

## Heugh Battery

<b>Commenced</b>	19 December 1859
<b>Completed</b>	28 November 1860
<b>Cost</b>	£ £3,298 (including Lighthouse Battery)
<b>Map Reference</b>	552339
<b>Position</b>	On the Headland at Hartlepool
<b>Type</b>	Coast Battery
<b>Ditch</b>	None
<b>Guns</b>	2
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>	None
<b>Present use</b>	Public open area
<b>History</b>	Coast Battery
<b>Disposal</b>	to Hartlepool Corporation
<b>Condition</b>	Unkept, derelict and partially buried
<b>Access</b>	Open
<b>Sources</b>	

### Armament

<b>c1870-c1882</b>	4 x 64 pdr RML
<b>c1882-1898</b>	3 x 64 pdr RML
<b>1901-c1933</b>	2 x 6-inch Mark VII
<b>c1933-1942</b>	1 x 6-inch Mark VII
<b>1942-1956</b>	1 x 6-inch Mark XXIV (45deg)

### History and Description

The War Office leased the site of the Battery from Hartlepool Corporation from 7th December 1859 for 999 years at a peppercorn rent. The Battery was built for four guns firing en barbette with two magazines at either end. A small barracks was built at the north end of the site for a nominal garrison of nine men in reality the garrison was a master gunner as caretaker.

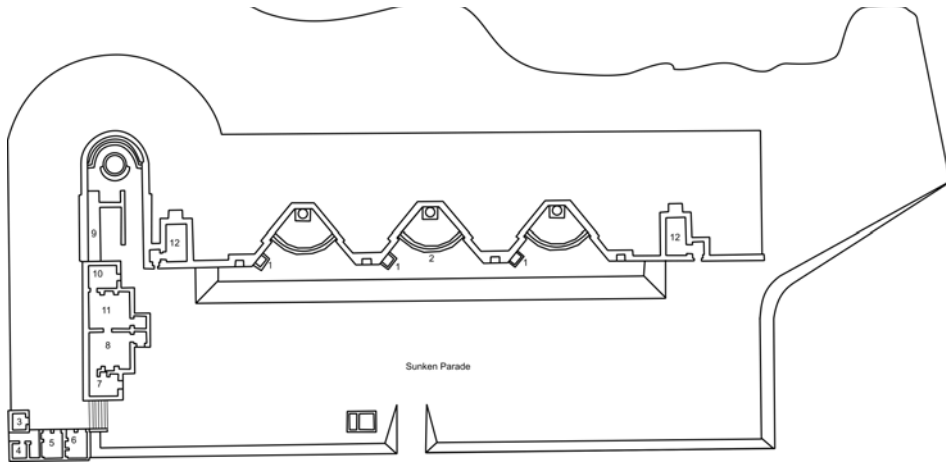
In the late eighteen eighties a traverse replaced the No 3 gun. Between April 1899 and September 1900 the Battery was completely rebuilt for two six inch Mark VII guns at a cost of £4,095 17s 5d.

In the bombardment of Hartlepool on 16th December 1914 the Battery bore the brunt of the German attack firing 108 shells. In 1928 the guns that had been in action in 1914 were dismantled and replaced by guns of a similar type; sometime prior to 1937 one gun was removed and the Battery was in effect amalgamated with Lighthouse Battery to form a single two gun battery which was the position on the outbreak of the Second World War. The left-hand gun position (No 2) was reconstructed and a Mark XXIV six inch (45deg) gun was mounted in 1942 and it remained until the dissolution of coast artillery in 1956 when it was dismantled and scrapped.

On 23 June 1958 the War Department surrendered its lease to the Corporation who then leased the Battery to the Hartlepool's Archery Club for at least ten years when it was used as a sports centre.

A poor attempt at preservation has been made at the site; the left-hand emplacement for the Mark XXIV gun remains sham of its mantlet, the gun pit filled in and the fittings removed, the right-hand emplacement is in an identical state. The Battery command post built early in 1914 survives sealed up and the underground works lie buried under asphalt. At the right-hand end of the Battery the stone work of the original battery, the southern magazine, survives. It is understood that certain monies have been made available for work at the site though in which direction is a matter of speculation in view of its past treatment.

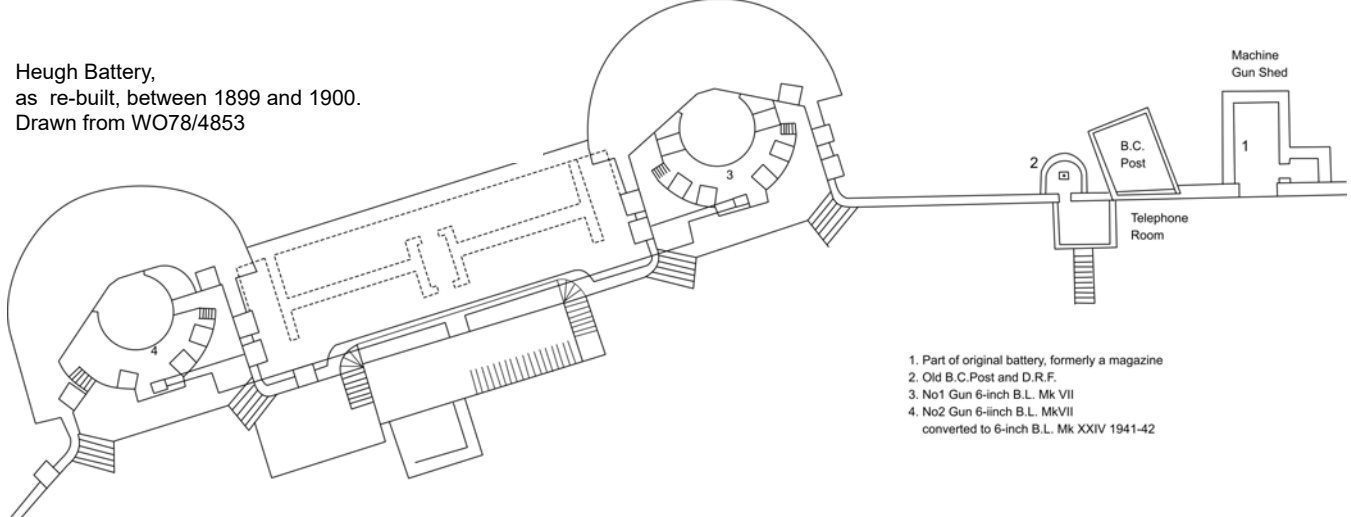
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- Heugh Battery as built**  
**Taken from Pro WO78/4111**
1. Stone shot garland
  2. Emplacement converted to traverse
  3. Coal Store
  4. W.C.s
  5. Wash House
  6. Cook House
  7. Officers' Guard Room
  8. Guard Room
  9. Side Arms Store
  10. Store
  11. Resident Gunner's Quarters
  12. Magazine

North Sea

Heugh Battery,  
 as re-built, between 1899 and 1900.  
 Drawn from WO78/4853



1. Part of original battery, formerly a magazine
2. Old B.C. Post and D.R.F.
3. No1 Gun 6-inch B.L. Mk VII
4. No2 Gun 6-inch B.L. MKVII converted to 6-inch B.L. Mk XXIV 1941-42

