

## Paull Point Battery

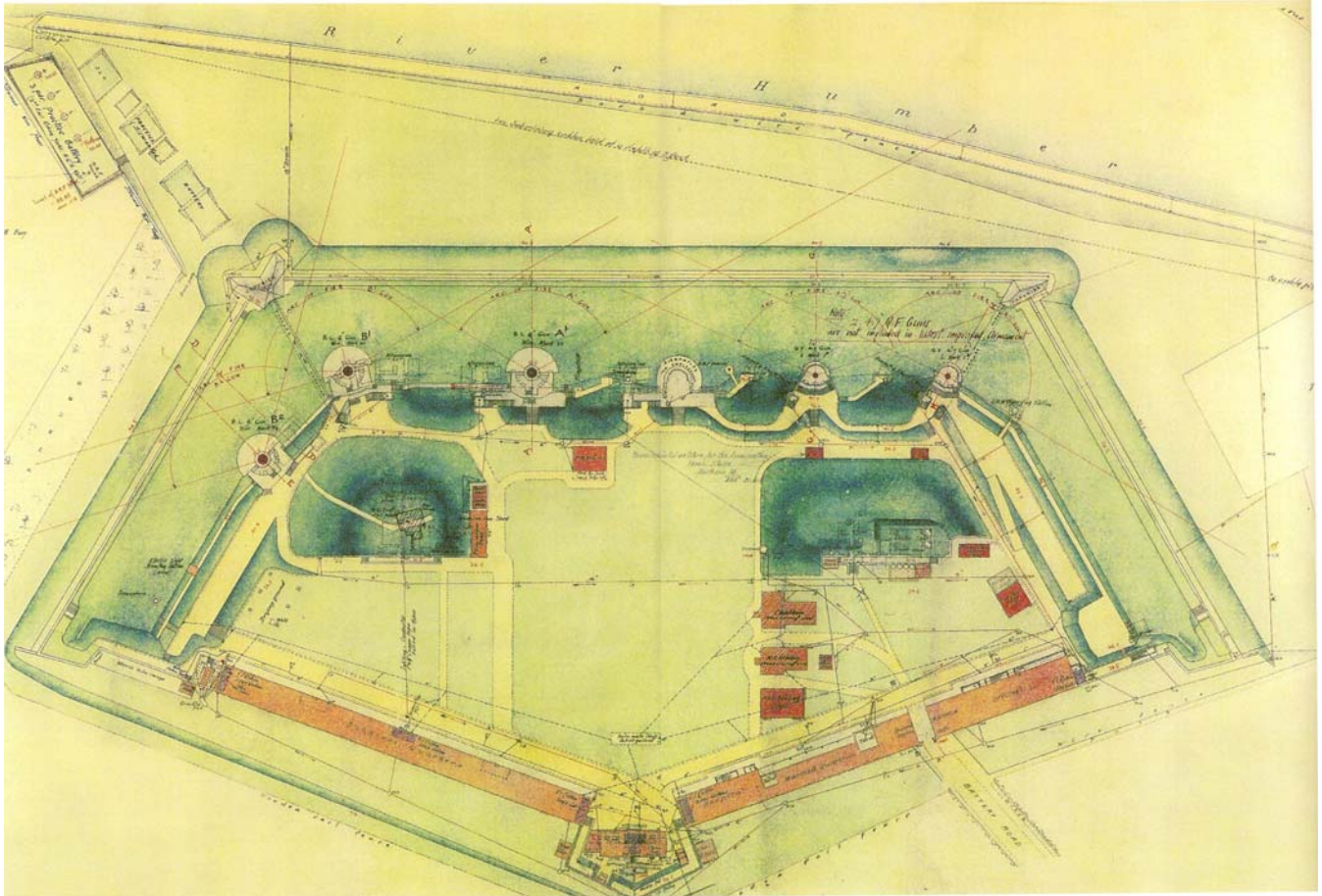
<b>Commenced</b>	1861	<b>Armament</b>	
<b>Completed</b>	1864		
<b>Cost</b>	£ Not known		
<b>Map Reference</b>	TA 169255	<b>1894</b>	19 x 64pr. R.M.L. 3 x 6-inch Mk VI HP 2 x 4.7-inch Q.F.
<b>Position</b>	North bank of R. Humber near Hull	<b>1904</b>	3 x 6-inch Mk VII 2 x 4.7-inch Q.F.
<b>Type</b>	Coast defence		
<b>Ditch</b>	Dry		
<b>Guns</b>	19		
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>	Not known		
<b>Present use</b>	Museum		
<b>History</b>	1886 Submarine Mining Est. & pier to north of fort. WWII AA ammunition store.	<b>Caponiers</b>	2 demi
<b>Disposal</b>	Sold 1961	<b>Counterscarp galleries</b>	None
<b>Condition</b>	Restored and in good order	<b>Haxo casemates</b>	None
<b>Access</b>	Open to public	<b>Moncrieff Pits</b>	3 x HP (2 modified for C.P. mountings)
<b>Sources</b>	F.S.G. 1991 conference notes, David Clarke Guardians of the Humber - J. Dorman		

### History and Description

The battery (the current owners refer to it as a Fort) replaced Hull Citadel (sold 1863) and consists of an earthwork battery (or fort) of an irregular pentagonal trace, its longest face running parallel to The Humber for some 600ft, and the two flanking faces each 300ft long. These faces consist of earth ramparts with a crenel wall. It has a dry ditch 12ft. wide flanked by two-storeyed caponiers and a defensible gorge wall, against which is built the barrack accommodation. This has a bastion at its centre with demi-caponiers at each end. The whole work is surrounded by an unclimbable fence. The entrance at the gorge is closed by steel gates. The armament of nineteen 64pr. RMLS was mounted on the terreplein of the south and west faces, behind brick embrasures with magazines below, protected by the ramparts. None of the original RML emplacements or their magazines survive and they were probably removed to make way for the later gun positions. In 1866 a submarine mining Establishment and pier were built to the north of the fort. In 1899 the fort was armed with three 6-inch guns and two 4.7-inch guns to defend the Humber Commercial Port. The 1905 Owen Committee declared the 4.7-inch guns superfluous. Circa 1907 three Electric Light Emplacements were built. Of these No.1 survives several hundred metres south of the battery. The engine house was within the fort. In 1912 an Electric Light Director and battery Command Post were added to the fort. In 1915 the 6-inch guns were removed as Sunk Island and Stallingborough Batteries became operational, but Paull Point remained the H.Q. for Humber Fire Command. In the 1920s two 6-inch guns were re-fitted for practice and were used by the T.A. In WWII the fort was used to store Anti-Aircraft ammunition. Outside the battery on the foreshore are the remains of an old RML practice battery and a 3-pounder QF battery.

It was sold to a private owner in 1961 with the later gun emplacements virtually complete. It was opened until 2019 as a museum with military and artillery displays under the name Paull Point Fort. In 2020 it was sold and the contents put up for auction.

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Paul Point after restoration