

## NEW WORKS AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDS

### *Objective 7*

*To permit necessary new works which will reinforce the heritage nature of the Te Atatu Anti Aircraft Battery site whilst providing for appropriate public use and enjoyment.*

- Policy 7.1** No new site feature or activity should be added which may detract from or obscure the significance of the battery site.
- Policy 7.2** All new work should be of a character consistent with the interpretive period of its immediate and general context whilst clearly being identified as new work.
- Policy 7.3** No new work or activity should be permitted which is inconsistent with the objectives and policies set out in this conservation plan and or the *Harbourview Peoples Park Management Plan*.
- Policy 7.4** Woody plants and weeds should be removed - especially blackberry and self-seeded pohutukawa. Invasive vegetation which cannot be removed without damaging building or structures should be poisoned and left insitu.

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## I

## CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS

## Abbreviations

<b>AHB</b>	Auckland Harbour Board, Microfilm.
<b>LINZ</b>	Land Information New Zealand
<b>WWC</b>	Waitakere City Council

DATE	EVENT	REFERENCE
1936 February	Two 3-inch Anti Aircraft guns arrive in Auckland	To be provided by Peter Corbett
1939 September	Outbreak of the Second World War, Auckland's Anti Aircraft guns temporarily mounted at Mt Victoria, Devonport.	
1940 June/November	German surface raiders operating in New Zealand waters and sink a number of merchant ships. Additional Anti Aircraft guns temporarily mounted to defend the Auckland dock area.	
1941 Midyear	Plans are made for at least eight heavy anti aircraft guns to be emplaced to defend Auckland against air attack.	
August	By this time all of Auckland's Anti Aircraft guns have been removed for service overseas or to arm merchant ships, advice received that guns for Auckland's anti-aircraft defence are being shipped from the United Kingdom.	
December	Outbreak of war with the Japanese Empire.	
1942 January	Sinking of HMS <i>Prince of Wales</i> and <i>Repulse</i> by Japanese aircraft off Malaya.	
February	Fall of Singapore to the Japanese and the Battle of the Java Sea.	
March	First of two flights over Auckland by a Japanese floatplane launched from a submarine.	
April	Construction begins on 12 anti aircraft batteries to defend Auckland against air attack.	

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- May Second of two flights over Auckland by a Japanese floatplane launched from a Submarine, Battle of the Coral Sea.
- June Anti Aircraft batteries completed at Belmont, Chamberlain Park and Stanley Bay in Auckland; nine others under construction, Battle of Midway.
- 1943** All 12 of Auckland's Anti Aircraft batteries  
May completed.
- End of Year Most of Auckland's Anti Aircraft batteries placed into 'care and maintenance'.
- 1944** Only two of Auckland's Anti Aircraft batteries [Belmont and Orakei] still in service, guns and equipment removed from most of the others.
- 1946** Belmont battery, the last of Auckland's Anti Aircraft batteries closed.

## II

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### Plans

Single or Dual Purpose 3.7-inch AA Emplacement [Type A or B] March 1942  
Details of AA Positions Auckland NF 153 [6 Sheets]  
Sheet 1 Chamberlain Park, Orakei, Ponsonby  
Sheet 2 Hobsonville and Whenuapai  
Sheet 3 Belmont, Castor Bay, North Head  
Sheet 4 Bayswater, Melrose, Naval Base, Stanley Bay, Stanley Point  
Sheet 5 Greenhithe Parnell, Takapuna, Te Atatu  
Sheet 6 Alexandra Park, Whangaparaoa  
Hobsonville AA Section November 1942  
Revised Site Plan of Orakei AA January 1944

