blythswood Retail shop is also currently used by Blythswood. These sheds were often used by the navy as Electrical Repair Shops (Innes 1995, 28). On the wartime plan it is labelled as a Dope Spraying and Paint shop, with a lean-to Dope store (NA ADM 1-13568), and Roddie Lovett remembers it used as such. Doors would have been full height, and have been modified after the war. It appears on the 1946 aerial photograph with camouflage paint on its roof. Alpin MacDonald remembers that there were fan air extractors in vertical walls; he also remembers a RAF roundel painted on the inside wall. Roddie's brother remembers it sandbanked up and piles of bullets inside, suggesting it may have been used for firing practice, though this may refer to a building situated where Highland Roller Doors is currently located (number 47).</p> <p>The wartime fencing in front of the Blythswood complex was originally from Invergordon, and when relocated here was cut down in size.</p>			<p>Roddie Lovett Alpin MacDonald Alasdair Cameron</p> <p>Innes, Graham Buchan 1995. <i>British Airfield Buildings of the Second World War</i> (Aviation Pocket Guide 1)</p> <p>Alpin MacDonald, Eddie Szymborski, Roddie Lovett</p> <p>Photos: Alasdair Cameron & Susan Kruse</p>	3
								
								
36	Modified workshop	NH 62597 67194	Surviving	<p>The base of this small hangar/shed appears to be of wartime date, but the building has been heightened, probably after the war. According to wartime plans it was used for propellers, hydraulics, oleo wheels and tyre repair workshop (NA ADM 1-13568). The plan also shows a now-demolished air raid shelter to the west, and a series of small huts to the east, only surviving now in their foundations.</p>			Photo: Susan Kruse	3
								
37	Hangar	NH 62602 67153	Relocated to Dingwall	<p>The WW2 hangar was dismantled after the war and moved to B camp, though not erected there, and then moved to Dingwall to Munro's sawmill. Aerial photos from 1965 show that it had gone by that time from its original position. Parts of the hangar were used to construct two buildings at Munro's Sawmill in Dingwall. The large shed currently on the site of the wartime hangar was built by Cromarty Firth Engineering and is currently (2013) used by Isleburn.</p>			<p>Alpin MacDonald, Peter Munro, Philip Blake</p> <p>Photo: hangar in Dingwall erected from components of Evanton hangar. Photo: Susan Kruse</p>	3
								




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38	Hut 	NH 62677 67146	Surviving	The clay pigeon hut is a prefab office building, possibly brought there from the Invergordon smelter or MK Shand post war. The concrete base on which the clay pigeon hut (or the adjacent storage container) rests is recorded on wartime plans, but had gone out of use or been demolished by the date of the plans.			Alpin MacDonald, Szymborski, Roddie Lovett Photo: Adrian Clark	3
102	Compass	NH 62705 67110	Destroyed	The remains of a large compass on the ground are clearly visible on the 1946 aerial photograph. This would have been used to ensure compasses were correctly set on the planes.				3
106	Building 	NH 62685 67257	Surviving	A brick flat topped building is at J & D Cowpers, situated at the rear of a modern hangar. The wartime plans suggests that it may have been an engine testing shed, but it may be the fire tender shed. Aerial photos from 1965 show that the wartime Bellman hangar to the southwest of this building had been demolished by this time. Around 10 years ago a modern hangar was built directly in front of it, with the large doors opening between the two buildings.			Photo: Adrian Clark	3
164	Hangar	NH 62514 67162	Gone	One of three large hangars located in the FAA part of the camp, probably of Bellman type. This one is situated to the southwest of Blythswood retail. In the 1946 aerial photo, it had camouflage painting on the roof.				3
48	Hangars 	NH 62470 67247 NH 62446 67225	Gone (1 moved & 1 demolished)	Two Mainhill hangars/sheds were in the area near to Highland Roller Doors. One was moved to Evanton where it became part of an Evanton engineering workshop and is now demolished (see no. 135). The other went to Drummond farm and is still there (see no. 134). On the 1943/44 plan (NA ADM 1-13568) this is recorded as Bldg No 71A Machine Shop and Armament Shop, and 72B Aircraft and General Woodworkers shop.			Alpin MacDonald Alasdair Cameron Roddie Lovett	3

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AREA 4: Site of the Original Airfield								
1	Newton of Novar airfield (also known as Novar airfield)	NH 625 670	Pre WWII remains destroyed.	<p>The airfield buildings were located on the Industrial estate, across the current Big Burn, under and in the fields around MacGas. The camp is first mentioned in the Ross-shire Journal in 1922 (16 June). It was used seasonally twice a year to service the planes when the fleet was in Invergordon, with accommodation in tents and makeshift timber huts. The airfield was upgraded and massively expanded beginning 1937.</p> <p>Nothing remains from this early airfield. Fortunately photos survive of the airfield, some at Alness Heritage Centre, some on the Invergordon Archive website, at Cornerstone Cafe in Evanton and in Jim Hughes' books, <i>Airfield Focus 16: Evanton</i> (1994) and <i>A Steep Turn to the Stars</i> (1991). The photographs show tents and canvas and timber Bessonneau hangars. In the grass near the burn large metal stakes (pickets) have been discarded, and perhaps are remains of large tent pegs for these canvas tents.</p> <p>The road can clearly be seen in the photographs, and survives today, providing a good frame of reference. It is paralleled by a channel known locally as the mill stream, presumably connecting from the mill at Newton Road North, but culverted in a number of places. This mill stream now joins to the Big Burn, but the burn has been diverted to its present course some time after the war, probably between 1962 and 1965 judging from aerial photos. Before then it took a route towards the present Blythwood premises. The mill stream took a sharp turn to the south near the copse so visible in the photos.</p>			<p>Alan Kinghorn Eddie Szymborski Willie Fraser</p> <p>Photo: Camp in the 1920s. Crown Copyright. Formerly in the possession of Mrs Dunnett.</p> <p>Photo of metal pickets: Susan Kruse</p>	4



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100	Military Camp	Centred on NH 62526 67083		  <p>The area of the original camp was upgraded in the late 1930s. On the original site of the pre WWII airfield, but to the north of the mill stream (see no. 1), there were a number of buildings including officers' quarters, mess rooms, offices, stores first aid post, workshops, motor transport, and a garage ambulance, built as part of the expansion of the airfield in the late 1930s. The road from the pre WWII camp was still maintained, and buildings were oriented on it. The mill stream beside it was culverted to the west, but open to the east. Three bridges over the mill stream survive, including a large one at NH 6254 6706 leading to the Parade Ground and a smaller one at NH 6259 67085, which does not appear on the plans, but may have been for vehicles which can be seen in a photograph from the late 1930s. Foundation remains can be felt by probing below the grass in places, especially in the area of the mess rooms. Many of the buildings in the pictures of the late 1930s are of timber and raised above the ground; not surprisingly, no traces remain of these. The Big Burn now marks the eastern edge of this, but photographs and aerial photographs clearly show that its present channel is a later redirected course, dating to the early 1960s. There is rubble from buildings on either side of the current course, and in one case, at NH 62464 67170 there are pipes in the embankment, suggesting this area was built on, as the 1946 plans suggest. A line of bricks from a building can also be seen at NH 62463 67153. The area to the northwest is a ploughed field, and this has destroyed remaining traces of buildings in this area. Traces of the road defining the edge of the camp in this area can, however, still be seen on google maps.</p>	MHG27885	119767	Aerial photo: courtesy Alness Heritage Centre. Photo of bridge: Susan Kruse	4
165	Military Building	NH 62523 67028	Gone	On a wartime plan of this area, this building is listed as 'Control'. It is situated just to the west of the first hangar built on the site of the initial airfield in the expansion of the late 1930s.				4
145	NAAFI	NH 62524 67139	Gone	The NAAFI was located at the northern end of the buildings on the site of the original airfield. It no longer survives.				4






