

Western King's Redoubt

<p>Commenced 1861 Completed 1862 Cost £ Map Reference SX 461533 Position Western King</p> <p>Type Coast Defence Battery Ditch Guns 16 Barrack Accom. Present use Open site</p> <p>History</p> <p>Disposal Condition Fair Access yes</p> <p>Sources Historic Defences of Plymouth, Pye & Woodward</p>	<p>Armament</p> <p>1885 12 x 64pr RML 1893 Right Flank South Face 4 x 64pr RML Left Flank East Face 5 x 64pr RML 1899 7 x 12pdr QF 1911 7 x 12pdr Q.F. 1918 4 x 12pdr QF 1930 2 x 12pdr QF 1941 2 x 12pdr QF 2 x twin-six pdr QFs</p> <p>Caponiers None Counterscarp galleries None Haxo casemates None Moncrieff Pits None</p>
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History and Description

Proposed by the 1860 Commission as a battery to defend the entrance to the Hamoaze, the battery was complete by 1862 when it mounted nine guns, four in the Western flank and five in the Eastern Flank. Another seven guns in the old redoubt completed the armament of sixteen guns. It was defended by a ditch along the front and loopholed walls on the flanks.

In 1885 it was armed with twelve 64pr RMLS, nine on the flanks and three in the redoubt. It was decided to retain the armament in the flanks only on blocked-up carriages and by 1893 its armament was reduced to nine. It was then proposed to mount two 12pdr QF guns in each flank. In 1899 it was replaced by a QF battery for seven 12pdr QF guns in a new battery built over the site of the West flank and redoubt.

By 1911 a cookhouse shelter and ablution block had been added to the East. Between 1896 and 1898 the eastern loophole wall was extended and a new entrance to the battery was built. The QFs remained until at least 1910 but by 1918 only four remained and by 1930 only two. All seven of the QF emplacements survive complete.

Below the 12pdr QF battery two emplacements for twin-six pdr QF guns were added in 1941. The guns were dismantled in 1956.

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