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DRUMMANAGELLY: Rath - Blackwoods Fort

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CS 36: IG 223

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'Blackwood's Fort'

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FIELD RECORD

SITE NO	Td.	TYPE	ALT.
O.S. 6" 223 I.G. <u>Down 36:10 DRUMANAKELLY</u>		RATH	
PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS		GRID REF.	

'BLACKWOOD'S Fort'

468. DRUMANAKELLY TD: BLACKWOOD'S FORT
o.s. 36. Grid ref. 391440

A rath set on an expansive gently sloping drumlin at 400 ft. o.d. It has a good inner bank, a deep ditch and an outer bank preserved to 4-5 ft. in

parts. In the interior a slightly raised area riddled with rabbit burrows may be the site of a house.

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Arch Surv. Co. Down

THREATS AND/OR CHECKS	FURTHER ACTION

SITE REPORT

Sited at the N. end of a drumlin ridge with excellent views and ground sloping away steeply at North. This well preserved rath slopes down to an entrance at east. The area of possible structure (HSCD 155-6) is too large to be a single dwelling and may, if anything, be two houses. The interior is thick with grass and is surrounded by a flat-topped, well preserved bank. It towers above the ditch ~~which~~ which is somewhat overgrown with whin. The outer ditch is best preserved from east to south to west - it is partly flattened along the N. side. The field around the site is sown in winter barley and ploughing has encroached right up to the outer edge of the counterscarp.

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CONDITION

Drams N-S 29m
E-W 31m

Possible structure at N.W \rightarrow 15m x 7.5m x .50m high.

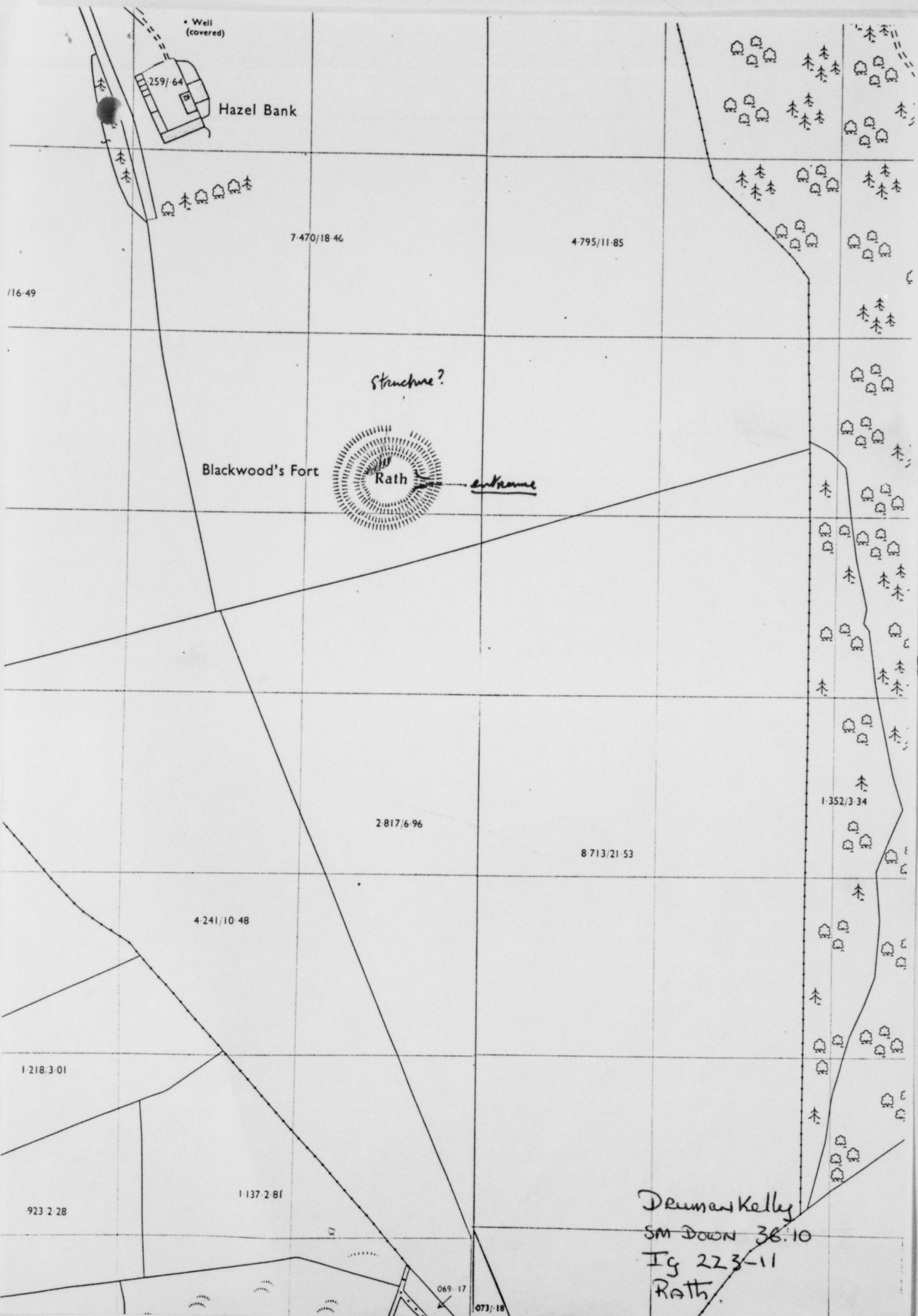
Bank: wide 6.50m
high 1.30m
above ditch 3.20m