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99	Fuel Store 	NH 62578 67001	Surviving	The remains of a small building annotated Bulk Petrol Installation on the 1946 RAF plan survive in a spread of low bricks to the south of the mill stream. The tanks were said to hold 12,000 gallons. There is evidence of culverts in places in this area.				4
35	Parachute Store 	NH 62607 67035	Gone	The RAF map of 1946 shows that the parachute store was in the area currently where the gas tank is situated. No traces remain, but photographs survive of the building. Eddie Szymborski can remember a high, open building. It is recorded on both the 1943/44 plan (NA ADM 1-13626) and the 1946 RAF plan. It was still standing in the 1980s. This was built as part of the expansion in the late 1930s.			Eddie Szymborski Alasdair Cameron Photo: ©Graham Innes. Taken in the 1980s.	4
6	Hangar 	centred NH 62578 67043	Gone	Hangar erected as part of the expansion just before the war, situated on the site of the first airfield buildings, near the mill stream and current course of the Big Burn. It appears in some pictures from the late 1930s. It survived through the war, used by RAF, but was taken down after WW2. Only the base was left by 1960s; aerial photographs show that it had been demolished by 1965. Some foundations can be probed just below the grass. On the RAF Plan from 1946 the building is labelled No. 202 "Aircraft Shed". On the 1943/4 plan, it is listed as "Receipt and Dispatch Hangar", with the notes "Use existing storage section hangar and stores" (NA ADM 1-13568). It appears on the 1946 aerial photograph with camouflage paint on its roof.			Eddie Szymborski Alan Kinghorn	4
103	Pillbox	NH 62452 67001	Destroyed	A Type 24 pillbox is clearly visible on the 1946 aerial photos, beside the road leading from the original airfield buildings to the hangars near the Deephaven entrance, to the west of the buildings. Across the road at NH 62497 67006 another fortified structure appears on the aerial photo, perhaps a pillbox or perhaps just turf/sandbagged walls.				4





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104	Blister Hangars	Centred on NH 62357 67071	Gone	Three blister hangars appear on the 1946 aerial photo, located at the western side of the area redeveloped in 1937 on the site of the original airfield buildings to the north of the mill stream. The 1961 OS map shows structures at these locations. None survive today. One would have been located to the north of the present A9.	MHG45681	119767		4
139	Pillbox or defended earthwork	NH 62329 67020	Gone	A pillbox or defended earthwork appears on aerial photographs in the field to the west of the blister hangars, between the site of the first airfield and the Deephaven entrance. It is clearest on the 1965 aerial photo.				4
20	Water tower	NH 62533 67236	Gone	A small concrete water tower was situated close to the present main road. On Admiralty plans, Bldg 204, marked ‘Water, domestic storage’, is in the general vicinity of those who recalled this tower. The tank is depicted on an old photograph of Evanton airfield on the Invergordon Archive, dated to 1936.			Roddie Lovett Alpin MacDonald http://www.theinvergordonarchive.org/picture/number1398.asp	4
				AREA 5: Shore and Runways				
79	Runways	Runways cross at NH 62442 66385	Surviving	Evanton only had two runways, unlike the preferred three, due to space limitations. They were grass until asphalt was put down in 1942. The runways had number labels at both ends. Roddie Lovett clearly remembers them. Remains of a golf course can also be seen in the runway areas on the 1946 aerial photo, but do not appear in the 1944 aerial photograph. Runways are numbered according to their compass bearing on direction of approach, dropping the least significant digit of degrees east from North (e.g. “35” for bearing 350 degrees). One runway number is now obscured by pipeline construction yard, but the other is still clearly visible on satellite imagery (“04” for compass bearing 40 degrees) NH6229 6613. There is some evidence in old aerial photos (resolution not sufficient to make out) that runways may have had reverse bearings marked at opposite ends, but no traces are currently discernible on satellite images. After the war, the runways were used for car racing (in the 1960s) and for local people learning to drive.			Roddie Lovett Malcolm Standing Photos: Peter Agate and ©GoogleEarth	5








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4	Hard standings at the ends of runways	NH 62723 66751 NH 62787 66394 NH 61722 66335 NH 62240 66129	Foundations	Hard standings were at the ends of runways and appear in some photos and maps. Vans situated there gave the green light for takeoff where pilots couldn't see the control tower. The hard standings are clearly marked on wartime plans.			Alan Kinghorn	5
3	Sea Defences	Survives in a number of places, including NH 630 661	in pieces on shore	After the war, a number of demolished concrete and brick buildings were used for a sea wall near the A camp, past the two pillboxes and along to the Technip pier, and further south towards Balconie Point. At least 12 different types of brick can be seen. The platform of Novar Station was also demolished, then moved to the shore, where it was used as sea defences. It was made of Brora bricks.			Eddie Szymborski Alan Kinghorn Alasdair Cameron Photo: Alasdair Cameron	5
101	Building	NH 62776 67015	Ruinous	Remains of a substantial concrete building are on the shore in pieces. It has been dragged here, along with other rubble from the airfield, but not enough remains to identify what the building might have been.				5
14	Pillbox	NH 61669 66425	Gone	A pillbox appears on the 1946 aerial photo, protecting the bomb stores. A sketch map from 1942 in the National Archives (AIR 29/594) shows two other anti-aircraft defences nearby.				5
21	Two dumps for plane bits and pieces	NH6262 6597 NH 6244 6598	In a ploughed field	This area was a dump for plane parts. The area was later trawled for raw material for making objects such as knives.			Roddie Lovett, Alpin MacDonald	5

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2	Concrete Perimeter Roadway	Survives in places, eg NH 62789 66704	short sections remain	<p>A concrete roadway is on the perimeter, and was reputedly constructed for the photography/dark room van in the early airfield in the 1920s (Hughes 1994). Parts of this roadway still survive in bits and pieces down at the shore near the pillbox. The road prevented the narrow wheels of the van sinking into soft ground. In addition to visible remains some of the roadway is under Technip. The southern part of the roadway was bulldozed after the war when the area was purchased by Novar.</p> <p>The roadway dates to before WW2 according to Hughes 1994. It is marked on the RAF plan of 1946, and appears on aerial photographs from the 1940s. Alan Kinghorn cycled along the roadway in 1958/9 when the camp was closed.</p> <p>The photographic van was a dark room, used to develop plate negatives. Pictures survive of the van (eg in Hughes 1994 and at Alness Heritage Centre). It took photos of gunnery targets. Roddie Lovett remembers the van. His father was a photographer.</p>			Eddie Szymborski, Alan Kinghorn Willie Fraser Alpin MacDonald Roddie Lovett Hughes, Jim 1994. <i>Airfield Focus 16: Evanton.</i> Photo: Alan Kinghorn	5
41	Pillbox	NH 62786 66830	Surviving	<p>Brick and concrete, type 27 pillbox. The door and the post for the bren gun for the anti aircraft fire is still in situ. Until recently the pillbox had a corrugated roof on top, but this has blown off and is now in the grass beside it. The roof was thought to be a decoy for the building, but it does not appear on the 1944 aerial photograph. It is however there in the 1946 aerial photograph. Allan Kilpatrick (RCAHMS) believes that the roof was added to weather proof the gun pit in the roof after the war. The pillbox was probably sealed, perhaps post war, and the roof added, nailed into a skim of concrete laid around the rim. This would explain why such a large pillbox had such a small roof.</p>	MHG27886	119768	Photos: Preston White and Susan Kruse	5




