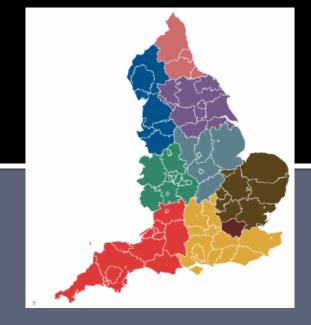
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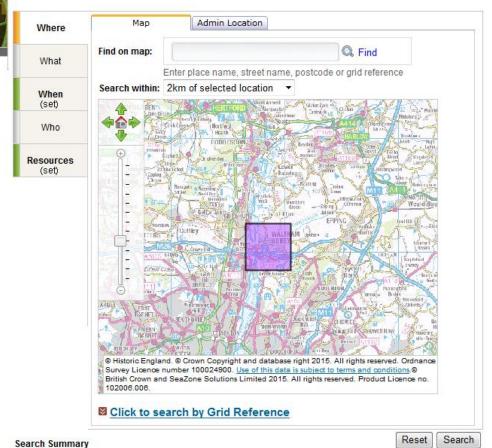


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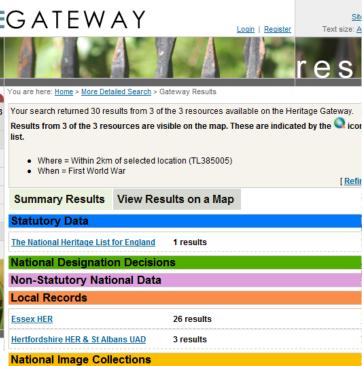
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Crooked Mile - Site of WWI Pom Pom Guns

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Grid Reference: TL 381 014
Map Sheet: TL30SE

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WALTHAM ABBEY, EPPING FOREST, ESSEX

Summary

Site of WWI Pom Pom Guns

Full description

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The following year, 28 January 1915 (PRO WO 33/704, Approved Armaments) the entry is repeated and a month later, 21 February 1915, (PRO WO 33/706, Approved Armaments) repeated again. On 1 February 1916, (PRO WO 33/746, Approved Armaments) the listing is more explicit and the two pom-poms are individually shown at "Grange Hill" and "Crooked Mile", again on travelling carriages.

Tracing the location of "Crooked Mile" (there are no contemporary map references among the records) has, it is believed, been achieved through the study of maps of the area and aerial photography. The road known as the Crooked Mile stretches from the centre of Waltham Abbey to Fishers Green. An aerial photograph taken in October 1946 (CPE-UK 1779-4046) shows what is almost certainly a WWI gun emplacement (similar to the 6-pdr Hotchkiss emplacement at Cheshunt, SMR 20570 and Monkhams, SMR 10083) standing in a meadow between the Royal Gunpowder Factory North Site and the Crooked Mile. It appears as an open enclosure, basically rectangular in plan. However, the short NW wall is not comprised of a straight face but two short walls angled outwards with a wide space left between them. A "travelling carriage" was, effectively, a normal two-wheeled field carriage modified to enable the gun to fire at a high angle. Thus the opening in the emplacement would allow the piece to be wheeled in and out as required. As it was free-standing, on its wheels, there would have been no gun ring or mounting plate set into the base of the structure. What is probably two ammunition shelters can be seen in the opposite corners to the entrance of the enclosure and a small building stands just outside the SE wall.

Although no details are now available, the site has, in the past, been known as an anti-aircraft gun site (via Elliott, B and Sears, R, pers. comm. Jan. 2002).

An aerial photograph taken in June 1960 shows the emplacement to have been demolished and cleared away by that time and no sign of its former existence can be seen. (Run 28, 151).

Part of an Essex
HER record –
sources can be found
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Note the difficulty in locating the site

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HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORDS

What they are, and what they record

- as records, and on GIS mapping:
- from Palaeolithic to Cold War
- archaeology, buildings, landscapes
- three quarters of all known archaeology has been found since the advent of developer-funded work in 1991

MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE: developer-funded archaeology

Planning Policy Guidance Note 16 (PPG16) issued by HM Govt in 1991

- introduces the principle of 'preservation by record' within the planning system
- planning conditions can be put on consent by district planners, including archaeology

As a result, the role of the SMR (Sites & Monuments Record) changed from an essentially passive recording and indexing function to a consciously active one in close partnership with local government planning archaeologists.

SMRs were soon renamed Historic Environment Records. 84 such databases cover the entire country and record data to national standards

2010 PPG16 superseded by Planning Policy Statement 5 2013 National Planning Policy Framework replaces PPS5, retaining the essential principle of planning conditions and developer funding

How the system works:

- 1. Planning application to District
- 2. HEU consulted/picks up application
- 3. Planning archaeologist advises District
- 4. Condition put on consent
- 5. Applicant employs archaeological contractor
- 6. Work done, with advice from the planning archaeologist
- 7. Archaeological contractor submits Report to Planning archaeologist
- 8. Report accepted, District advised
- 9. Planning condition discharged by District
- 10. Report added to HER, records added/updated



HERs also include many records from non-commercial sources, and promote or encourage projects covering specific interests:

- Building types such as timber farm buildings
- World War II monuments (from pillboxes to airfields)
- Extant and vanished parks and gardens
- Historic settlements large and small
- Etc

World War I remains in Hertfordshire:

Existing records directly relating to WWI are various:

Aircraft hangar
Airfield (emergency night landing site)
Anti-aircraft gun emplacement
Crash site
Munitions works
Practice trenches
Rifle training range

How were they identified?

Already known about Found as a result of surveys into something else Found by accident

How can coverage be improved?

Liaison with county museums, record offices and local history initiatives

Liaison with national projects (Legacies of the Home Front; First Blitz Project...)

And also...

Some things to look out for:

Prisoner of war camps (often in grounds of existing houses)

Internment camps (ditto)

Army Remount depots for Army horses

Munitions works

Rifle training ranges (new ones, and others still in use)

Home hospitals, often in existing larger houses (www.scarletfinders.co.uk)

A few websites:

www.scarletfinders.co.uk (for lists of hospitals caring for military personnel by 1917, some pre-existing but many in private houses used only for the duration)

www.centenarynews.com

www.battlefieldstrust.com/page110.asp for First Blitz Project (aerial bombardment)

www.bristol.ac.uk/archanth/homefront (for the Legacies of the Home Front project)

www.warmemorials.org (War Memorials Trust)

www.roll-of-honour.com

THE WAR, PART II: CONSEQUENCES

Other classes of monument:

War memorials: considerable physical variety

Commemorative monuments (not the same thing – village halls, etc)

'Land Fit for Heroes' campaign: smallholdings set up as part of efforts to provide livings for ex-servicemen

Mental hospitals for soldiers with shell shock

Council housing: first appears in the 1920s, also in response to the post-war housing shortage

Final points:

HERs encourage the permanent deposition of data from other bodies, groups, and individuals

HERs are not static: they are constantly updated and revised with new material and information

HERs record information to national standards, so cross-county searches will provide data in comparable form

The information is made available through national and county portals

Everything is mapped as precisely and accurately as possible