## III

## ASSOCIATED MATERIAL

## Auckland's HAA Batteries – Location and Status

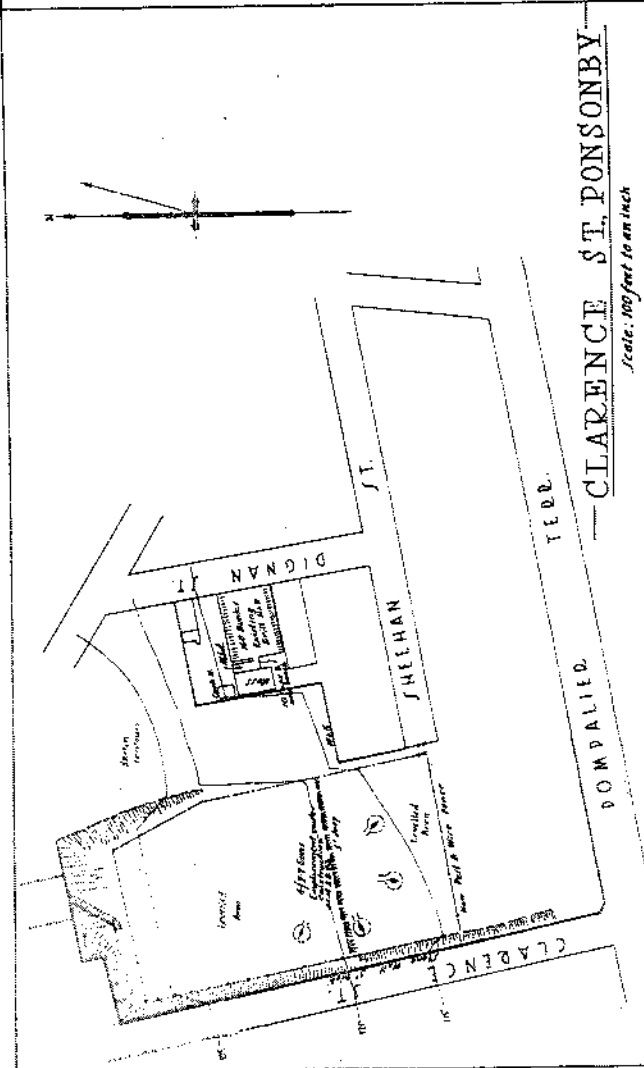
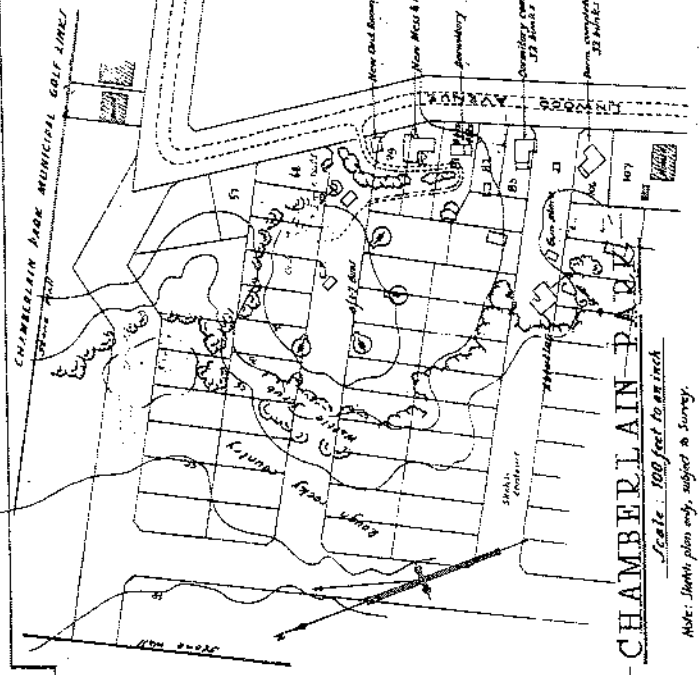
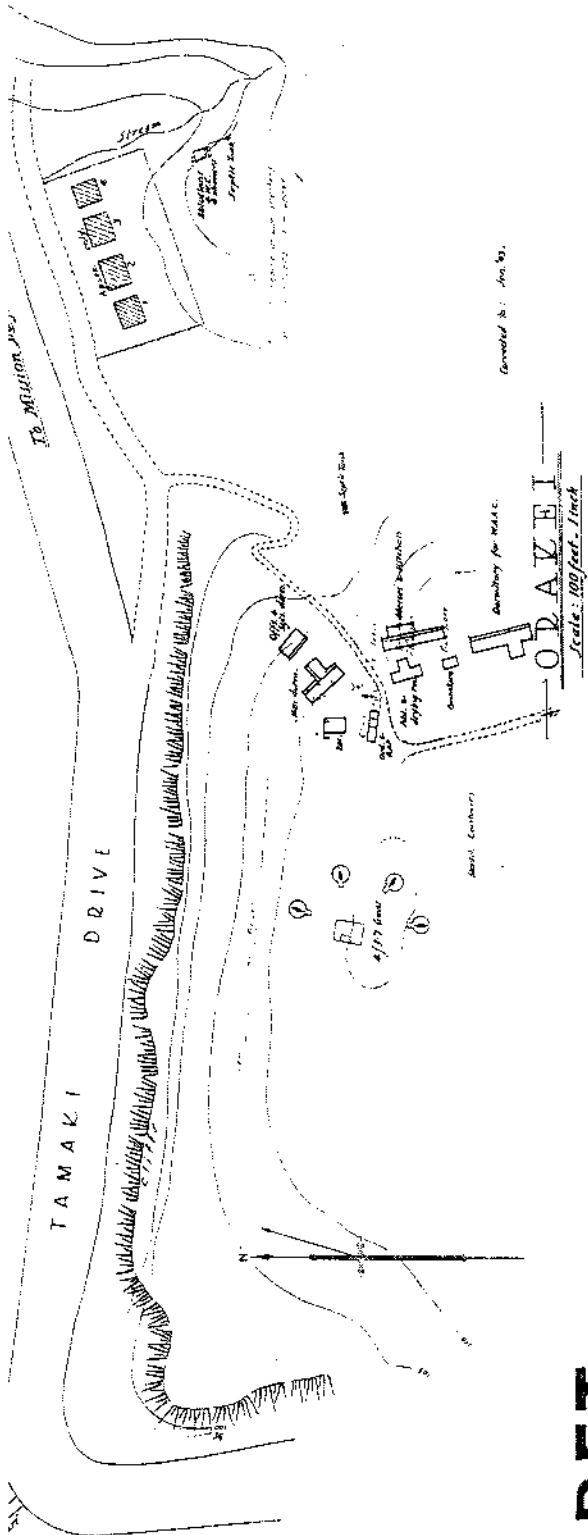
Battery	Emplacement Type	Status	Location
Alexandra Park	Type C – Mobile	Totally demolished <sup>1</sup>	In centre of trotting track
Auckland Domain	Type C – Mobile	Totally demolished	Directly behind museum
Bayswater	Type C – Mobile	Totally demolished	Bayswater Park, King Edward Avenue
Belmont	Type A	Totally demolished <sup>2</sup>	Intersection of Hamana Street and Seacliffe Avenue North Shore City
Chamberlain Park	Type A	One emplacement remains	Linwood Avenue, Mt Albert (Signposted)
Hobsonville	Type B	Two emplacements remain	Farmland off Scott Road, Waitakere City
Northcote	Type C – Mobile	Totally demolished	Onewa Domain, intersection of Northcote Road and Akoranga Drive
Orakei	Type A	All emplacements and command post remain	Takaparawha Regional Park, above Tamaki Drive
Ponsonby	Type B	Totally demolished	Playing fields, Clarence Street Intermediate School
Stanley Bay	Concrete Pad	Totally demolished	Stanley Bay Park
Te Atatu	Type C – Mobile	All emplacements and command post remain	Gunnery Park, off Beach Road, Waitakere City
Whenuapai	Type B	Two emplacements remain	Farmland off Trig Road, Waitakere City

