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Stobs Camp narrow-gauge tramway

Excavation

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NT 49969 09598 (centred on) A community excavation was undertaken, 24-25 October 2017, at Stobs Camp by Archaeology Scotland.

The aim was to investigate a section of the path of the narrow-gauge tramway that entered Stobs Camp. The location was chosen as visible linear depressions were observed in the ground. It was also where the tramway split, with one line heading for the camp bakery and one heading to the hospital. To this end, one trench measuring 5.1 x 1m on a SE-NW alignment was opened by hand.

Two bands of a large stone surface were revealed, each approximately 1m wide running approximately NE-SW. Excavating a section in the north-western band found that it contained large (0.2m) boulders loosely deposited in a deep cut. Recording was able to measure the depth of the cut to 0.5m but the bottom was not reached. A section in the south-easterly band revealed a shallower concentration of more compacted stones. The height of this band was 0.2m.

Finds included broken glass and nails. A larger nail was found and is believed to be a rail spike or crampon.

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