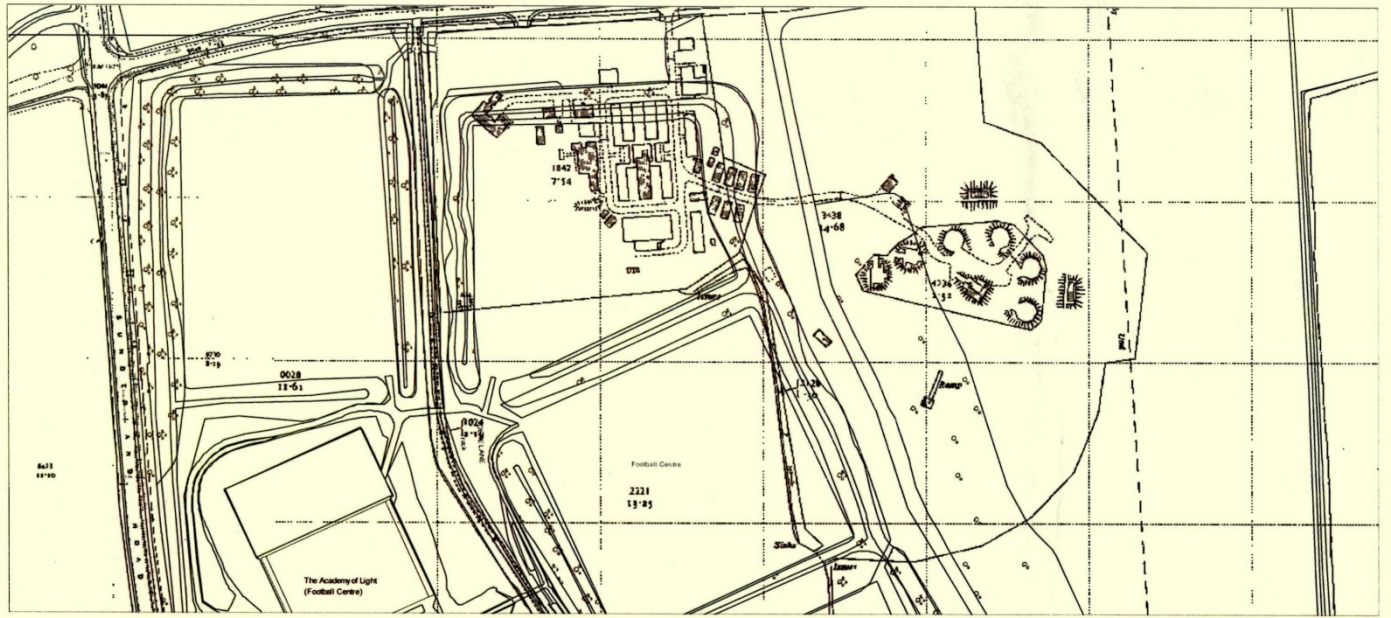




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Cleadon Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery “Tyne O” (HER 4912)



Cleadon Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery designated “Tyne O” from a map dated 1954

The above map shows the outline of the old Cleadon Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery which was designated the code “Tyne O” with the current outline of the Sunderland Association Football Club’s training ground imposed over the original site layout.

Information exists to show that the site was derelict by 1956 with some demolition of the western portion of buildings which appear on the above plan to the left of the main gun positions to the right of the plan. By 1965 most of the western buildings had been demolished with those on the eastern side (right of plan) still remaining.

It is believed that this Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery site was manned by Territorial Army Units of the Royal Artillery and the battery was in operation from February 1940 through to January 1946. The site was downgraded in the early 1950’s to unmanned unit ready for rapid response. The site was finally stood down in 1956 and was probably returned to the land owner in the early 1960’s

The battery site was classified as a fixed site which included, anti-aircraft guns, a gun laying radar, machine gun posts around the site, a magazine, canteen, guardhouse, pillbox, gun store, barracks, and a Bofors gun pit. The site was protected by a barbed wire fence.

The Boldon Camp Heritage Group believe that Boldon Camp would have been the depot to supply ammunition to the anti-aircraft guns located at the Cleadon Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery. Research is ongoing.