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42	Blast Shelter 	NH 62792 66808	Low walls	Remains of brick walls of a blast shelter survive near the shore. The walls are three bricks' thick. The two rooms have opposite entrances and do not connect. The building does not appear to be on wartime plans, but appears on the 1946 aerial photo.	-	-	Photo: Alasdair Cameron	5
43	Transformer building 	NH 62801 66698	Surviving	A rectangular windowless brick building, with a blast wall to the south side is situated near the coast. It is thought to be a transformer building, perhaps for runway lights. The trenches inside for cable ducting still survive. The 1946 aerial photograph suggests there might be remains of a building nearby.	-	-	Photo: Eddie Szymborski	5
44	Windsock pole 	NH 62807 66612	surviving	A metal windsock pole, probably from the wartime, still survives near the coast, although it has been strengthened with metal poles on either side at an unknown date. One of the metal strengthening poles has Colville Steel inscribed on it.	-	-	Photo: Alasdair Cameron	5
45	Pillbox 	NH 62830 66553	Surviving	Rectangular brick pillbox, still roofed and with turf on top. Pictures from the 1960s also show it with turf, and it may well have been during the wartime as another disguise, although no one remembers it from this time.	MHG27887	119769	Photo: Preston White	5
80	Aircraft Wreck? 	NH 62874 67277	At least partly surviving	A propeller spinner casing from the nose cone of a plane is on the mud flats. Date and identification unknown. This could be from a crash, or part of the debris from the airfield dumped on the shore.			Adrian Clark Photo: Adrian Clark	5


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49	Pillbox 	NH 62777 67070	Surviving, but not in situ.	A Pickett-Hamilton Fort (pillbox) has been moved to the shore post war, and is now lying upside down in the intertidal zone. The concrete cylinder with firing slots, which would have been raised and lowered, survives, as does the hatch, remains of hand holds when entering/exiting, and pipes for the hand-operated gear to pump water out of the structure. These pillboxes are relatively rare – only c. 335 are thought to be in Britain (Smith 1989). Diameter 6 feet (1.8m), width of concrete is 4 inches (100mm).			Smith, David J. 1989. Britain's Military Airfields 1939-1945, pp. 102-3. Photo: Susan Kruse	5
52	Pillbox 	NH 62960 66213	surviving	Type 24 pillbox with turf roof situated to the west side of Technip pier.			Photo: Alasdair Cameron	5
39	Botha Bridge 	NH 61885 66170	Destroyed	The Botha bridge was built to enable planes (including the Bothas housed at the airfield) to cross the Allt Graad. After the war it was destroyed in the floods in the 1950s, although at least one timber is said to survive downstream. The bridge is clearly marked on the plans and rubble survives near its location.	MHG54920		Alpin MacDonald, Szymborski, Roddie Lovett , Alan Kinghorn Photo: Willie Fraser	5
67	Blister Hangers to S of Allt Graad 	NH 61985 65972 NH 61965 66106 NH 62055 66024	Gone	Three Blister Hangers are recorded on the RAF 1946 plan (Bldg Nos. 215, 216, 217), located on the south side of Allt Graad. The position of the southernmost one, in a direct line to the Botha Bridge, is just visible in satellite imagery, and on the ground.			Willie Fraser Photo: Willie Fraser	5




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107	Building remains along the Allt Graad 	NH 62370 65863 NH 61386 66399		Rubble from buildings can be found along the Allt Graad. The course of the river was straightened in the 1960s after floods, and it may be that some of the rubble was moved from the airfield then.			Willie Fraser Photo: Alasdair Cameron	5
131	Possible Gun Emplacement	NH 61664 66166	Traces	Some minor traces remain, despite changes of course of Allt Graad, of what is thought to be a gun emplacement.			John MacDonald	5
132	Arch	NH 61666 66151	Traces	Traces remain in the river bank of a stone arch of unknown date and purpose, with lime mortar, approx. 1m high and 1m wide			John MacDonald	5
115	Targets in the Firth	NH 64 66		Several people remember floating targets (three of them) in the Firth, used for practice. They were large vertical boards, about the size of a house. Some people remember that other targets were towed around the Firth as well. Exact locations unknown.			Phil Glover, Archie Rose (via Alasdair Cameron)	5
127	Corkscrew Pickets 	NH 6298 6660	surviving	Several people recall that these metal pickets were used to anchor tents and hangars. The four surviving on the shore were later used to anchor a wild fowler's hide but they are a heavy duty type that could tie down a plane.			Reported at Evanton Wartime Remains Open Day Photo: Alasdair Cameron	5
				Area 6: Deephaven Entrance				
46	Filling station 	Centred NH 62068 66804	Gone	At the current entrance to Highland Deephaven from the A9, a number of wartime buildings were demolished. These included a filling station. Two structures are recorded on the 1946 RAF plan for 1946: Bldg No. 135? (NH 62068 66804) "Bulk Oil Installation" and 136? (NH 62073 66795) "Aviation Bulk Petrol Installation", recorded as construction "Steel Buildings".			Alpin MacDonald Photo: Adrian Clark	6





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10	WAAF quarters	Centred NH 61957 66702	Destroyed	<p>WAAF quarters were in prefab concrete huts, later post war converted into 4 industrial units. Eddie Szymborski was involved in this renovation. Aquascot used them in 1980s, and they were also used as a body shop. One of the buildings was used by a company selling 'Part Worn Tyres'. They were crushed and removed in 2012, but the foundations are still visible.</p> <p>On 1946 RAF Plan, labelled Bldg numbers 144-147, constructed of Temporary Brick.</p> <p>Behind this row of four huts, there were 7 additional barrack huts depicted on the plan, materials not specified.</p>	MHG45848	119770	<p>Alan Kinghorn Murdo Aird Eddie Szymborski</p> <p>Photo prior to demolition: R.W. Keen</p>	6
								
15	Ablution blocks	NH 61947 66718.	Gone	<p>Wash (ablution) houses were in same area as the WAAF buildings, but were destroyed after the war, probably crushed in 1959 (Alan Kinghorn), and certainly gone by 1980 (Eddie Szymborski). Two ablution blocks are marked on the RAF 1946 plan . Bldg No 149,150. Listed as "W.A.A.F. Ablution Laundry & Latrine Block", construction "Temporary brick".</p>			Eddie Szymborski, Alan Kinghorn	6
13	Accommodation Camp	Centred on NH 62038 66746	Surviving	<p>Evanton Airfield accommodation, first used as officers quarters, then converted to married quarters. They are situated just at the turning into Deephaven Industrial Estate, and are now private homes. After the war they were used by the Novar Estate to house forestry workers and men from the sawmill.</p>	MHG27888	119770	<p>Willie Fraser, Eddie Szymborski</p> <p>Photo: Adrian Clark</p>	6
								
16	Station Headquarters	NH 62022 66860	Gone	<p>Station headquarters are listed on 1946 RAF map, marked as Bldg No 83 "Station Headquarters & Offices, Timber hutting". No pictures are known. It was gone by 1965 aerial photographs, and any remaining foundations destroyed by the building of the A9.</p>			Alan Kinghorn	6
23	Lightening conductor	NH 6210 6688	Gone	<p>The lightening conductor was situated quite close to the A9 in A camp near Newton. Alpin MacDonald has the filigree top. Exact location unknown.</p>			Eddie Szymborski Alpin MacDonald Roddie Lovett	6




