

Invergordon WWI Sites

Sites with surviving remains

	<i>What is it</i>	<i>What remains</i>	<i>Built when?</i>	<i>Source of information</i>	<i>Other comments</i>	<i>Site No.</i>
	Generating Station near Church	Building survives	Probably WWI	WWI plans	Used for pumping oil into the 1980s.	2
	Generating station on Joss Street	Now Joss Street Motors	Probably WWI	WWI plans	RCAHMS with picture of wartime interior. Interior renovated so no wartime remains left inside.	3
	Naval Hospital (Cromlet Drive)	Main building survives. Wooden buildings around it were taken down after the war.	Just before WWI	Appears on WWI plans, including annotated version with different functions for different buildings. On WWI aerial photo.	The main building was originally built as an Officer's Club, but was taken over to become a small hospital, ideally situated near the train to take patients to the ambulance trains.	7
	Church Hall	Part of the existing church hall dates to before WWI.	Pre WWI	Fraser, Duncan 1946. <i>The Story of Invergordon Church.</i>	It served as a recreation area and meeting room for clubs – and briefly as a hospital during an epidemic.	1

	Invergordon Station	Station is still in use, though footbridge is gone.	Pre WWI	WWI plans. Pratt, E. 1921. <i>British Railways and the Great War. Organisation, efforts, difficulties and achievements.</i>	The WWI plans show that the station was taken over by the military. It was open from 6am to 1am.	6
	Naval Storehouse, now part of Travis Perkins	One building. The annexe listed on the WWI plan appears to have a newer building on the site	?	WWI plans		9
	Park School	Old school building still in use	Pre WWI	Park School 1994. <i>Invergordon. The Great War 1914-1918</i>	Various army personnel said to have occupied the school, with secondary pupils having to go to Dingwall.	4
	33 High Street - Drill Hall (accommodation)	The house for the Drill sergeant survives, but the hall no longer does. It burnt down, perhaps in the late 1940s/early 1950s.	Pre WWI	Valuation rolls, old photos	The drill hall and accommodation was located at 33 High Street, and extended far back along the lane. After the drill hall burnt down it moved to a new location in Joss Street. A modern dental office is currently on the site.	
	Currently Invergordon Arts Centre	Building survives.	1871	Hornsey, Brian. <i>A Cinema Miscellany. Part 6. Scotland 1.</i>	This was the Town Hall, built in 1871. During the war it was used as a cinema. It is not clear if the military made more use of the building as well.	10

	Post Office	Building survives, and still in use as a post office sorting office.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	In 1904 the post office was to the east at the corner with Castle Road. It is not clear if it had moved to this location before the war. There was also a post office for the dockyard built during the war, situated near the hutments.	
	Superintending Chief Engineers offices and drawing office	Building survives, but shop fronts obscure the details.	Pre WWI	WWI plans		12, 11
	Ship Inn	Building survives with additions	Pre WWI	Valuation rolls, WWI plans	According to the Valuation rolls, during WWI this was owned by the Admiralty. The plans suggest it was used as Naval Store Offices.	16
	Victualling Store Offices	Building survives.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	The building situated to the east of the Ship Inn is listed as a Victualling Store Office on the WWI plans.	16
	Captain of Dockyard Offices		Pre WWI	WWI plans	This building was originally the Customs House for the harbour. It has been extensively modified over the years.	20

	West Pier	Pier survives, but it was not inspected to see what changes have been made since WWI.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	The West Pier had a muster station and victualling store at the end of it. Beyond the pier were the three ships used for dockyard workers' housing, and the floating docks.	18
	Central Pier	Pier is currently shorter, but the railway lines can still be seen running along it.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	Even before WWI the Central Pier had a railway line going along its length. In WWI it was longer, with offices and a Naval picket house at the end.	19
 Warships in Aberdeen Harbour	Admiralty Pier	The wooden pilings have been replaced in all but the west jetty, and part of the east jetty no longer survives.	WWI, or just before	WWI plans	The railway lines along the pier are still visible. In WWI it had offices at the end. Currently the pier is used for the cruise liners. The signal station at the end dates to WWII.	21
	Detention Hospital for Army	Building survives.	1901	Valuation rolls	The Masonic Lodge, built in 1901, was taken over to become the detention hospital for army personnel.	15
	Commercial Hotel	Building survives.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	According to the plans, the hotel was completely taken over by the military.	13
	Smithy	Building now converted to flats.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	This building is an 18 th century girnel (storehouse). It was incorporated into an industrial complex in WWI.	24