Ditch 3.50m wide
2.50m deep

C'scarp 7m wide
1.50m above ear.

Entrance: 1.80m wide - possible stone revetment.

C. Foley 20.12.78



• Well (covered)

259/64

Hazel Bank

7-470/18-46

4-795/11-85

116-49

Structure?

Blackwood's Fort

Rath

entrance

2-817/6-96

8-713/21-53

1-352/3-34

4-241/10-48

1-218/3-01

9-23/2-28

1-137/2-81

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Comberscamp rath - Would photograph well from the air

Sited at the N. end of a drumlin ridge with excellent views + ground becoming steeply away to N.

This well-preserved rath has an entrance sloping down towards an E. entrance. The area of possible structure (ASCD 155,6) is too large to be a single dwelling + may be a pair of houses - The int. is very dense in grass which has not been recently grazed. The perimeter bank is well preserved and of even height all around + is flat-topped. It towers over the ditch - somewhat overgrown with whin. The outer bank is best preserved from East to S. to West - along N. it is partially feathered. The field around is sown in winter barley + Hedgesing B. had come right up to outer edge of Comberscamp.

Diams N-S 29m
Pos. Structure E-W 31m
at N.W. = 15m x 7.5m x .50m high
Bank - wide 6.50m
high 1.30m
32cm above ditch
Ditch wide 3.5m
deep 2.50m
Camp wide 7m
1.5m above ditch

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ent: 120 m wide / possible stone revett.

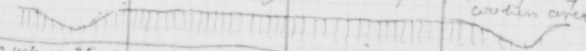
15/10/49
 Sunday
 4 gulls from police trucks
 3 gulls
 + 3 plants etc

DHW Notes on Co Down RATS - to be identified for 975 SH7

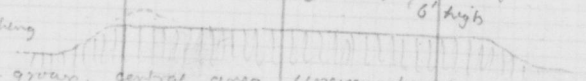
1. Black Woods Fort. Dams 36 xxx

about 26 yards across inside bank. Gull well preserved rampart, ditch and c'scorp bank, in places levelled by rabbits. Ditch wet, but several dry places. Site quite unencumbered by vegetation. Damp places within bank, and rabbits have been at work in one place. No sign of plunging within. Some stone can be seen both in rampart and in c'scorp bank. Possible entrance on E - gap in bank, doorway over ditch - but may be a masonry breach, uncertain. Total of "underground passage" in this fort. On ford property.

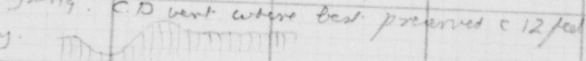
2. Ditch only enclosing circular area, 36 yards from inner lip of ditch to inner lip of ditch. Ditches wet in places. Slight traces of bank. Perimeter of area overgrown by grass but centre in pretty grass. No signs of plunging within area.



3. Oval area, 50 yds x 35 yds approx. flat topped, delimited by scarp, but slight traces of bank in places. 6" high. No signs of plunging within area. Perimeter grass-grown, central area unencumbered.



4. 32 yds diam. round enclosure, both perimeter and ditch, and bank in places, preserved. Bank very slight. Area free of bushes, perimeter covered by thorn or grass not very dense. Undulating area, bearing rushes. No certain signs of plunging. C.D. vent where best preserved c 12 feet. ditch is dry.



5. N. of Carrreagh Ho. xx round enc. 35 yds diam. Ditch is fairly S. on N + E, and to be seen on W, but is very well preserved - and partially wet - on S. entrance? on E. Inside area quite clear. No signs of plunging.