Though totally demolished the location of the emplacements and command post can be clearly seen in aerial photographs taken by LINZ for aerial mapping purposes, the crop marks clearly show their locations. This comment applies for all demolished batteries with the exception of Auckland Domain and Belmont Batteries both of which have been completely built over.

Local mythology has at least part of one emplacement forming the wine cellar of a house built over it (unsubstantiated).



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**DETAILS OF A.A. POSITIONS AUCKLAND**

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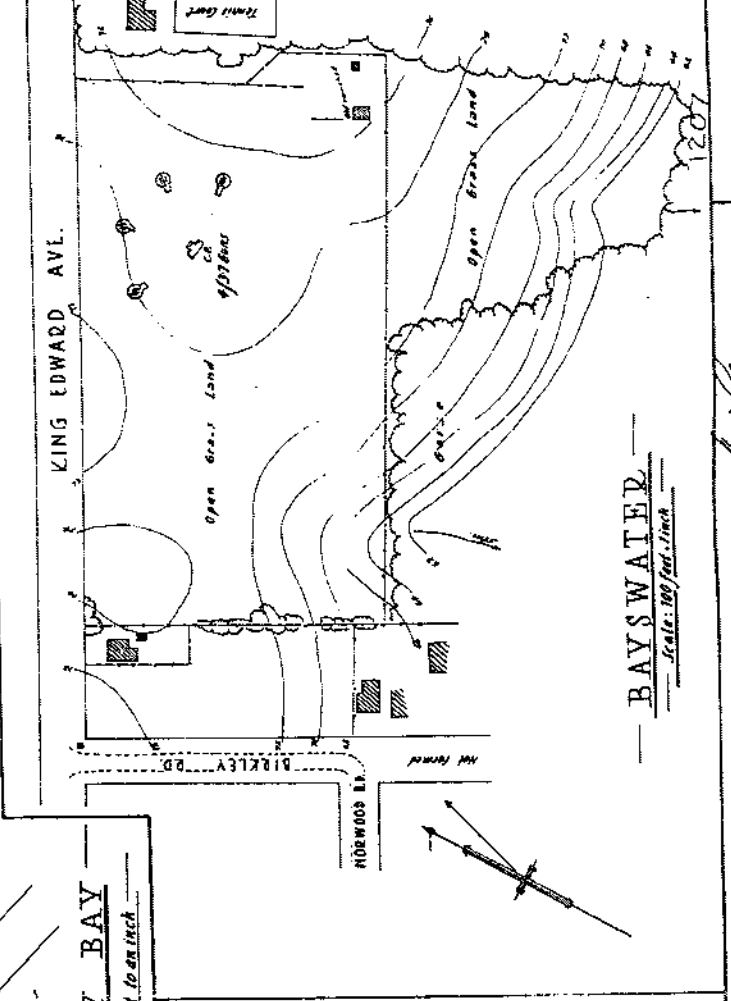
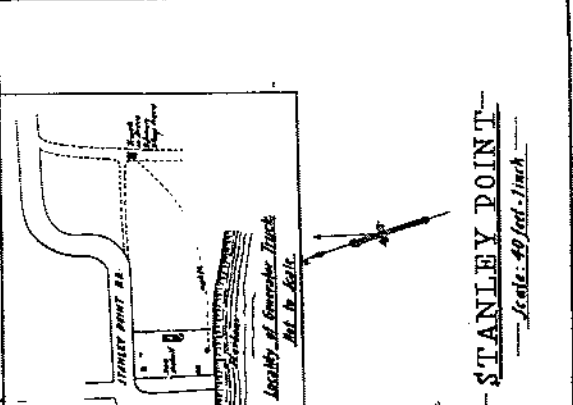