	Machine Shop	Partially survives. The ground floor of one bay is currently a restaurant.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	The Machine shop used the old Bone Mill, which had a railway line going into the building even before WWI.	24
	Fitting Shop	Only a low section of the north wall and the floor, preserving a section of rail, survive.	WWI	WWI plans	Wartime photos of the interior show it to be a high building with gantries and workshops. A rail line led into the interior.	24
	Oakes Villa Stores	Converted to housing.	Pre WWI	WWI plans	The building was used as the Superintending Civil Engineer's shops and stores. To the south near the shore were the offices which no longer survive.	26
	YWCA	Surviving, currently Tucker's Inn, with modern conservatory in front.	WWI	WWI plans	The YWCA later became the Viewfirth Hotel.	29
	6 Officer's Houses	All survive, with varying amount of renovations.	WWI	WWI plans, valuation rolls and photos	Constructed for the dockyard officers.	31
	126 Dockyard Workers' Houses	Surviving.	WWI	WWI plans, photos, valuation rolls	Constructed for married dockyard workers	32
	Oil tanks	All but one surviving.	Pre WWI and WWI	WWI plans and photos	10 constructed before WWI and a further 31 during the war. One bombed in WWII. After WWI additional oil tanks and berms to curtail spillage were built in Invergordon.	

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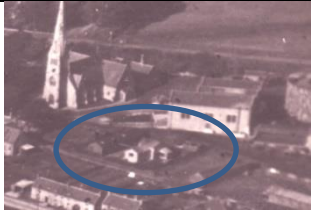
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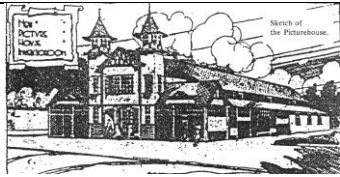
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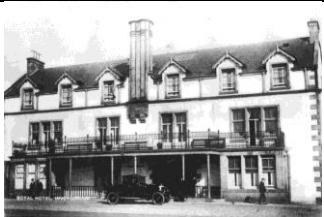
The 2nd edition OS map surveyed 1904 shows railway lines for the mainline leading north, sidings to the west of the station, a branch leading to the sawmill and slaughter house to the west of the station, a line going along the shore terminating in the Bone Mill, and a branch going down the eastern of the two piers. There were many more lines constructed during WWI. The branch line along the shore continued out to Saltburn, probably to a pit for sand/gravel. Lines into the buildings continued into the Fitting shop and Foundry. Branch lines went to the Oakes Villa Stores. The new Admiralty pier had two sets of tracks. Branch lines from the mainline came down to a coal pound and behind the eastern hospital. Most of these lines and sidings appear to have been taken away after WWI, although the ones running through the workshop buildings continue into WWII times. Sources: WWI and WWII plans, aerial photos. See also Pratt, Edwin 1921. *British Railways and the Great War. Organisation, efforts, difficulties and achievements.*

Note: aerial photographs are from Invergordon Museum 2006.VMS.0046 which dates to WWI. Other photos are from Invergordon Museum or project participants.

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	Army barracks above Cromlet drive	Taken down after WWI. The huts do not appear in the 1930s aerial photograph.	During WWI	Can see in aerial photos and some old postcards of the west end of Invergordon	Some are depicted on the naval plan, but not many because they were army. They could accommodate c. 2000 men.	8
	Dockyard hutments, scattered from north of Joss street to area of dockyard housing.	Taken down after WWI	During WWI	WWI plans and photos	22 H-shaped timber barracks were built, most labelled as quarters for men. Interior and exterior photographs survive.	30
	Naval Recreation room and canteen, situated in current Invergordon Academy fields	Taken down after WWI	During WWI	WWI plans	The military personnel made use of the field for sporting events. Another large building labelled 'Recreation Rooms' was located north of the end of Joss Street.	

