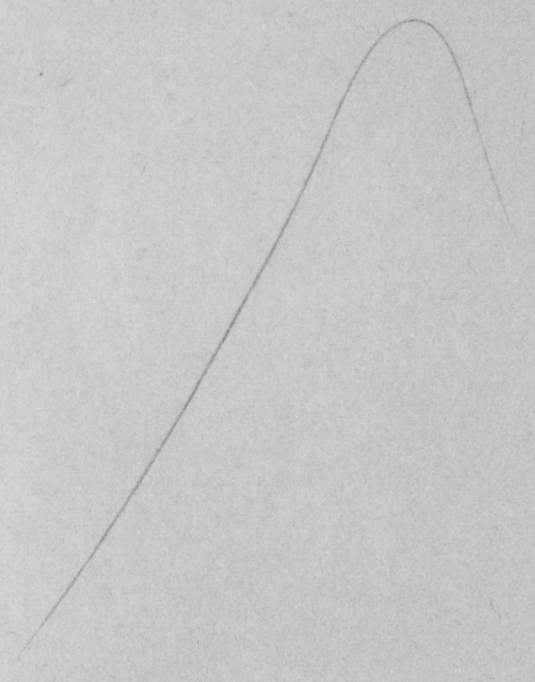


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DROMOREBRAGUE
HILLFORT

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DROMOREBRAGUE
CS 34; IG 220/237

HILLFORT

486 ft + OD
J 134 416

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This site is still quite impressive, although some 52 m of the northern extent of the site has been removed, where the bank and ditch would have been situated, (NB in the northern field marked on the OS six-inch map 1931). The interior has also been recently reseeded, and is level in appearance.

The site stands proud of the Exterior field surface around it's surviving curve, that has hedge vegetation growth. There is also an arc of ditch waterlogged in places, running around on the outside of the bank. The bank is upstanding at varying heights, some low above the interior.

The diameter of the site is 71 m E-W, and the interior slopes gradually towards the N. At the WSW the bank stands 1.25 m above the interior, and is 5.4 m wide and 2.35 m above the ditch. The ditch at the WNW is 1.4 m wide and 1 m below the exterior field surface.

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Hillfort

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SMR DOWN 34:32	Td DROMOREBRAGUE	Type HILLFORT		
A No.	Site Name	Parish AGHADERG	Alt	
IG	GR J134 416 Minor contour	Barony	DC	
OS				
NB Very impressive site - breathtaking view. * The field to the W is silted - Turkeys grazed on by sheep - <u>no finds</u> Threat value				
Condition Sub. remains	Threat	Check/Action	Schedule NO	
Land use * Improved grassland	Field boundaries hedges			
Site description Belted mts can be seen to NE	Photos? No			
<p>On a hill with excellent view to the S-SW-W-NW.</p> <p>The ground falls to the SE with excellent view in this direction. There are panoramic views in these directions over rolling countryside.</p> <p>The ground falls sharply to NNW & NE. There is a curve of ditch surrounding ground outer side of site.</p> <p>The interior has recently been reseeded, it is 71m across E-W & slopes towards the N.</p> <p>The northern extent of the site has been removed some 52m.</p> <p>This site sits <u>round</u> of the field surface around its surrounding curve.</p>				
Visited by N. Cunningham	Date of visit July 1993	SM.2	Input	

OVER

The bank is also upstanding, at varying heights
Some low.

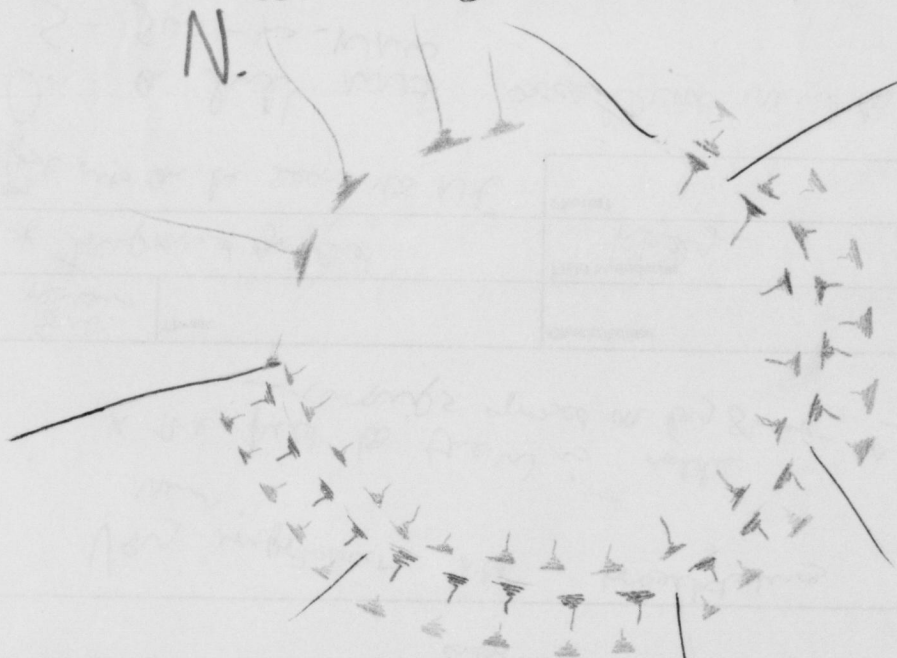
At the WSW it is 1.25 m above int.

