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BALLYMAGLAFF

Raths

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BALLYMAGLAFF
CS 10; IG 147

ENCLOSURE

300ft+ OD
J 4120 7075

On the SE tip of a low curved, spur of land with commanding views to the S. and W. in a pasture field W. of Ballymaglaff House. It is bounded by quickthorn hedges and a line of pine trees to the N. There is the clear impression of a grass-covered, circular, flat-topped area sloping slightly to the S, level with the field surface and measuring 25.5 m N-S, and 25 m E-W. There is no visible evidence of a bank. The interior is surrounded by the shallow, bread dip of the ploughed-out ditch which measures about 5.0 m wide and is between 0.5 m and 0.3 m deep. The ditch is continuous without any evidence of a causeway which might indicate an entrance. The field boundary curving round the tip of the spur also defines the exterior limit of the ditch and there is a scarped drop of about 1.0 m to the field to the SW. To the N. there is the possible suggestion of a second ditch. On the western side the td. boundary with Gilnahirk curves round the site.

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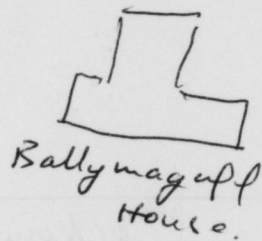
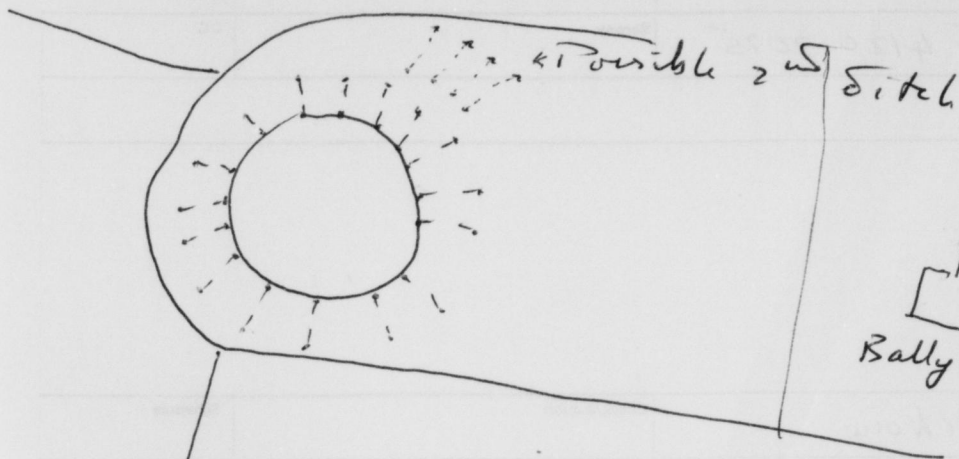
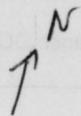
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Historic Monuments and Buildings Branch DOENI

MR Down 10:9	Td BALLYMAGLAFF	Type Enclosure	
No.	Site Name	Parish	Alt 300'±
G 147.	GR J 4120 7075	Barony	DC

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VB

Condition 03 Some remains	Threat 01 None	Check/Action	Schedule
Land use 361 Pasture	Field boundaries g. thorn & mature pie trees		
Site description	Photos? ✓		

On the SW tip of a curved spur of land with commanding views to the S + W. - a field to the W of Ballymaglaff House.

There are the clear vertices of a circular flat topped low mound surrounded by a broad dip of the filled-in ditch. In turn slope slightly to SW. & is level with field.

There is the possible suggestion of ^{a 2nd} outer ditch at the N. No bank survives.

The rath field rises c. 1 m above surround fields at SW & W & NW.

The whole site is grassed covered & recently grazed by cattle.

Diam c. 25.5 m N-S
c. 25 m E-W

Ditch - pos 0.50 m at SW
to 0.30 m at E height
c. 5 m wide

OVER

Visited by

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Date of visit

1/3/94

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FIELD RECORD


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SITE NO	Td.	TYPE	ALT.
O.S. 6" I.G. Down 10:9	BALLYMAGLAF	Rath	

PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS

GRID REF.

On td. boundary with
Ballyhanwood - boundary
curves around site.

1. 'fort' 
2. 'site of fort' + dots
3. not shown, but hedge
in td: boundary + curve
in hedge / fence

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THREATS AND/OR CHECKS

FURTHER ACTION

PAR

SITE REPORT

G.R.

O.S. 6"
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CONDITION



Ulster Museum
Botanic Gardens Belfast
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21st September, 1982

Mrs. Anne Given,
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Department of the Environment (N.I.),
66, Balmoral Avenue,
BELFAST 9.

Dear Anne,

An addition to the other, that you may get before or after this. Not part of Templepatrick Survey, but just a stray find as it were. You may well already have it. Townland is Ballymaglaff, Co. Down.

Yours,

RICHARD