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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

The study of Roman temporary camps in Britain has been the poorer relation to the study of the more permanent structures and frontier installations. Recent years have seen a shift in emphasis with the publication in 1995 of the field archaeology of camps in England (Welfare & Swan). This was followed, in 2006, by a comparative volume for Wales and the Marches (Davies & Jones). Unlike the English volume, that for Wales did not limit itself to the modern geopolitical boundary, although did not repeat site-specific information for the English camps in the study area. It also expanded the scope to include the significance of temporary camps in the context of military campaigns and training regimes in the area.

This volume is intended to complement the two existing volumes by covering the remains of Roman

temporary encampments in Scotland and is based on research by the author for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Glasgow (Jones 2006). Temporary camps in Scotland numerically outnumber those in England and Wales, although the awareness raised of these structures by the two volumes has resulted in the discovery of several new camps in these areas since the publications were produced. Nonetheless, by completing the coverage of the province of *Britannia*, it is hoped that the three volumes will aid study and research into these structures.

Research into temporary camps in Scotland has, until very recently, been largely the preserve of a few individuals, usually those engaged in aerial reconnaissance (Jones 2005a). By far the most camps recorded have

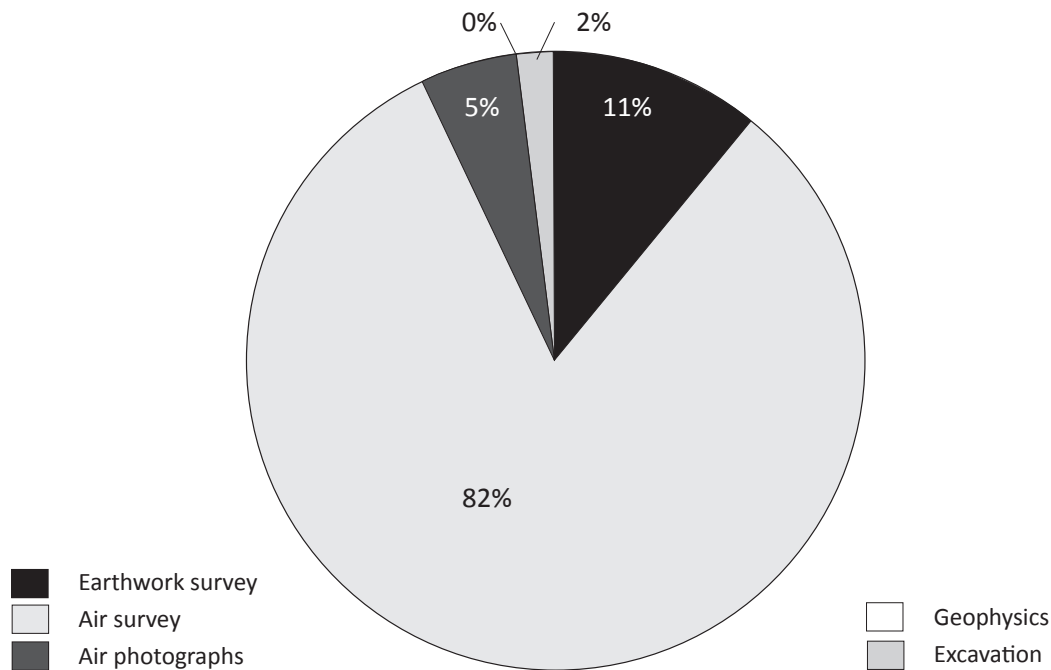


Table 1
Techniques of discovery of camps in Scotland.

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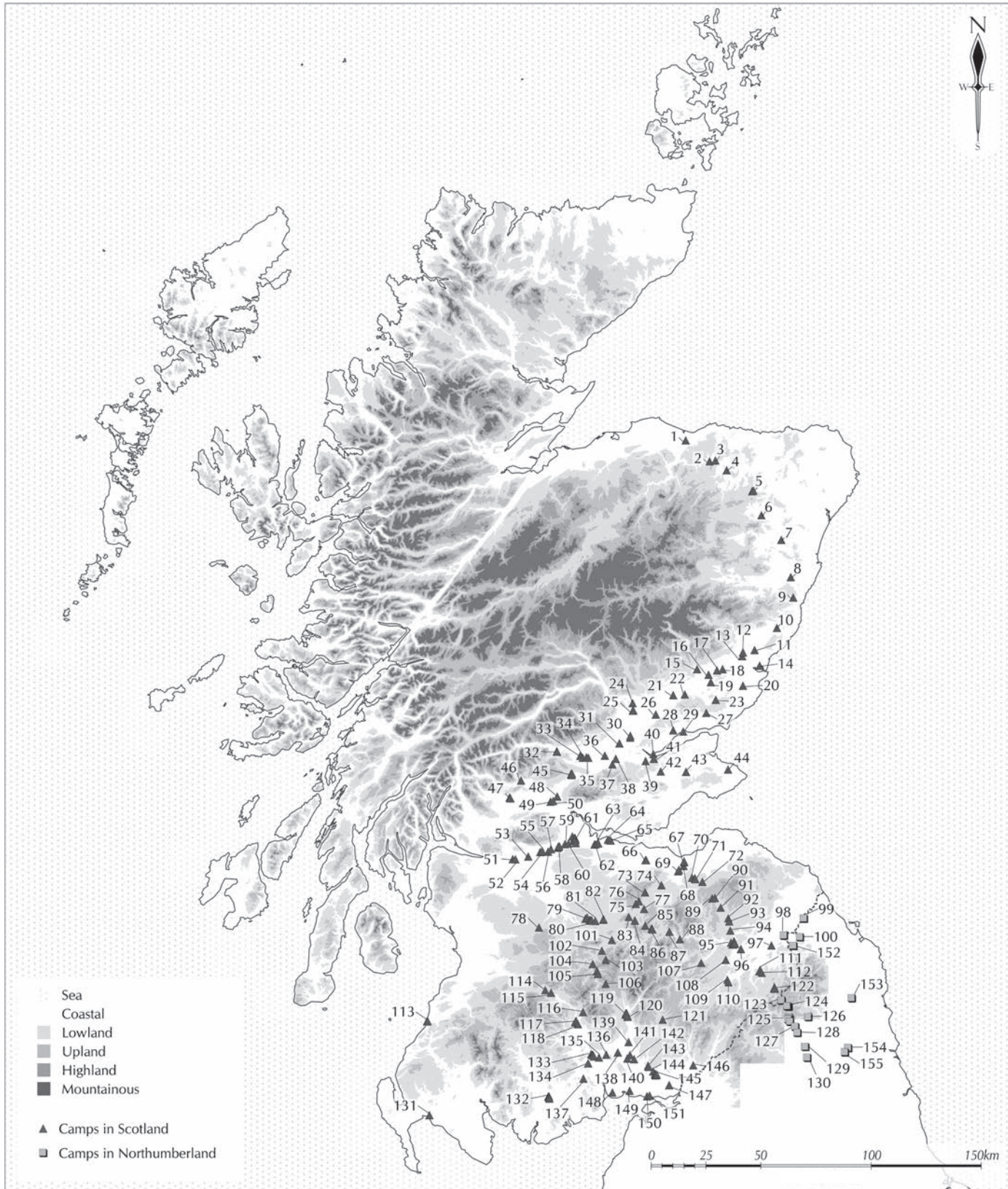


