

## Torry Point Battery

<b>Commenced</b>	1860	<b>Armament</b>	
<b>Completed</b>	1861	<b>1861-1895</b>	6 x 68pdr 3 x 10-inch SB
<b>Cost</b>	£ £8,160	<b>1895-1906</b>	No Armament
<b>Map Reference</b>	NJ967056	<b>1906-1930</b>	2 x 6-inch BL MkVII
<b>Position</b>	South bank, River Dee, on Girdle Ness, East of Aberdeen	<b>1930-1940</b>	Armament withdrawn
<b>Type</b>	Coast Defence Battery.	<b>1940-1956</b>	2 x 6-inch BL Mk VII
<b>Ditch</b>	Dry with Carnot Wall.		
<b>Guns</b>	9 reducing to 2		
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>	4 officers & 51 men		
<b>Present use</b>	Public open space		
<b>History</b>	Coast Defence Battery	<b>Caponiers</b>	None
<b>Disposal</b>	1957. To Aberdeen City Council	<b>Counterscarp galleries</b>	None (Carnot Wall)
<b>Condition</b>	Fair	<b>Haxo casemates</b>	None.
<b>Access</b>	Anytime. Via path over Golf Links.	<b>Moncrieff Pits</b>	None.
<b>Sources</b>	WO27,33,78,192 CAB 3,18 & 36		

### History and Description

This battery was built to protect Aberdeen harbour and to act in conjunction with a four-gun battery that had been built slightly earlier on the northern side of the harbour entrance. By the 1880s, there were plans to replace the existing obsolete S.B. armament with modern breech loading guns; although the S.B. guns were withdrawn in 1895 it was not until nearly ten years later that the construction started on the emplacements for the two 6-inch guns in September 1904. The work was completed in January 1906 at a cost of £5592 and the two 6-inch Mk VII guns were mounted shortly afterwards. After the First World War the battery was used for training purposes until 1930 when the guns were withdrawn. Two 6-inch guns returned to the battery in 1940 and remained until scrapped in 1956.

The visible remains at the site are ironically of the Victorian battery. The entrance is through the handsome gateway with the battery's name emblazoned on it with the date 1860; immediately to the left on entering the battery are the remains of the guardhouse and two complete positions for the 10-inch SB guns from the original battery. Next to these is a grassy area underneath which lie the remains of the concrete 6-inch battery. All that remains above ground is a broken handrail. There is then a further original gun position. The gorge wall survives complete but all the buildings that were built against it have gone, as have the barracks and officers' quarters that were built in front of them. The carnot wall and ditch that surrounded the battery, and linked up with the gorge wall, survive in part, as does the remains of the two storied tower or keep that flanked the gorge wall.

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