

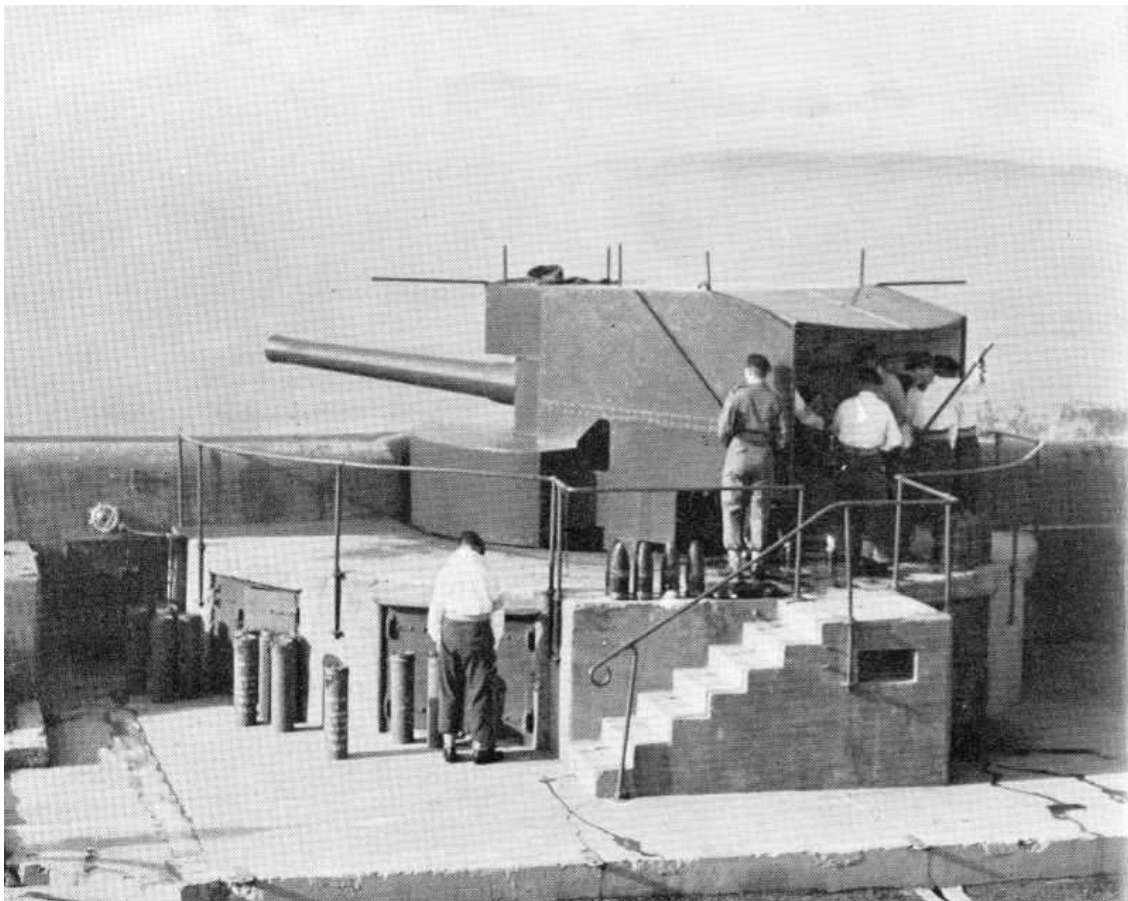
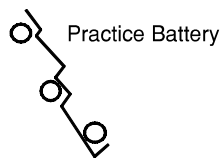
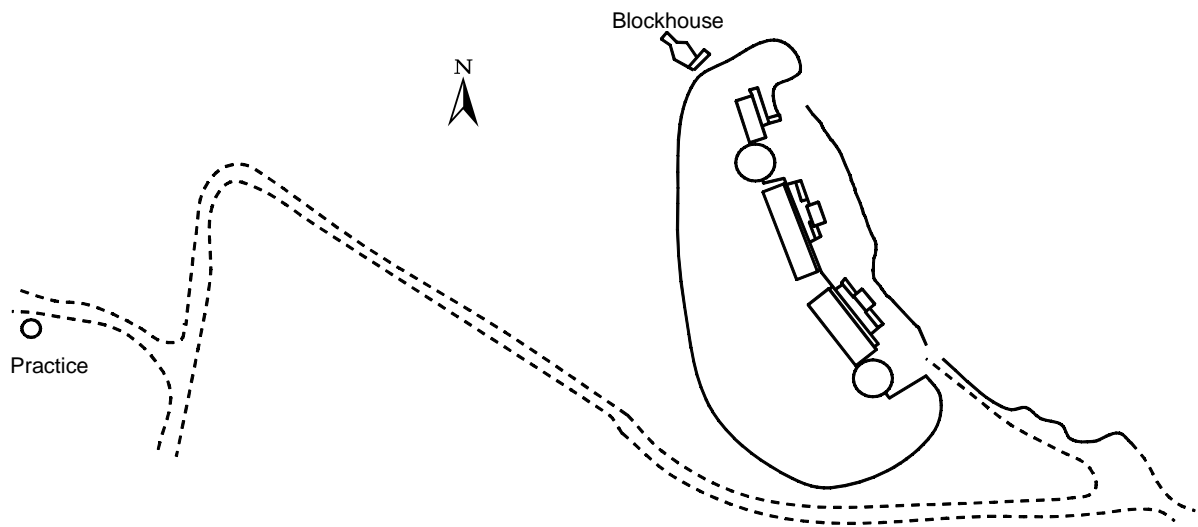
## Lentney Battery

