

Penarth Head Battery

Commenced	1902	Armament
Completed	1903	1903-1911
Cost	£ Unknown	2 - 6-inch Mark VII guns
Map Reference	ST 192718	1931
Position	Bristol Channel Defences Cardiff Docks	Disarmed
Type	Coast Defence	Site abandoned
Ditch	Nil	
Guns	2	
Barrack Accom.		
Present use	Nil	
History	Coast Defence	
Disposal	Abandoned 1931	
Condition	Demolished	
Access	Under housing development	
Sources	The Bristol Channel Swansea Defences by Ian Stevenson	

History and Description

The Joint Naval and Military Committee reporting in 1894 did not favour a work at Penarth for the defence of Cardiff as it was too high for any guns to cover the harbour entrance properly. The Joint Naval and Military Committees proposals were refined a few years later by the Montgomery Committee. To protect Cardiff, two six inch guns were to be mounted at Penarth Head. These were mounted in 1903. These were replaced in 1910 by two Mark VII BL guns. Two searchlights were supplied to the battery and they were mounted below it, to the right. The Battery Command Post was immediately behind the gun line.

A review in 1929 recommended that the guns be removed as they did not cover the harbour entrance sufficiently. This was quickly done and by 1931 the site was abandoned.

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