THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 3268
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Hoxa Battery and Balfour Battery, coastal battery complexes, Hoxa Head** comprises the remains of a complex of four coastal artillery batteries with associated accommodation camps and ancillary structures. The site was used during both the First and Second World War, with the first battery established in 1915 and the last phase of construction occurring in 1941. It is visible as a series of concrete structures, hut bases and earthworks, extending over a distance of some 700m N-S on the headland of Hoxa Head, South Ronaldsay. It forms part of a network of coastal batteries built to defend the key strategic British naval anchorage of Scapa Flow. The site is located between about 5m and 35m above sea level, overlooking the shipping channel through the Sound of Hoxa. The scheduled area is irregular on plan to include the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction and use is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of the post-and-wire fences around the site, and the above-ground elements of the interpretation panels in place around the batteries, to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of South Ronaldsay and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto [redacted], is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

This entry supersedes the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Hoxa Battery and Balfour Battery** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by the Secretary of State for Scotland in respect of the monument dated 26 December 1972 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 21 March 1973.

Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 5th day of March Two thousand and fifteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

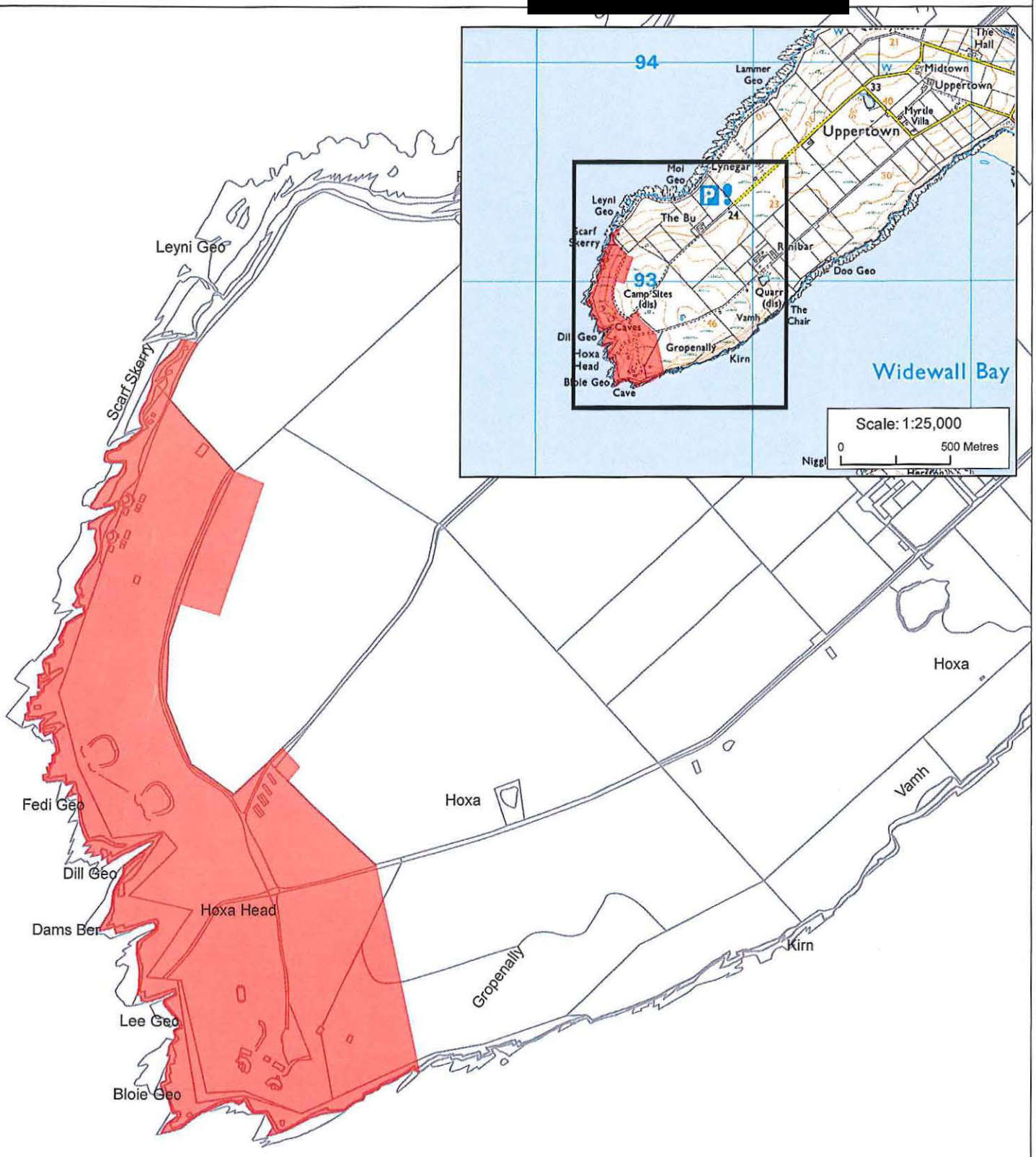
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[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Hoxa Battery and Balfour Battery, coastal battery complexes, Hoxa Head

dated: 5 / 3 / 15 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Hoxa Battery and Balfour Battery, coastal battery complexes, Hoxa Head

South Ronaldsay Parish

Scheduled Area

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2015

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