<b>Commenced</b>	1905	<b>Armament</b>	
<b>Completed</b>	1905	<b>1905</b>	2 x 6-inch B.L.
<b>Cost</b>	£	<b>1911</b>	2 x 6-inch BL Mk VII retained in reserve
<b>Map Reference</b>	SX 493495	<b>1918</b>	2 x 6-inch B.L. Mk VII
<b>Position</b>	Renney Rocks	<b>1930</b>	disarmed
<b>Type</b>	Coast Defence Battery	<b>1941</b>	2 x 6-inch BL
<b>Ditch</b>		<b>WWII</b>	1 x twin-6pdr QF 2 x 6-inch BL Naval 2 x 12pdr QF guns
<b>Guns</b>	3	<b>1956</b>	Disarmed
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>			
<b>Present use</b>	empty	<b>Caponiers</b>	None
<b>History</b>	Practice and training Battery	<b>Counterscarp galleries</b>	None
<b>Disposal</b>	1991	<b>Haxo casemates</b>	None
<b>Condition</b>	complete	<b>Moncrieff Pits</b>	None
<b>Access</b>	Possible		
<b>Sources</b>	Historic Defences of Plymouth, Pye & Woodward		

### History and Description

Built in 1905 as one of three 6-inch batteries to defend the eastern approaches to the Sound, it shared accommodation with the nearby Renney Battery to the South. It was intended to arm it with three 6-inch BL guns but only two emplacements were completed. By 1901 the battery was put into reserve and its role was taken by Watch House Battery. In 1912 one searchlight was added below the battery on the coast. In 1914 a blockhouse and unclimbable fence was added, as at Renney, in front of the battery. In 1930 the battery was disarmed but in 1941 the battery was rearmed with two 6-inch B.L. guns once more. A BOP was added on the site of the earlier one above and to the rear of the gun emplacements. One twin-six QF gun was added with two 6-inch BL Naval guns and two 12pdr QF guns all for training purposes. During WWII Lentney served as the practice battery for the Coast Artillery training Regiment based in Fort Staddon. After the War the 6-inch and twin-six guns were used as the main practice battery for the Coast Artillery School in the Royal Citadel. The site also served as a trials site for British equipment and captured German equipment. The site was disarmed in 1956 and released by the military in 1991. Most of the 6-inch battery survives complete with fittings. So do the practice battery emplacements. The BOP has been demolished.

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6-inch B.L. at Lentney Battery 1953 - Hogg