

Templebreedy Battery

Commenced	1904	Armament	
Completed	1909	1898 Mounted	2 x 9.2-inch B.L. Mk X
Cost	£	1914	2 x 9.2-inch B.L. Mk X
Map Reference		1927	2 x 9.2-inch B.L. Mk X 2 x Lewis M.G. 6 x Vickers M.G. added.
Position	Carrick Head, Cork harbour		Disarmed Post WWII
Type	Coast defence battery		
Ditch	None		
Guns	2		
Barrack Accom.	Hutted		
Present use	Dismantled		
History	Coast Defence then Irish Naval Service.		
Disposal	1946		
Condition	Gun emplacements and some buildings remain		
Access			
Sources	Owen Report 1905 : The Defences of Cork Harbour - Redan No. 42		

History and Description

Although called a 'fort' in some documents this work is a coast defence battery and was referred to as Templebreedy Battery in the earlier defence documents. When it was decided to upgrade the armaments of the Cork harbour defences with new B.L. guns it was decided to mount the 9.2-inch B.L. Mk X guns for Fort Camden in a separate work at Carrick Rock to the south of Weaver Point at Crosshaven a mile to the south of Fort Camden. These were still in place by the outbreak of World War One. In 1938 when the Irish Authorities took over the battery the two guns were unserviceable. They were repaired by the British and at the outbreak of WWII a dummy 9.2-inch B.L. battery was built to the south of the battery The battery was dismantled in 1946, its garrison removed and all of its stores and ammunition were moved to Spike Island. The guns remained in care and maintenance until they were dismantled and scrapped some years later. Either side of the battery were searchlights with engine houses. A Q.F. practice battery was constructed between the two B.L. batteries. Another Q.F. battery was constructed to the North East.

The entrance to the battery is flanked by the caretaker's quarters one one side with the engine room and oil store on the other. The Port War Signal Station has been demolished but the gun emplacements remain with their underground magazines. The embankment behind the gun emplacements still contains the 9.2-inch Fire Command Post.

Adjacent to Templebreedy 9.2inch battery was Kilcolta Battery for two 6-inch B.L. guns which were never mounted. This is now a Pitch and Putt course.

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| 1. 9.2inch BL Battery | 8. Sergeants' Mess |
| 2. Practice Battery | 9. Canteen |
| 3. 6inch B.L. Battery (Kilcolta) | 10 Recreation Room |
| 4. Officers' Huts | 11. Battery Command Post |
| 5. Mens' Huts | 12. Blockhouse |
| 6. Port War Signal Station | 13. Electric Light Directing Station |
| 7. Position Finding Cell | |

