

NOTES

1. THE ROUND HILL, EASINGTON, PETERLEE, CO. DURHAM.

This barrow was excavated at some time before 1914 and the results obtained were published in *Archaeologia Aeliana* Vol. XI 3rd Series 1914, pp. 167/9 by C. T. Trechmann from unpublished notes made by Rev. W. Greenwell.

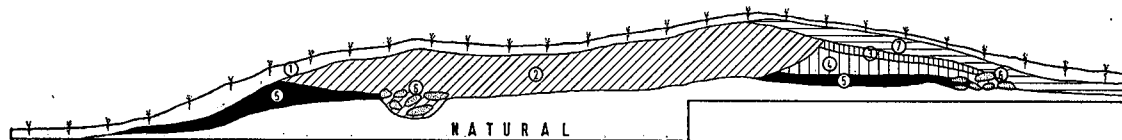
In the report the barrow is described as 64 feet from east to west and 46 feet from north to south. The edges were of clay and small sandstone boulders and the central part chiefly of tenacious yellow clay. A deposit of burnt bones was found 10 feet south of the centre with a calcined flint knife and flint chip. The material of the mound yielded one flint scraper, flint chippings and flakes, burnt and unburnt with one fragment of pottery. A rough cist is mentioned, let into the surface of the ground under the mound.

The access road to the industrial site under construction in May 1966 involved the removal of the barrow and the writer was in attendance on behalf of the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works whilst a north/south cut was made through it for a drainage pipe. Figure 1 shows the section exposed. Some portion of the yellow clay had survived in the north but, due no doubt to the backfill, the centre appeared as mixed clay. The stones under the mound were in a shallow scoop and seem to be those of the rough cist. There were no material finds.

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2.—BARCOMBE HILL SIGNAL STATION, THORNGRAFTON

In reporting the results of a trial trench at the Barcombe Roman signal station (*A.A.*⁴, XLIV (1966), 71ff.), Mr.










- ①  TURF AND TOP SOIL.
- ②  MIXED CLAYS.
- ③  COMPACTED GREY SOIL.
- ④  YELLOW CLAY.
- ⑤  COMPACTED BLACK SOIL.
- ⑥  STONES.
- ⑦  GREY CLAY.

FIG. 1. THE ROUND HILL, PETERLEE. WEST FACE OF NORTH-SOUTH SECTION THROUGH MOUND

Woodfield states that earlier trenching by Sir Walter Aitchison showed that the site "had contained a timber tower of manifestly Roman type" although no other information appeared to have been left on record. Amongst the residue of Sir Walter's archaeological papers at Coupland Castle there is in fact a brief note on his earlier excavation, together with a photographic record, sketch plan, and sections giving measurements. The information therein substantiates the evidence for a flagged rampart foundation some 13 to 14 feet wide and, at the same time, shows that this was surmounted by a turf rampart then standing to a height of two and a half feet. The laminations of the turf-work are clearly visible in the photographs and perhaps correspond with the *red and yellow sandy earth* of the 1966 report. Conflation of the plans of the cuttings from both excavations points to a rectangular turf-built enclosure with well rounded corners lying within a single ditch, the whole being approximately similar in form and size to the post at Brownhart Law (*P.S.A.S.*, LXXXIII (1948-9), 170ff.). The north to south measurement between the outside edges of the flagged foundation is in the region of 65 feet, comparable with the distance of 70 feet over the ramparts at Brownhart Law. On the other hand, there is nothing in the record in this instance to demonstrate the presence of a timber tower, anymore than there is from the presumably limited investigation at Brownhart Law, so that any assumption of this nature would be by inference from elsewhere. The only internal feature found in the small area explored at Barcombe in 1939 was a stretch of paving covering the bottom of a six by six feet cutting, some ten feet within the line of the presumed entrance on the east.

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3.—INSCRIBED BROOCH FROM WEST HARTBURN

A small silver brooch was found during excavations at West Hartburn, Co. Durham, and described in volume XLV,

page 146, of *Archaeologia Aeliana*. My attention has been drawn to two errors in the reading of the inscription which should read IESUS NAZARE/NUS REX IUDEO instead of IESUS NAZARET/HUS REX IUDEO. These errors are entirely mine, caused by over-hasty study of Dr. Kent's transcription and I am grateful to Stuart Maxwell for pointing them out. An article on brooches of this type appears in *P.S.A.S.*, Vol. LVIII, 1923-4.

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