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7	F type hangar	NH 62158 66821	Surviving	<p>Pictures from the late 1930s of the airfield expansion in progress show this as the first building in this area. The start of WAAF quarters can be seen to the left of the photograph. It is a pre-war type, and may have been moved to the area (Francis 1996,84).</p> <p>On the 1946 RAF plan it is labelled Bldg No 121 “Aircraft Shed & M&W Workshop”, construction “Steel Buildings”. In the 1958-9 valuation roll it was leased to A Carmichael Ltd of Edinburgh. Eddie Szymborski recalls that it was later used by Woodland Fencing Co.</p>			<p>Alan Kinghorn, Eddie Szymborski, Alasdair, Murdo Aird</p> <p>Francis, Paul 1996. <i>British Military Airfield Architecture. From Airships to the Jet Age</i>, p. 84</p> <p>Photo taken 1981 by Paul Francis ©Airfield Research Group</p>	6
5	Despatch and Control Centre	NH 62315 66691	Gone	<p>The control building was situated between the Boulton and Paul 200 hangar and the new grain store on the east. People remember it as a brick, two storey building, probably adapted from the RAF control tower in the later wartime rebuilding of the site. No pictures are known. Alex Houston remembers it as a flat-roofed building, later used as offices. Alpin MacDonald remembers it as having bay windows. The control building, as well as several other nearby small buildings, appears clearly in the 1946 aerial photo. On the 1946 RAF plan, The ‘Despatch and Control Centre’ is noted as being made of ‘Timber & SECO Hutting.’ On the plan, the small buildings around it are labelled Duty Crew Rest Hut, Pilots Crew Room and Rest Room (2 buildings), Stores, Tractor Shed and Fire Tender Shed. The aerial photograph also appears to show a blast shelter in front.</p> <p>After the war the control building was moved, and became part of a house on Swordale Road.</p>			<p>Eddie Szymborski Alan Kinghorn Roddie Lovett Alex Houston Alpin MacDonald</p>	6



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9	Two hangars 	NH 62072 66679 NH 62095 66645	Gone	Two Bellman hangars in the A camp at the Deephaven entrance were demolished in 2011. Roddie Lovett remembers that during the war they held Barracuda's. Just after WWII the military held on to hangars and stored aircraft engines in them. After that they were used for a number of purposes. Novar Estate had, for a short time, a grain drier in the hangar first on the right as you go down Newton Road South. It was also rented out to a firm in Inverness for grain storage. The other hangar was used as a silage clamp in the late 1950s. Alasdair Cameron remembers them after the war with cattle in them. The doors had been taken off and turned on side, and cows looked over.  On the 1946 RAF plan, Bldg No 158 and Bldg No 159 are both described simply as "Aircraft Shed", "Steel Building & Corrugated Iron". An American visitor to the area recalled that the hangars were used when the Americans used the camp for spy balloons in 1955.			Alasdair Cameron Alan Kinghorn Eddie Szymborski Alpin MacDonald Roddie Lovett, Phil Glover Photo prior to demolition ©R.W. Keen; photo 2013: Adrian Clark	6
11	Bellman Hangar and post WW2 dairy 	NH 62277 66765 NH 62253 66800	Surviving	Two WW2 Bellman Hangars survive at the Deephaven entrance. One is smaller, because after the war it went on fire in the 1970s. Novar Estate had a sawmill there before the fire. The larger was used as a dairy, run by Novar Estate after the war. There was also a slurry tank in the same area. The buildings were later a Gardiner's Timber Supplies in the 1980s and woodland fencing suppliers. One was also used by Willie Munro's recycling building (later relocated to B camp). Alan Kinghorn remembers visiting one of the hangars collecting gas valve assemblies (Pigs) that had been fabricated by BOC (British Oxygen Company) in the hangar in the mid to late 1970s.			Eddie Szymborski Alan Kinghorn Willie Fraser Alex Brett Alpin MacDonald Ian Midgley Photo: Alasdair Cameron	6





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50	Roadway	NH 62385 66782	gone	A road leading diagonally down the site appears in some plans, but had disappeared by the 1980s, when the industrial site was 'tidied up'. It is clearly visible in the 1946 aerial photographs. From NH 62313 66799 to NH 62465 66761.			Eddie Szymborski	6
51	Pillbox or Battle Control	NH 61658 66604	Ruinous	 <p>A ruinous brick building now in a field on an elevated location overlooking the airfield, is remembered by some as a pillbox, and by some as a guardhouse. A report undertaken in 2002 thought it might be a gun emplacement or listening post (see HER record EHG1147). However, it is in the position where Battle Control is listed on a 1942 wartime map (NA AIR 29-594). It has a concrete roof, grooved radially, with nails around the perimeter, and a roof three bricks thick. It is almost square, c. 3.1 m by 3.05m. There are lintels underneath. It appears to have been dragged, though probably not far, and there are brick remains in the fields around (Brora and Hamilton can be identified). Alpin MacDonald remembers the structure as having a peaked roof. No one remembers a road leading to it. Eddie Szymborski remembers playing there as a boy. Roddie remembers that Ian Dunnett had the field during the war.</p> <p>On current evidence the best interpretation for the structure is either the remains of an unusually small Battle Control, or a pillbox to defend it.</p>			Alpin MacDonald, Roddie Lovett, Ian Midgley, Eddie Szymborski Photo: Alan Kinghorn	6
63	Morgue	NH 62069 66886	gone	The morgue was near to the Deephaven entrance. It was a tiny building. After the war it was used as offices, and George Tait remembers working in it. The building was flattened around 1980.			Ian Midgley, George Tait	6
83	Parachute Store	NH 62129 66888	Gone	The parachute store is listed on the RAF map of 1946 at c. NH 621 669, and was presumably destroyed when buildings were removed in the 1950s/1960s, or by the building of the A9. Another parachute store is recorded closer to the shore, near the current MacGas and site of the original airfield.				6




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85	Hangars 	Centred at: NH 62161 66732 NH 62215 66663	Surviving	Two Boulton and Paul Hangars survive today. In the smaller one (Boulton and Paul 200) a girder has graffiti 'Victor Mackenzie 1946'. The corner of the Boulton and Paul 300 hangar was said to have had an orchestra pit during the war, which is now filled in. Both hangars are currently used by the Wool Growers.			Preston White Photo: Preston White	6
114	Sewage Pipes	One position at NH 62335 66914	gone	Sewage pipes have been traced and identified in various parts of the airfield during post war building works. They have been traced from the accommodation area of A camp and along the road between the hangars at the Deephaven entrance and the current Big Burn. It does not seem that any sewage works were installed in the A camp.			Alpin MacDonald	6
123	Cinema	NH 623 666	Gone	A former airman at the camp said that the Cinema for the RAF A camp was located near to the Control and Despatch Building (see no. 5). Its exact location is not known.			Told to Alan Kinghorn	6
141	Football Pitch	NH 62224 66539	Gone	After the war, the local football team Black Rock Rovers played on a pitch located near the hangars.				6
AREA 7: Newton Road North								
105	Guard Hut 	NH 61685 67077	Foundations	A guard house was situated at the entrance to Newton Road North from the old A9 road. Alan Kinghorn remembers catching the bus to school from the guard hut, when it was manned by uniformed civilian police, part of the Air Ministry Police. The hut was donated to the football club when it was laid out at Culcairn. It no longer survives.			Alan Kinghorn Photo: Alan Kinghorn	7
112	Gun mounts on bridge 	NH 61736 67105	Surviving	Gun mounts survive on top of the railway bridge leading to the camp at Newton Road North. The same mount can be seen on some of the pillboxes.			Alasdair Cameron, Alan Kinghorn Photo: Alasdair Cameron	7