	YMCA, stretching between Outram and Clyde Street.	Burnt down in 1978	During WWI	WWI plans; aerial photos	The YMCA could hold 2500 people. After WWII it became 'The Grange', a boarding house.	23
	American YMCA, in northeast corner of Park School playing field, to west of the church.	Taken down after WWI	During WWI	WWI plans; aerial photos	The timber American YMCA is on wartime plans. Americans were stationed at Dalmore, involved with assembling mines.	5
	Naval Officer's Club, Cromlet Drive, next to the manse.	Later used in WWII as Naval Club, and then after that the golf clubhouse. Demolished late 1970s/1980s.	During WWI	WWI plans, aerial photo	After the officer's club built just before the war was taken over to become the hospital, a new wooden structure was built down the road.	
	Guard Room, Gyro House, Boiler House, Compressor House, latrine, situated at site of car park near Church.	Some buildings reused in WWII, others have disappeared by the time of the 1930 aerial photograph.	During WWI	WWI plans, aerial photos	The Gyro house later became the Scout Hut, used into the 1960s.	
	Dockyard quarters, two houses on the lane in front of Park School	?	?	WWI plans	The buildings are not there in 1904, but it is unclear if they were built for the war. They are not shaded on the plans, which may mean they were not for the navy.	
	Naval Stores, Timber Store to the north of Outram Street at its western end.	?	During WWI?	WWI plans	The buildings are on the site of the saw mill shown on the 2 nd edition OS map surveyed in 1904. There was a railway line to this yard in WWI.	

	Victualling store, Naval Ordnance offices, workshops and stores, south of Outram Street on either side of Bank Street	Appear to be gone by time of 1930 aerial photo.	?	WWI plans, aerial photos.		
	Bakery, corner of King St and Clyde Street	A building is there in the 1930 aerial photo.	?	WWI plan	Mr. D.A.M. Ross Bakery was taken over by the navy.	
	Store, N.S. O. Garage, on corner of Clyde Street and Ross Street	They appear to be shown on the 1930 aerial photo.	?	WWI plan, aerial photos		
	Cashier's Office, Expense accounts office, Naval Centre, located to east of YMCA, to east of Mackay Street	Gone by 1930.	Probably after 1904	WWI plan, aerial photos		
	Empire Theatre. Said to have been located behind no. 91 High Street.	Burnt down in 1920.	WWI	Park School 1994. <i>Invergordon. The Great War 1914-1918</i>		
	La Scale Cinema, 96 High Street	Burnt down in 1924	1915	Park School 1994. <i>Invergordon. The Great War 1914-1918</i> , p. 47	It had two turrets and an impressive façade. See sketch in <i>A Cinema Miscellany, part 6</i> (Invergordon Library). It could seat 600 people.	14

	Royal Hotel, High Street	Burnt down in 1973	Pre WWI	WWI plans, photos	The hotel was taken over by the navy, including the section at the back (to the north) which was a canteen.	
	Workshop area, between High Street and shore, at eastern end of High Street.	Foundry and Fitting shop gone by 1930. Rest in use in WWII.	Most built WWI (apart from Bone Mill which became the Machine Shop)	WWI and WWII plans, aerial photos, interior photos.	The workshop area south of High Street was a restricted area. There were stores, two smithies, workshops, machine shop, a boiler shop, fitting shop, foundry, coppersmith shop, plumber's shop and other specialised workshops. A rail line ran through it and to the south.	24
	Land reclamation, between Central Pier and Admiralty Pier	Still there, but buildings on the site appear to be post WWI.	WWI	WWI plans, aerial photos. Pratt, E. 1921. <i>British Railways and the Great War. Organisation, efforts, difficulties and achievements.</i>	The original shoreline ran roughly along the line of the current bypass road. To the south, the military filled in the area, building a rail line to the east to transport soil. It is unclear how many buildings and were built on this reclaimed land, and when they date. The area was much more built up in WWII.	
	Police Quarters, situated in the hutment area.	Removed shortly after WWI	WWI	WWI plans	There were three police quarters for the 250 Metropolitan police who kept order in the dockyard.	

	Barrack Master's Office, at top of Seabank Road	In 2000s converted to house.	WWI	WWI plans	The building was probably used in WWII as well, and perhaps upgraded then. One wall was incorporated into the present house.	
	Women's Sick Quarters, to east of Barrack Master's House.	Probably removed shortly after WWI	WWI	WWI plans	Despite having two hospitals, there was also a Women's Sick Quarters for the many women who worked as cleaners, cooks, clerks – as well as builders and machinists.	
	Roman Catholic Chapel, located at the eastern end of High Street on the north side.	After World War II	WWI	WWI plans and photos	The wooden Catholic Chapel was built by the military, along with an Episcopal Church, for the military personnel. Photos survive (see Trail leaflet).	25
	St Ninian's Episcopal Church, on site of current church.	1989	1916	WWI plans and photos	The Church was rebuilt in 1989, using original roof trusses, the east window, altar rails, and re-siting the war memorial.	28
	Invergordon Hospital, on site of current hospital	2005	1918	WWI plans and photos.	This is the second hospital built by the navy, and completed after the war.	33