A 5.40 m wide & 2.35 m above ditch.

The ditch survives in some
form all around levee - waterlogged in places.

At the WNW it is 1.40 m wide
& 1 m below sd field surface.

The curve of site is ringed
with hedge vegetation



HEDGE VEGETATION

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TD DROMOREBRAGUE

CO DOWN

PARISH AGHADERG

O.S. 34:32

Hillfort

400'
486'Kt. 'Dromorebrague Fort' + oval
bank.

2nd. Polygonal bank

3rd }
4th } polygonal platform

Field Visits

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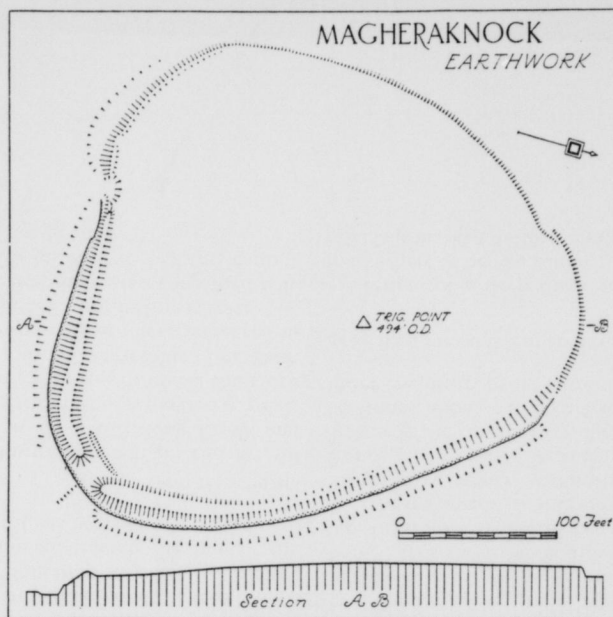


FIG. 88 (No. 434).

436. DROMOREBRAGUE Td o.s. 34. Grid ref. 134416

An enclosure on a 480 ft. o.d. rise, 300 ft. by 250 ft. It has a good wet ditch well preserved in places. The bank in parts stands 4 ft. above the inside area and 8 ft. above the water in the ditch. The position of the original entrance is not clear.

The following elongated enclosures on ridge-tops seem to have been less massive:

437. BALLYKINE LOWER Td o.s. 22. Grid ref. 348538

Slight remains of an oval earthwork 90 ft. by 180 ft. on top of a ridge at a little over 300 ft. o.d. It is marked on the O.S. 6-in. map as a field boundary, but now largely removed, though the line of the bank and ditch are still easily visible on the E.

438. MONEYSLANE Td o.s. 35. Grid ref. 260398

An elongated enclosure squarish on the E. and rounded on the W., about 250 ft. long E.-W. and 130 ft. N.-S., set along the crest of a 400 ft. o.d. ridge. The interior is raised about 3-4 ft. above the ridge on the N.W., where a ditch is traceable. The bank has been levelled elsewhere (save where preserved in a field boundary on the S.E.) but its line is traceable.

The 1865 O.S. 6-in. map suggests a conjoined pair of raths, or a rath with an annexe, but this cannot be substantiated on the ground.

LARGER ENCLOSURES

The following larger enclosures with fairly strong banks and ditches are on low or unimpressive sites:

440. DRUMNASCAMPH Td. o.s. 42. Grid ref. 224327

An earthwork 200 ft. across, with somewhat straightish sides, on a lower rise, overlooked from higher ground to the W. It has a fairly well preserved bank and ditch all round.

441. MAYO Td o.s. 51. Grid ref. 165252

A large enclosure about 280 ft. across, surrounded by a bank (of piled stone) and ditch fairly imposing in places (10 ft. from bottom of ditch to top of bank). It is set on a shoulder a little below 600 ft. o.d. overlooked from an 800 ft. ridge to the south. It is pear-shaped, coming down to an angle at the lowest part, where was probably the original entrance (the one in the south side being cut later). Towards the centre, over the highest point, a ring of stones about 110 ft. across might represent an inner enclosure, or no more than a tree ring.

442. BALLYMONEY Td: SOLITUDE

o.s. 27. Grid ref. 141482

Vestiges of a deep ditch can be seen beside the road where it bends, round the W. side of a 300 ft. hill. It is marked as 'fort' on the 1834 O.S. 6-in. map.