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59	Newton Farm Cottages 	NH 61770 67103 NH 61776 67122	Surviving	3 cottages which date to before the war. The westernmost cottage (no. 1 Newton Road) was originally two timber huts side by side, built by the military for the guards looking after the guard post. After the war it was merged into one and covered in mesh and harled. The other cottages were used by the Dunnetts, Newton Farm, and were not taken over by the military.			Roddie Lovett, Alan Kinghorn, Eddie Szymborski, Alex Fraser, Willie Fraser, David MacKenzie Photo: Roddie Lovett	7
111	Mill pond and lade 	Millpond at NH 61830 67112	Surviving	The mill dam and mill lade are clearly marked on the 1 st and 2 nd edition OS maps. The present mill dam has a concrete edging. The pond was filled in around 20 years ago. On the maps, the lade leads along the road before cutting south to the steading area around Newton House, where the mill was located. The lade has been filled in at some places. The outflow from the mill dam is marked on the maps, going to the east to the Big Burn, and through what became the northern area of the WWII camp. There is some speculation that the course of the outflow has been altered in this area.			Photo: Susan Kruse	7
19	Water tower  	NH 61870 67081	Ruinous	This was the main water tower for the camp. The tank was constructed of steel Braithwaite panels supported on a high open steelwork tower. The tower was cut down sometime after 1973. On the 1946 RAF plan, this is labelled Bldg No 5 "Water Tank Elevated 40' high" constructed "Steel Buildings", type 50,000 gal. Its square base appears clearly in the 1946 aerial photograph. The water tower was dismantled by Bob Dick, but the truncated legs still remain. The water came from Assynt in the Bog Hole area where there is a spring. In the woods above, there are large pipes from near the pillbox at NH61919 67246 and near the perimeter fencing above the air raid shelter at NH 61919 67097. Local tradition is that these were for the water tower, but it is unclear why they are situated where they are if this was the case; moreover, they are to the north of the mill stream, though this too may have been redirected after the war.			Alpin MacDonald, Eddie Szymborski, Bill Shirran, Roddie Lovett Alpin MacDonald Photos: Alan Kinghorn	7






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62	Ploughman's cottages 	NH 61922 66953	Surviving	Ploughmans' cottages for Newton Farm. They were not taken over during war - and so perhaps this is why they are not marked on wartime plans. There were two, but they have been converted into one.			Roddie Lovett Photo: Roddie Lovett	7
60	Captain's/ Commander's House 	NH 61796 67049	Surviving	Two large houses known locally as the Captain's house and the Commander's House are on Newton Road north, but there is some confusion as to which house is which. They were said to have been built by the military during the wartime expansion in the late 1930s. On the RAF 1946 plan, both are listed as Married Officer's quarters, but they clearly were houses for important officers. The current owner of the northernmost house was told that it was the Captain's house, and was also used as the Officer's Mess. If so, this was presumably only for a short period, until the Officer's Mess in the A camp was completed.			Alan Kinghorn	7
61	Captain/ Commander's House	NH 61846 67024	Surviving	Two large houses known locally as the Captain's house and the Commander's House are on Newton Road north, but there is some confusion as to which house is which. They were said to have been built by the military during the wartime expansion in the late 1930s. On the RAF 1946 plan, both are listed as Married Officer's quarters, but they clearly were houses for important officers.				7
55	Stone building 	NH 61977 66917	surviving but ruinous	Stone built building known as Newton garage, built before the war. A local resident was told that it was originally a coach house to store a pony and trap, and had also been used in the past as a smiddy. The building has a chimney, though people are unsure if it was used as a cottage before becoming a garage or whether it was a coach house with fireplace. Although in the area of the military airfield, it was probably not used by the military.			Eddie Szymborski, Roddie Lovett, Alan Kinghorn Photo: Catriona Fraser	7



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56	Stone Pillar & shed 	NH 61985 66872	surviving	Stone built pillar on the side of the road, similar to others found on Novar estate. It pre-dates the wartime buildings, and presumably was part of Newton House. Beside the pillar is a wooden shed, which has wrought iron hinges, again suggesting pre-war date. Although in the area of the military airfield, the building was probably not used by the military.			Catriona Fraser Photo: Catriona Fraser	7
118	Newton House	NH 61951 66879	Surviving	The house was taken over by the Air Ministry during the war. During the expansion of the nearby airfield in 1937, the house is reported to have been used as an Officers' Mess (Hughes 1994, p. 10). However, a local resident recalls that the mess was in the Captain's house, not Newton House. The Dunnetts lived at Newton House during the war, so if the Officer's Mess was there, it was only briefly, and presumably then moved to the site nearby which was built in the years following the expansion. Roddie Lovett recalls that Ian Dunnett ran what remained of Newton Farm as a Market Garden supplying the camp and feeding pigs in the fold which was quite extensive in its day. He employed two ploughman, Rory MacKenzie and Bill Crombie, who stayed at the cottages above the steading (still there), casual female staff (including his mother) and a pigman Manson who stayed in one of the cottages up near the railway (also still there).	MHG16252	111317	Hughes, Jim, 1994. <i>Airfield Focus 16: Evanton.</i> Roddie Lovett	7
57	Newton House steading 	NH 61908 66964	Partially surviving	Newton House steading was a very large structure, as can be seen on the Ordnance survey maps. It housed a thrashing mill, and the lade leading from the millpond can still be seen in places. The steading was used for pigs during the war. Roddie Lovett remembers that Newton Farm workers collected swill from the officer's mess and Newfoundland logging camp. (Roddie's mother worked at Newton Farm).			Eddie Szymborski, Roddie Lovett Photo: Susan Kruse	7




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58	Air raid shelters 	NH 61926 66849 NH 61890 66885 NH 61901 66865	Two Surviving	Three air raid shelters are indicated on 1946 RAF map near to Newton House, two at NH 6189 6690 and a further one south at NH 6192 6686. The two closest to the house are in good condition, preserving the metal hatches and doors, although the hatches are becoming quite rusted. The third no longer survives.			Alasdair Cameron, Alan Kinghorn, Roddie Lovett Photo: Susan Kruse	7
87	Accommodation Camp entrance 	NH 61941 66965	Surface remains only	The curved kerb leading into the camp from Newton Road North still survives. There was obviously a gate here, because the metal plate survives in the middle of the road. On one side are the remains of the kerb, on the other a stone dyke.			Photo: Catriona Fraser	7
17	Officers' Mess  	NH 61972 67013.	foundations only except for chimney	The foundations survive of the Officers' Mess, with curved paving leading to three entrances still clearly visible. Like many buildings in the area, it was built over a cavity. Remains of urinals and other plumbing survive, but may date to post-war activity at the site. The cook house was to the south of it. The 1946 RAF plan says it was 'Timber Hutting'. The chimney at the north end still survives (NH 61971 67017), but does not appear on the 1946 aerial photograph, so must be post war. It does appear on the 1965 aerial photograph. Nearby supports for a structure, perhaps a tank, (NH 61969 67025) suggest that this may have been oil fired. Perhaps this was built when the Americans used the airfield in 1955/6. After the war, this complex was used as offices in the 1960s and a Youth Club in the 1970s, and for activities such as snooker and dances. Catriona Fraser remembers going to a dance there in the 1970's. The building burnt down in the mid 1970s when it was still a youth club.			Eddie Szymborski, Willie Fraser, Catriona Fraser, Alec Brett Roddie Lovett Bill Shirran Photos: Adrian Clark and Susan Kruse	7


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108	'The Bungalow'	NH 61992 66994	Foundations and chimney surviving	On the 1946 plan, there is a square building to the south of the Officer's Mess, which appears to have been part of the Mess. The Bungalow is not mentioned in the 1958-59 valuation roll but "The Stewards House" is mentioned as being uninhabitable, and perhaps refers to this structure prior to rebuilding. It is annotated as 'The Bungalow' on plans from the 1990s. People lived there within living memory. Today the concrete foundations survive, and the chimney, one part probably wartime, the other with concrete blocks dating to after the war.			Alan Kinghorn, Alpin MacDonald Photo: Susan Kruse	7
								