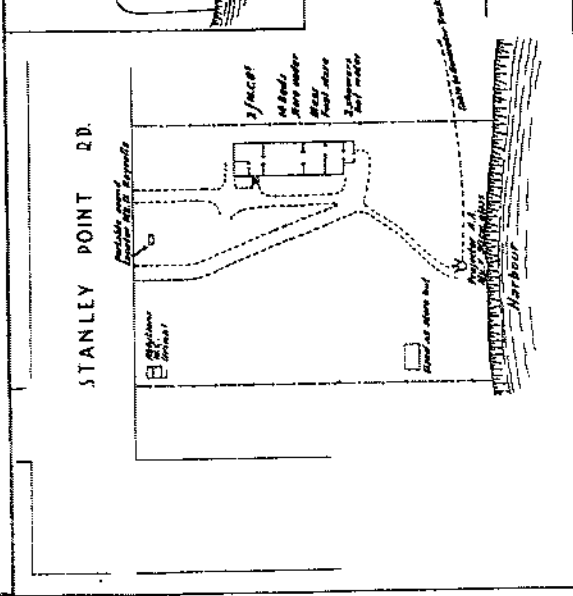
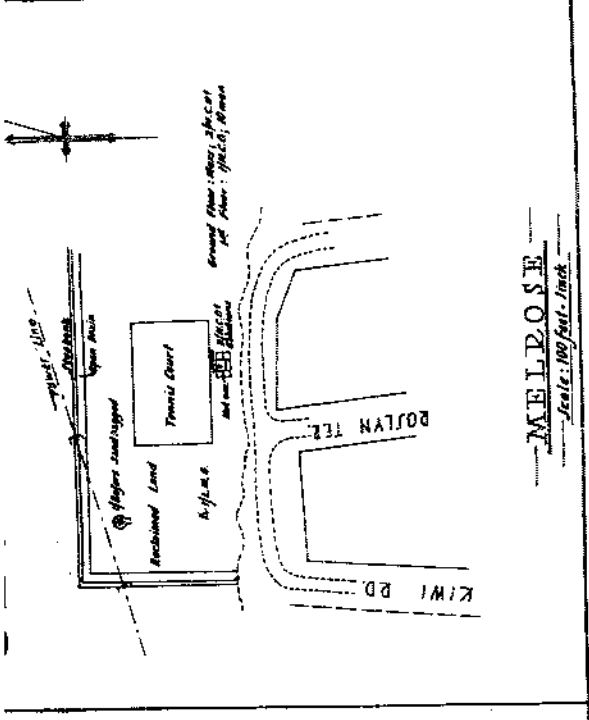
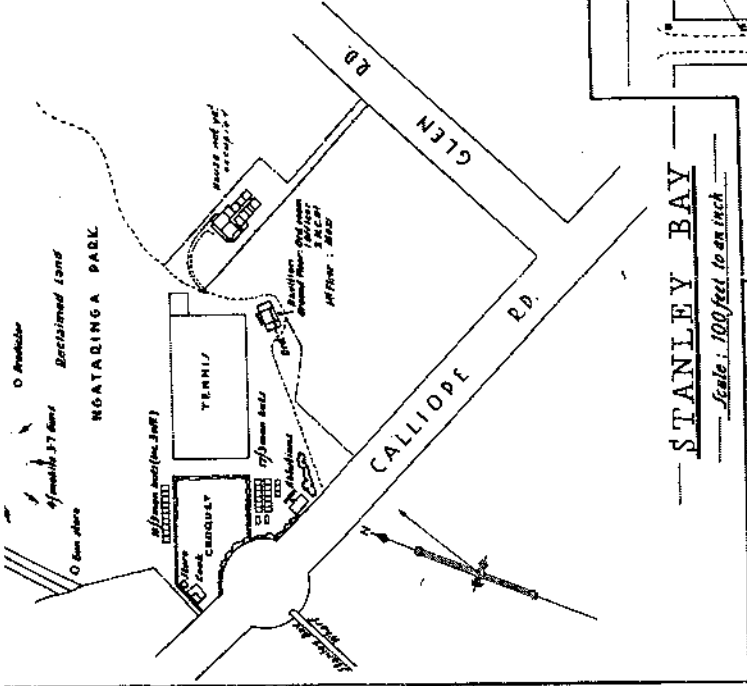
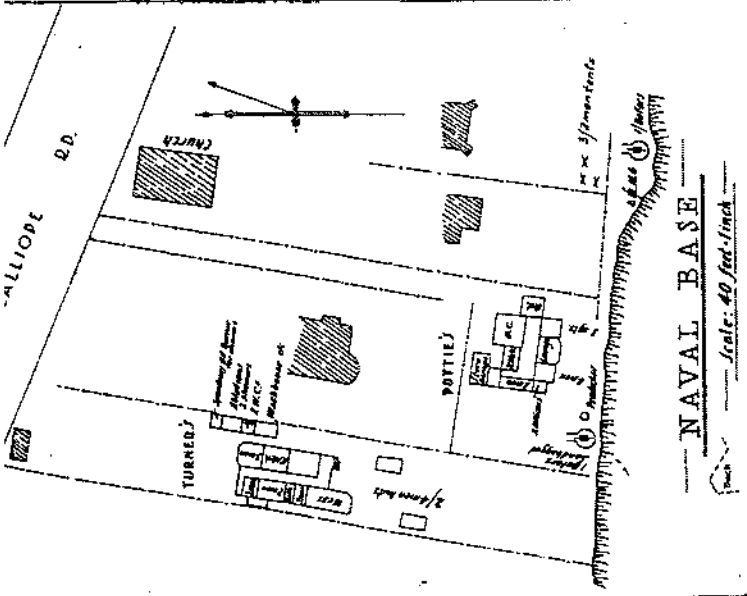
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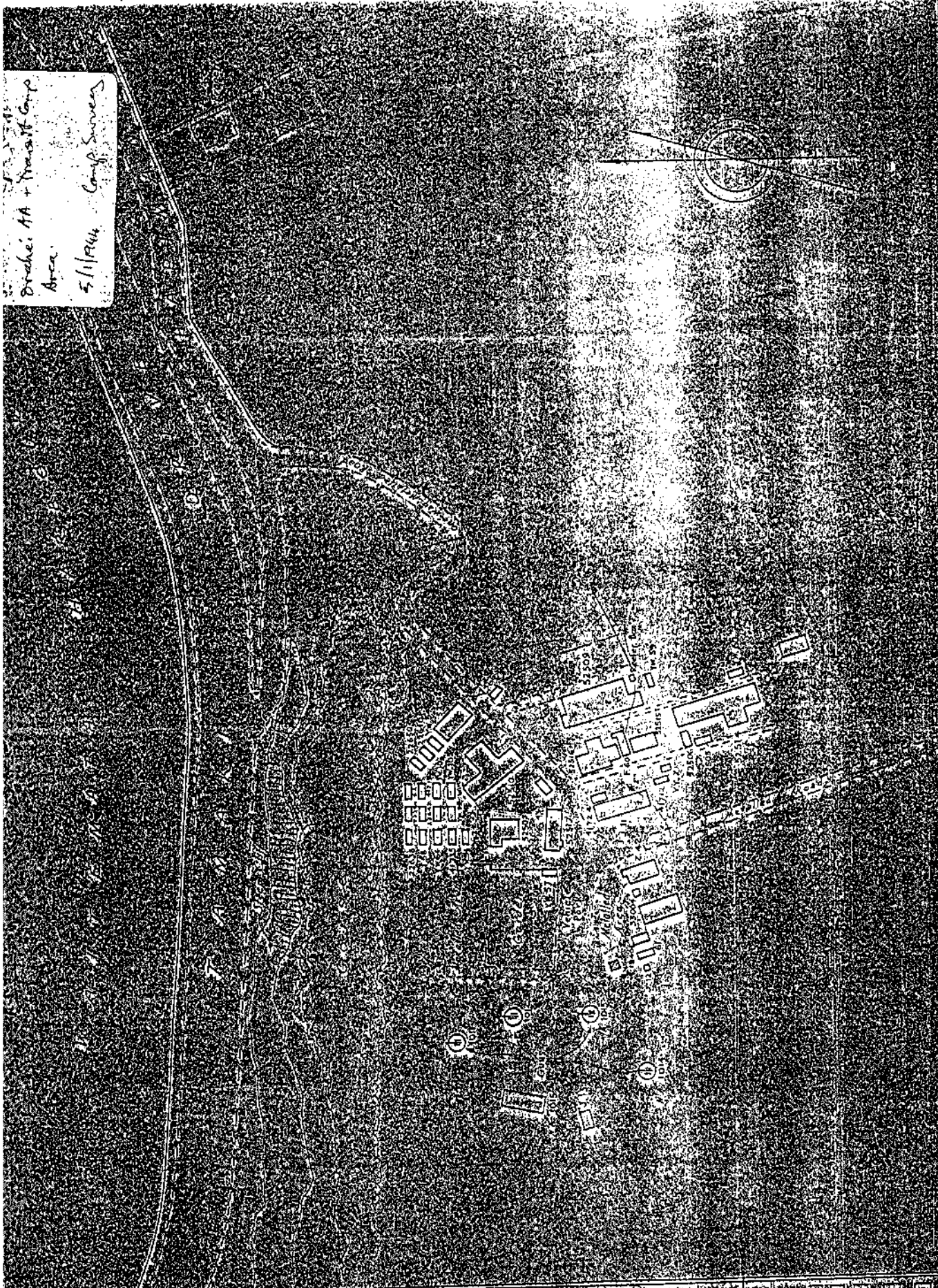
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Orakei AA + Transit Camp Area  
 5/1/1944 Camp Surveys

