

Introduction

There is no original material in this document. It derives entirely from records in the National Archives – record numbers are given at the start of each chapter. I constructed it to help with my own research and make it available in the hope that it will be equally useful to others. It includes the following regimental and battery War Diaries:

- 60th HAA from 1941-45.
- 58th HAA from September 1940 to July 1941.
- 55th HAA from April to July 1941.
- 206/58 Battery from May 1940 to June 1941.

I used the excellent online [Map of Heavy Anti-Aircraft Gun Sites](#) and Colin Dobinson's *AA Command (Britain's Anti-Aircraft Defences of the Second World War)* to check locations.

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I include a representative selection of operation orders attached to the War Diaries, and any that I find particularly interesting.

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Glossary

A.A.C.	Anti-Aircraft Co-operation
A.A.C.O.	Anti-Aircraft Command Order

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A.A.D.C.	
A.A.M.P.	
A.B.C.A.	Army Bureau of Current Affairs [?]
A.D.G.B.	Air Defence of Great Britain
A.D.P.T.	
AEC	Assessment & Evaluation Centre [?]
A.M.P.S.	
AOP	Air Observation Post
ARP	Air Raid Precautions
B.C.	Battery Commander
B.C.O.	
Bde	Brigade
B.H.Q.	Battery Headquarters
B.S.C.	
Bty	Battery
CCS	
C.O.	Commanding Officer
C.O.T.C.	Combined Operations Training Centre (Inveraray or Toward) ¹
D.A.	Delayed Action
D.A.Q.M.G.	Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General
D.C.R.E.	Deputy Commander Royal Engineers [?]
D.R.	Despatch Rider
D.R.L.S.	Despatch Rider Letter Service
ENSA	Entertainments National Service Association
F.G.C.M.	Field General Court Martial
G.E.	General Education [?]
G.L.	Gun Laying (radar)
G.III	Operations Officer [?]
G.O.R.	Gun Operations Room
G.S.O.	General Staff Officer

¹ Inveraray was based around HMS Quebec, Toward HMS Brontosaurus.

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H.A.A.	Heavy Anti-Aircraft
H.E.	High Explosive
I.B.	Incendiary Bomb
I.F.C.	(Brigade O.C., GL)
I.G.	
M.C.	Military Cross
M.G.R.A.	Major-General, Royal Artillery
M.O.	Medical Officer
M.T.	Motor Transport
N.C.O.	Non-Commissioned Officer
O.F.C.	Operator Fire Control
O.M.E.	
O.S.F.C.	
O.S.M.	
P.A.D.	
P.M.	Parachute Mine
P.O.L.	Petrol, Oil & Lubricants
R.A.	Royal Artillery
R.A.O.C.	Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Regt	Regiment
R.H.Q.	Regimental Headquarters
S.A.	Small Arms
S.A.A.	Small Arms Ammunition
S.A.P.	Semi-Automatic Plotter
S.A.Q.C.	
S.O.I.	Standard Operating Instruction [?]
T.D.	Territorial Decoration (a long service award)
T.E.W.T.	Tactical Exercise Without Troops
T.I.	Technical Instructor [?]
T.S.I.G.	
U.T.P.	Unseen Target Procedure
V.R.D.	Vehicle Repair Depot [?]

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V.T.	Variable Time (fuze)
V.T.P.	
w.e.f.	With effect from
W.O.	Warrant Officer
W.O.S.B.	War Office Selection Board

Gun Sites

Thames & Medway

[Cassini grid](#) square wR

ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
		TS10	Fenn Street	TS19	Sutton at Home
TS2	Iwade (R.342875)	TS11	Grain 3.7	TS20	
TS3	Wetham Green (R.287868)	TS12	All Hallows	TS21	Bell Farm (R. 417911)
TS4	Rainham	TS13		TS22	Whitehall Farm (R.327958)
TS5	Twydall (O/S TQ795678)	TS14		TS23	Decoy Farm
TS6	Gibraltar Farm (226818)	TS15	Cobham	TS24	Burham
TS7	Fort Borstal	TS16	Denton	TS25	(S Bank of Thames)
TS8	Tower Hill	TS17	Northumberland Bottom 4.5	TS26	(S Bank of Thames)
TS9	Oak Street	TS18	Green Street Green		
M2	Bearstead (R.239750)	M3	Boughton Green (R.214693)		

Crewe & Cheshire

[Cassini grid](#) square vK

ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
A / H1	Leighton Grange (44/143783)	D	Wistaston (52/137742)	RHQ	Over Hall, Winsford (44/105861)
B	Meadow Ln, Warmingham (44/176797)	H2	Hassall (O/S SJ7630757515)	68 Bde	Waters Upton (61/097405)
C / H3	Weston Lane Farm (52/182747)	H4	Walgherton (O/S SJ697489)	HQ	

Donnington

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ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
H1	Limekiln Bank (61/172318)	H2	Kinnersley (61/135376)	H3	

Clyde

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ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
AN3	Kilcreggan (qN 72/724041)	AS5	Larkfield (O/S NS246765)	S2	Rogerton (qT 72/ 128792)
AN4	Chilston (O/S NS338774)	AS6	Matternock (qS 72/819936)	S4	Darnley (qT 72/ 022818)
AN5	Rosneath (qN 72/762041)	IC1	Stevenston (78/774654)	S6	Lynwood (72/950866)
AN8	Dunoon (71/664026)	IC2	Irvine (78/812596)	S8	Houston (qS 72/ 893896)
AS1	Port Glasgow (72/827961)	IC3	NK	S9	Bogside (72/873947)
AS2	Whinhill (72/774976)	N1	Hall Hill (qT 72/ 167872)	S10	Limekilnburn (73/201733)
AS3	Gourock (qS 72/734995)	N3	Black Hill (qT 72/ 078934)	S13	Moorpark (72/009887)
AS4	Flaterton (qS 72/727974)	N12	Ryding (qT 73/ 249911)		

Brighton & Shoreham

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ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
NH1	Newhaven – Earthwork	NH6	Newhaven – Beacon Road	NH11	Shoreham – Mill Hill
NH2	Newhaven – Hoddern Farm	NH7	Newhaven – Friars Bay	NH12	Brighton – Southwick / Kingston-by-Sea
NH3	Newhaven	NH8	Brighton – Blackrock / Kempton	NH13	Brighton – Hangleton / W Blatchington
NH4		NH9	Brighton – Southern Cross	NH14	Brighton – Hove
NH5	Newhaven	NH10	Shoreham		

Eastleigh

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ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
S25	Basset (U.848365)	S26	Bishopstoke (U.899386)		Hiltingbury Camp

Isle of Wight

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ID	Location	ID	Location	ID	Location
IW14	Rew Street (O/S SZ465942)	IW35	Lynn Farm (O/S SZ539894)		
IW37	Hamstead (O/S SZ408907)	IW44	Brighstone (O/S SZ418822)		