18	Squash Court	NH 61915 67040	Gone	A small enclosed building which was also in use after the war.			Eddie Szymborski, Willie & Catriona Fraser, Alex Brett, Bill Shirran Photo: Roddie Lovett	7
								
89	Officer's Bath Houses	NH 61974 67058 NH 61991 67071	Foundations only	Two buildings are listed on the 1946 RAF plan as officer's bath houses. The foundations of the smaller to the west survive only in a few places. The larger one was built over a cavity, and concrete stairs leading to a walkway to the north survive, some in situ, some moved nearby. The walkway is built over a cavity, parallel to a ditch. It seems to have had partitions. The reason for this walkway is difficult to determine, but perhaps there were bridges or walkways leading to single officer's quarters to the north.			Photo: Eddie Szymborski	7
								
90	Single Officer's Quarters	NH 61951 67074 NH 61963 67081 NH 61679 67089 NH 61992 67103	Foundations only	Only the concrete foundations, constructed over a hollow, survive of the single officer's quarters. The best surviving are the ones to the south, near the Officer's Bath houses (no. 89), while ones further to the north are much overgrown. The function is identified from the 1946 RAF plan, and the buildings are clearly visible on the 1946 aerial photograph, showing buildings with pitched roofs.				7


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91	Air Raid Shelter 	NH 61968 67138	Surviving	A well preserved air raid shelter lies on the north east edge of the Single Officer's quarters. It still has some metal hinges around the entrance.			Photo: Preston White	7
109	Air Raid Shelter 	NH 61918 67105	Surviving	Another well preserved air raid shelter lies on the north west edge of the Single Officers' quarters. This was drained recently. The metal hand rails to exit up the vent still survive.			Photo: Susan Kruse	7
110	Staircase and path 	NH 61941 67095	Surviving	A concrete staircase survives leading up towards the northern end of the camp, towards the second row of single officers' quarters. The bottom step is now in an area filled with water, but probably had different landscaping in the wartime. The pathways show clearly on the 1946 aerial photograph.			Photo: Susan Kruse	7
93	Airmen's Barracks 	Centred NH 62099 67106	Gone	The 1946 RAF plan shows a large number of barrack huts and bath houses on the east of the A camp accommodation site. These have all been destroyed in the late 1950s, and the field is now under cultivation. According to the plan, at the northern edge were a number of air raid shelters which have been demolished as well. At the far northeast of the camp were two large sports' grounds.	MHG45678	119763	Alan Kinghorn, Alpin MacDonal Eddie Szymborski Photo: Susan Kruse	7
92	Pillbox	NH 62048 67203	Gone	A type 27 pillbox clearly shows up on the 1946 aerial photograph, but is no longer there.				7




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94	Pillbox 	NH 62062 67267	Surviving	A round Norcon pillbox, 6 feet in diameter, cracked and now upside down, has been moved to this location, perhaps reused for estate purposes. The concrete is very thin. The Norcon pillbox, was described by one commentator as possibly the most dangerous, cheap and nasty of all the pillbox designs (Ruddy 2003). Most models had no roof. Very few survive.			Ruddy, Austin (2003). <i>British Anti-Invasion Defences 1940-1945</i> . Historic Military Press, p.15. Photo: Adrian Clark	7
95	Quarry 	NH 61890 67160	Surviving	A quarry shows up clearly on the 1946 aerial photographs, and can still be seen today. It was presumably associated with construction of wartime buildings.			Photo: Adrian Clark	7
96	Perimeter Fencing 	NH 61910 67219	Surviving	Remains of the perimeter pickets (stakes) and barbed wire fencing can still be found in places in the woods at the north side of the camp. The barbed wire and 'pig's tails' uprights (pickets) survive in a number of places. These were designed to be screwed into the earth. The pillbox near the railway (MHG 47881) is outside the perimeter.			Photo: Eddie Szymborski	7
53	Pillbox 	NH 61919 67246	surviving	Well preserved type 24 pillbox by the railway. Two embrasures have been blocked up, one by the doorway and one facing the railway. It is outside the perimeter fencing.	MHG47781	268004	Catrina Fraser, Alan Kinghorn Photo: Alasdair Cameron	7
97	Dining Room 	NH 62122 66976	Foundations only	Foundations of a large complex, listed on the 1946 RAF plan as the dining room and boiler house, are near the present A9. Like most of the buildings here, the foundations are built over cavities. The area is quite boggy, and there has clearly been some channelling of water undertaken during building, now disrupted by the new A9.			Photo: Adrian Clark	7


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98	Decontamination Building	NH 62081 66936	Foundations and Rubble	The Decontamination building was between the Dining Room and the Coal Store according to the 1946 RAF map. In this area now there are some foundations under the grass, and a great deal of rubble.				7
130	Morse Room	NH 62169 67011	Gone	George Wiseman (1910-1980) possibly worked in the Morse room. He was called up and had previous Morse experience with the post office in Inverness.			Eric Wiseman	7
54	Brick Enclosure / Coal Store	Centred NH 61997 66892	surviving	This building with thick walls, which were never roofed, is recorded on the RAF plan of 1946 as no 82, 'Fuel Store {75 Ton coal, 27[?] Tons of coke, 10 Tons Anthracite}' constructed of 'Permanent Brick'. After the war it was used to store silage and draft (draff). Hinges for gates are visible, though these may have been added post-war. To the northwest of the Fuel Store area the 1946 RAF plan lists an air raid shelter, which is probably buried under a large mound of rubble in this vicinity.			Alasdair Cameron, Eddie Szymborski, Sandy MacKay Photo: Susan Kruse	7
								
86	Meteorological Office	NH 62016 66869	Foundations only	The foundations of a rectangular building survive adjacent to the A9. According to the 1946 RAF plan, this was the meteorological office. Currently decaying digger mats, wooden frames bolted together, are lying on top of the foundations.			Photo: Catriona Fraser	7
								

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88	Fire Hydrants	NH 61970 67043 NH 62054 66904	Surviving	<p>At least two iron fire hydrants survive. They both have inscriptions, the one to the south reading on a vertical plate</p>  <p>F H 2 FT F.D. BIRD. HYDRAULIC ENGINEER PALMER STREET WESTMINSTER</p> <p>The one to the north has similar detail, but formatted in a different manner on a horizontal plate.</p> <p>The hydrant at NH 62052 66890 has the open well with a pipe within it. A plan from c. 1942 survives of all fire points and apparatus in the A camp (NA AIR 29/594).</p>  			Photos: Adrian Clark, Susan Kruse, Alasdair Cameron Plan: National Archives	7
				AREA 8: Outwith the Camp				
160	Beechwood Cafe	NH 63032 67967	Surviving	The Beechwood Cafe was built in 1938, and served locals and servicemen throughout the war years with food and petrol. It closed in 1950, and was sold in the 1960s. It is now a private home, part of the Wheel Inn chalet complex.			Alan Kinghorn	8
77	Valve house	NH 60025 66766	Surviving	This building is remembered locally as a Pump House / Valve house, built for the water supply to the airfield. There is a pipe inside, a concrete plinth and an asbestos roof.	MHG51480	-	Catrina Fraser, Alpin MacDonald, Eddie Szymborski Photo: Willie Fraser	8