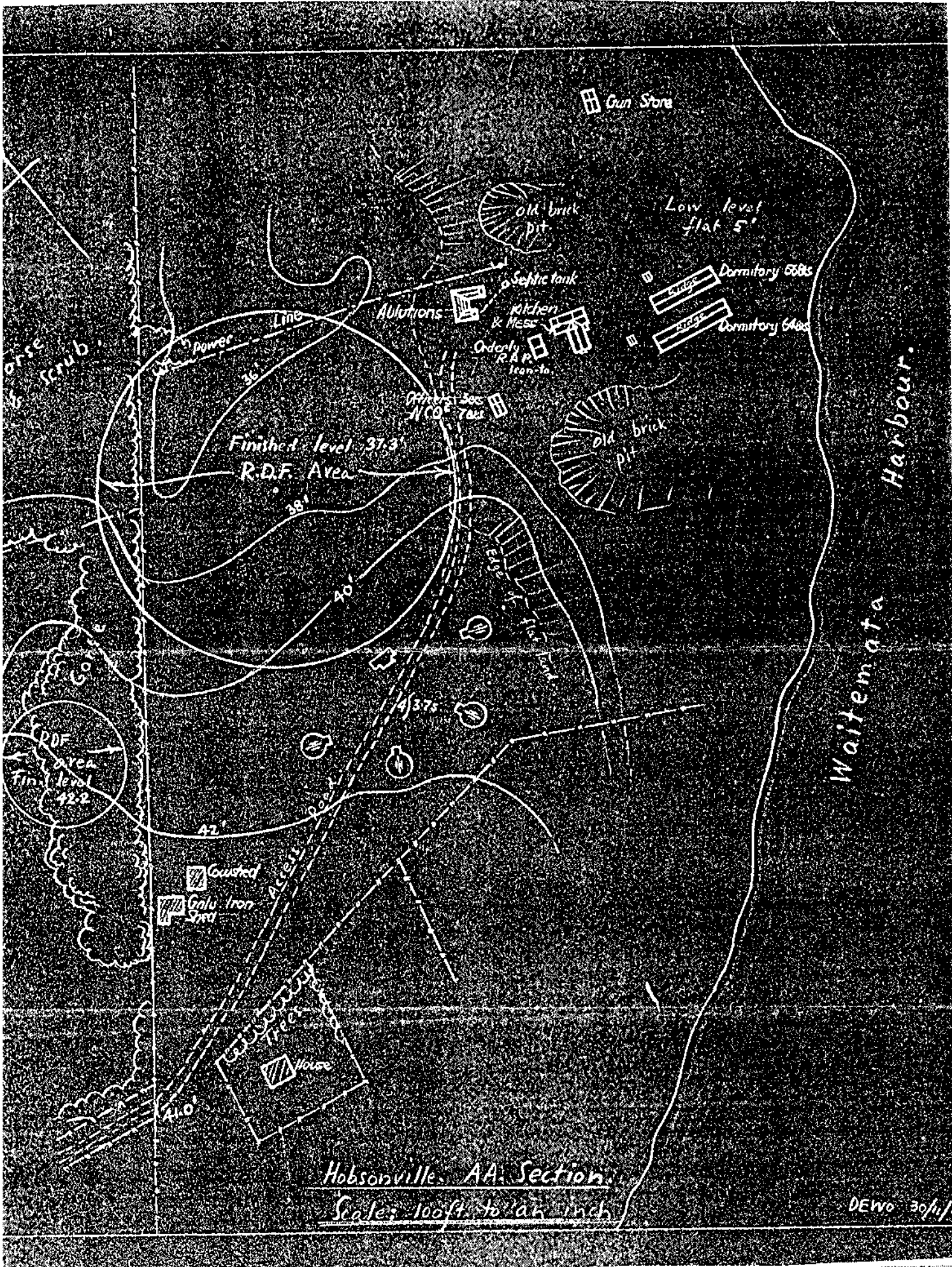


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REVISED SITE PLAN OF ORAKEI AA & TRANSIT CAMP AREA

COLLECTED FROM CAMP SURVEY PLANS DATED 5/1/1944



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