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146	Reservoir 	NH 60983 68266	Surviving	A house with reservoir located above Novar House is reported to be the water supply to the camp, although a valve house on Glen Glass Road is also reputed to be the camp water supply from Assynt (see no 77). It may be that this was used to supply the B camp expansion, or even just the new military buildings around Novar House.			Phil Glover Photo: Phil Glover	8
81	Newfoundland Camp 1	NH 60150 67815	Gone	One of two Newfoundland forestry camps is remembered in this general location.			Alpin MacDonald	8
82	Newfoundland Camp 2	NH 639 719	Gone	One of two Newfoundland forestry camps is remembered in this general location.			Alpin MacDonald,	8
116	Slit Trench near Culcairn Mill	NH 609 663	Gone	Alpin MacDonald remembers a slit trench near Culcairn Mill –			Alpin MacDonald	8
119	Defence Post	NH 60545 66618	Gone	Alpin MacDonald remembers a defence post, which was little more than a crude ditch/hole			Alpin MacDonald	8
113.	Squadron HQ	NH 61421 66028	Gone	A plan of defended locations, probably from 1942, shows Squadron HQ in this area, which is separated from the airfield by the Allt Graad river (NA AIR 29-594), and outside the perimeter of the camp. On the 1944 aerial photograph, buildings appear near the field boundary but they have been dismantled by 1946.			Willie Fraser	8
133	Gate Pool on Allt Graad	NH 61684 66128	Gone	Before the straightening of the Allt Graad there was a pool with a large gate on the river bank, purpose unknown, but possibly for corralling animals. It was known as the ‘Gate Pool’.			John MacDonald	8
121	Fyrish	NH 607 698	Gone	There were beacons at Ardullie and Fyrish during wartime.	MHG8109	13675	Alpin MacDonald	8
163	Ardullie	NH 589 863	Gone	There were beacons at Ardullie and Fyrish during wartime. A vehicle came from the military camp to Ardullie at 8pm every night to check something, perhaps the lights.			Mhairi Mackenzie, Ian Munro	8

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142	Forestry Camp Accommodation	NH 5524 6677	Gone	During WWII there were lumbergills working in the area who came from Stornoway. The Women's Timber Corp are listed at Fannyfield (at the end of Swordale near Evanton) in the 1942/1943 valuation rolls.			Phil Glover, Alan Kinghorn	8
126	Firing Range	NH 5514 6884	Gone	Gunnery practice occurred in Glen Glass above Tigh na Craig, using a nearby hill as the target. Kenny Mackenzie remembers that the guns, possibly 25 pounders, were on West End Croft and fired at white targets which were set up on Wyvis ground. The shells fired directly over Auchentounachan (spelling unknown) which was occupied by his aunt and uncle. He also recalls that a shell exploded one day at or in a gun, and locally people were told that the gunner was killed. Alex Fraser has seen shrapnel up that way.			Willie Fraser, Alex Fraser, Alpin MacDonald, Kenny Mackenzie	8
120	Bunker	NH 60697 66681	Gone	Alpin MacDonald remembers a wooden underground bunker with telephone point in order to report the all clear.			Alpin MacDonald	8
76	Wireless listening station	Centred NH 60587 65691	Some buildings survive	The wireless listening station was situated behind Sunfield at the edge of Evanton village. It was built on two of the four village lots and acquired from Foulis. On the 1946 aerial photo, the five masts can clearly be seen, one near the building, and four around it. The masts were sold in 1949 and probably taken down then. The foundations for the towers were tipped onto the shore. There was a house at the rear of Sunfield which was a billet during the war, but has been knocked down and replaced. Hamish Mackay recalls that during the war there were people seen sketching the wireless station. The children informed their parents, who notified the police. The men were caught on the rain at Perth, and were said to have been spies who were working their way south from Wick.	MHG54924	173292	Catriona Fraser, Alpin MacDonald, Alasdair Cameron, Alan Kinghorn, Eddie Szymborski, Phil Glover, Hamish MacKay Photo: Adrian Clark	8
								
122	Gatehouse for Balconie Castle	NH 60700 66085	Gone	The gatehouse for Balconie castle was situated across from where the Co-operative is now. Balconie reputedly housed Poles, Norwegians and Black Watch during the war (Alpin MacDonald and Eddie Szymborski).			Mhairi MacKenzie, Catriona Frase Alpin MacDonald, Eddie Szymborski	8

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138	Pillbox 	NH 60602 65663	Surviving	A pillbox with turf roof survives at Sunfield, built to protect the wireless listening station. This has duplicate records in the HER. MHG35518 links to Canmore 173292.	MHG35518; MHG30305	173292	Photo: Adrian Clark	8
134	HANGAR 	NH 60307 65397	Surviving	A Mainhill type hangar at Drummond farm originally came from Evanton airfield (see no. 48)			Alan Kinghorn, Alasdair Cameron, Peter Agate	8
135	HANGAR 	NH 60679 66040	Gone	A site known locally as 'The Hangar Site' had an Evanton Mainhill hangar (see no. 48) put up in 1962. It was erected by Bill Jack, manager of Evanton Engineering, housing a machine shop. The 'MacKenzie turnip cutters' were manufactured in the hangar. Later the hangar was taken over by Motherwell Bridge, who ran various engineering projects, including building bridges worldwide. After Motherwell Bridge moved to Invergordon the hangar was used by Ronald Munro Ferguson who made plastic extrusion products. The hangar and the nearby showroom/garage were taken down around 10 years ago.			Catriona Fraser, Alex Fraser, Alasdair Cameron Janey Clark 2004. 'From Horses to Houses' <i>Ross-shire Journal</i> . Photo of MacKenzie turnip cutter: Alasdair Cameron	8
136	GARAGE AND SHOWROOM	NH 60652 66000	Gone	A wooden building on the south side of Balconie Street was used by Kenny McKenzie who had the smiddy on the opposite side of the road. He used it for repairs to agricultural machinery, bicycles, motor bikes and petrol sales. In the 1930s it expanded to include a pump. The front of the garage became a showroom for bicycles which were crated to Novar station and then assembled in the workshop. Later it was used as a showroom for Triumph and Citroen cars, and tractors. In more recent times the building was used by Kitcheners, a showroom for kitchens. It was demolished around 10 years ago.			Janey Clark 2004. 'From Horses to Houses' <i>Ross-shire Journal</i>	8

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137	SMIDDY	NH 60549 65937	Gone	A smiddy stood on the north side of Balconie Street, and appears on the OS maps. A smiddy has been on the site since the 19 th century, run by the Urquhart family. At the turn of the century it was taken over by Kenny McKenzie who expanded the business on both sides of the road. He is best known for his 'Mackenzie Turnip cutter'. It was used as a smiddy through the 1960s.			Janey Clark 2004. 'From Horses to Houses' <i>Ross-shire Journal</i>	8
78	Canteen / Tea Room	NH 60768 66182	gone	 <p>The Mugdoch Hut Canteen was a wooden building named after the people who gifted it for use as a canteen for service personnel. It was still there in 1960s, but was demolished, and the existing Church Hall is on its site. Cathy Gallie remembered that it was a very busy place, used by the convoys heading north and personnel from the RAF and Navy camps. The hut had a stage/platform with a piano, and game's room with a billiard table, table tennis and darts. It could take about a hundred people at a time. Norwegians, Canadians, Newfoundlanders, Poles, Mauritians, French and Indians all attended, and there were even Moslem prayer gatherings. After the war, displaced persons came to the tea room. Cathy Gallie's photos are available (copies with Evanton Oral History Project) and the text of an interview with her is online at http://www.spanglefish.com/evantonoralhistoryproject/index.asp?pageid=472754&msg=Content%20Updated Eleanor Munro remembers that Miss Thomson ran the tea room. She later lived at Arduillie Lodge. Her sister was the companion to Helen Keller, and Helen Keller visited her later.</p>			<p>Catriona Fraser. Interview with Cathy Gallie, collect by Adrian Clark as part of the Evanton Oral History Project</p> <p>Photo: Cathy Gallie, donated to Evanton Oral History Project.</p>	8

Other Notes from Discussions:

- Dingwall Academy was built at the same time as the expansion in the late 1930s, but workers got a better pay deal at Evanton.
- The sea gate caused problems with water coming back in.
- Willie Munro, Clashnabuiac had a collection of some items from the camp. After his death they went to Hector Munro of Foulis, and are believed to be at Foulis Ferry.
- After the war Finlay Fraser of Wester Teaninich Farm bought part of the airfield too.
- Civil Defence practised rescuing people from buildings that had been damaged, knocking them down as practice (Eddie Szymborski).
- The nearest hospitals were Dingwall and Invergordon (Naval hospital)

- Houses occupied by the military include Balconie (Poles, Norwegians and Black Watch), Swordale House with WRNSs, Fyrish House with a rear admiral (Alpin MacDonald, Eddie Szymborski). Throughout the village military families occupied either whole houses or rooms in the houses. Alex Fraser's mother had the clerk of works lodging in their house. Phil Glover's father was billeted in the Cairn Cafe.
- Displaced persons - post war they were placed in sawmill site. The widow of Edgars, a Latvian POW, was told by her husband that they were sent here to learn English – and warned to stay away from Evanton girls who would want to marry them.
- POWs in Evanton came from Alness POW camp. They had a special uniform .There were also POW sites in Munloch, Brahan, and Kildary.
- After the war, the camp was briefly used by Americans in 1955-6. They were involved in a project involving espionage, with Evanton one of only 4 places in western Europe for launching spy balloons (see Charles Stephenson 2001. 'The Genetrix Balloons', published online by http://www.ospreypublishing.com/articles/aviation/the_genetrix_balloons/) There is also a You-Tube video by a retired USAF describing the operation from eastern Asian bases (http://www.google.com/ig#m_89). Local residents remember finding the skins of balloons, including at the top end of Drummond Farm (Willie) and one near Tore (Alasdair). The balloons were huge. People remember a large number of U.S. personnel in the area.
- The shop in Evanton where the Co-op is now was geared up to sell souvenirs to US military personnel in the 1950s, with an appropriate window display with tartan goods.
- There is a local tradition that Drummond was considered as a site for the first airfield (Alpin MacDonald).
- Ken Howie reports that William Sutherland, a pilot at Evanton, told him that it was a wonderful airfield to take off from, but terrible to land, due to the downdraft.
- WAAFs from Wick were taken in trucks to Evanton airfield for the dances, which were held in a building near to Blythswood (Gordon Cook's mother, a WAAF at Wick, told him).
- Hamish Mackay recalls that in 1943 or 1944 there were a large number of Indian troops camped overnight at Evanton in tents, opposite where the Cornerstone Cafe is now. They had a number of horses and mules. He was told they were in training for the invasion. Kenny Mackenzie was told they were moving south.
- Hamish Mackay recalls tanks being unloaded from flat carts on the railway.
- Ian Munro said to Alasdair Cameron that the military horse hospital was at Mount Gerald, and that Ian knew the vet who tended to them. Alan Kinghorn remembers that the house was also a military convalescent home, and the grounds were used to store amphibious vehicles D.U.K.W.'s (known as ducks).
- Kenny Mackenzie remembers tanks on training coming down from Swordale. He remembers one tank getting the corner wrong at the Diamond Jubilee Hall and taking a big gouge out of the kerb and pavement.
- Kenny Mackenzie's father was caretaker of the camp in 1948. He still has his father's contract.
- Several people have identified the pegs (pickets) found near the first camp as being used for fixing tents.
- Alasdair Cameron was told by Zoe Boone, a former WRNS at Evanton, that the Canadians timber corps in Kiltarlity and Beaully area were keen to have Evanton WRNSs at their parties
- At least one invention happened at the camp: Frankie Menzies was servicing aircraft, and devised a split pin with a double head (Alasdair Cameron).
- A local resident growing up in Glen Glass remembers that Norwegians went on exercise there, and were visited by King Haakon.

WWII buildings which went elsewhere after the war:

- WW2 wooden huts made of cedar wood, were bought by Gordonstoun. The Gordonstoun archives contain photographs and notes of the site visits before the purchase, and pictures of the buildings erected at Gordonstoun. Many are still in use including the estate offices, classrooms, accommodation buildings and even adapted into the cricket pavilion. Alex Fraser's father was involved in the dismantling. (Photo: © reproduced by permission of Gordonstoun School Archive)





- Ritchie the Post bought a hut (part of the despatch building with the bay windows), moved it and it is now his house (Edderton) on Swordale Road (Eddie Szymborski).
- Another hut went to Maryburgh School (Alasdair Cameron, Eddie Szymborski). (Photo: Alasdair Cameron)
- The gym hut at Kiltearn primary school - now gone. (Alasdair Cameron, Eddie Szymborski).
- The Newton Road North guard house went to football club. It no longer survives. (Alan Kinghorn)
- The tennis club had a hut, donated by the Novar Estate. This was situated in what is now the Black Rock Camping and Caravan Park (Alan Kinghorn). It no longer survives.
- The wooden hut behind Rosskeen Parish Church, was the gym on airfield. It was moved to become church hall in 1960.
- After the war, Smith Sections from Cheltenham was hired to clear the camp of all the buildings that could be removed from the camp, and also the contents, toilets, basins, light fittings etc. They advertised in the local papers huts suitable for converting into bungalows, henhouses etc. They advertised in the Ross-shire Journal from Dec 1957 to April 1958.
- An asbestos hut was taken to the top of Glen Glass by Novar Estate in the late 1960s where it was used for a boathouse. The hut is still there (Eddie Szymborski & Ian Midgley).
- The hangar at Muir of Ord (Baxters and now Lochcarron Metalworks) came from Evanton. Archie Rose disconnected it and re wired it at Muir of Ord (information supplied to Alasdair Cameron; photo: Alasdair Cameron)
- A hangar at Poyntzfield Mains on the Black Isle is from Evanton (Alasdair Cameron; photo: Alasdair Cameron)
- A (?blister) hangar at Milltimber, Aberdeenshire NJ 85296 01055, is from Evanton (Ian Munro, via Alasdair Cameron). The farmer bought it at an auction sale, then painted coloured strips and numbers on it before disassembling. He told Ian that it took longer to mark everything than to dismantle it.
- Bomb racks were made into fencing at Novar Crescent. They are gone now (Alex Fraser).
- Mr Fraser of Wester Teaninich Farm recorded who bought some of the buildings sold by himself and Mr Munro Ferguson of Novar at an auction held 24 June 1961. These might allow further buildings to be traced. Sale catalogue is now owned by his daughter, Mairi Crow.

Air Crashes in the Evanton area:

- The HER mentions one at Glen Glass, crashed 1954 (MHG30855).
- Jim Hughes' book *Airfield Focus: Evanton* (1994), mentions a crash by a Botha aircraft on 25 May 1941 on takeoff. He also shows a picture p. 18 of 'One of the many crashes which Bothas [aircraft] suffered at Evanton'.
- Kenny Mackenzie remembers a plane crash near the church during wartime. He remembers it as a Barracuda, and the crash was said to have damaged a gatepost and killed all the crew. Alpin MacDonald and Alex Fraser also remember hearing about this.
- Mairi Crow has a picture of an aircraft which crashed, she was told, in the area.
- John Fleming, who has researched crashes in the area, has information about a Botha which crashed at Dalreoch Wood, on the road to Boath (as well as many others from the area). He would welcome any memories of information about crashes – send to ARCH office and these will be passed on.
- An investigation of the Order Books in the National Archives in London would provide further details on crashes and crash sites.

Numbers not used: 31 (duplicated no. 22), 40 (duplicated no. 8), 72 (now merged with no. 64)

Bricks recorded include: Hunter Brora, Accrington, Blairadam, Lochgelly, Forth, Preston Grange, K, Cannerton, Methil, Alloa, WH. Bricks used at the B camp sawmill area are predominantly Lochgelly.