Illustration 1

Distribution map of camps north of Hadrian's Wall, including camps classified in the gazetteer as 'probable'. Reproduced by permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of HMSO. © Crown copyright 2010. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100020548.

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been discovered through aerial survey (almost 82% of those now known in Scotland) (table 1), the majority of these since the end of the Second World War (table 2). However, since the planning framework started to dictate the nature and scope of much of the archaeological work undertaken from the early 1990s onwards (NPPG5: Scottish Office 1994), there has been a resurgence in rescue excavations of Roman camps, beyond the small trenches excavated by the aerial surveyors verifying their identification and testing theories of relationships (for an example, see St Joseph 1970a). In the 1990s, Alan Leslie looked at the unsung testimony of terrestrial fieldwork

on camps in Britain for his PhD at the University of Glasgow (Leslie 1995). His conclusions have been borne out by the large-scale developer-funded excavations at the camp at Kintore in Aberdeenshire (Cook & Dunbar 2008) (eg illus 18).

The purpose of this volume is to assess the field archaeology and the evidence for the conquest of Scotland through the archaeological remains of the temporary camps (illus 1). Plans and brief descriptive summaries of camps in Scotland will be provided in the end gazetteer. Some camps in northern England and farther afield will be included in the discussion where relevant.

Key to Illustration 1

(Camps in italics are in Northumberland, England)

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|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 Bellie | 55 Bar Hill and 'structure' | 105 Crawford I to IV |
| 2 Auchinhove | 56 Croy Hill | 106 Little Clyde |
| 3 Muiryfold | 57 Dullatur I and II | 107 Oakwood |
| 4 Burnfield | 58 Garnhall I and II and Tollpark | 108 Milrighall |
| 5 Ythan Wells I and II | 59 Dalnair | 109 Eastcote |
| 6 Logie Durno | 60 Milnquarter | 110 Cavers Mains |
| 7 Kintore | 61 Lochlands I to VI; Lochlands Three Bridges I to VI; Lochlands Bogton; Lochlands Wester Carmuir I and II; Lochlands East Carmuir; Househill Dunipace; Tamfourhill | 111 Millside I and II and Ulston Moor I and II |
| 8 Normandykes | 62 Little Kerse and Polmonthill | 112 Cappuck |
| 9 Raedykes | 63 Inveravon I to III | 113 Girvan Mains East and West |
| 10 Kair House | 64 Kinglass Park | 114 Knowe Cottages |
| 11 Balmakewan | 65 Muirhouses | 115 Bankhead Kirkconnel |
| 12 Stracathro | 66 Gogar Green and Millburn Tower | 116 Durisdeer I and II |
| 13 Keithock | 67 Inveresk I and II | 117 Drumlanrig I and II and Islafoot Drumlanrig |
| 14 Dun | 68 Dalkeith | 118 Carronbridge |
| 15 Inverquharity | 69 Eskbank I and II and Lugton | 119 Beattock Bankend and Beattock Barnhill I to IV |
| 16 Battledykes, Oathlaw | 70 Woodhead I and II | 120 Milton I and II |
| 17 Finavon | 71 Pathhead I to III | 121 Raeburnfoot |
| 18 Marcus | 72 Fala Mill | 122 Pennymuir I to IV |
| 19 Lunanhead | 73 Carlops Spittal I and II | 123 <i>Chew Green I and III</i> |
| 20 Kinnell | 74 Boghall | 124 <i>Featherwood West and East</i> |
| 21 Cardean I | 75 North Slipperfield | 125 <i>Silloans; Sils Burn North and South; Bellshiel; Birdhope I to III</i> |
| 22 Eassie | 76 Stonypath | 126 <i>North Yardhope</i> |
| 23 Kirkbuddo | 77 Kaimhouse Lodge | 127 <i>Bagraw</i> |
| 24 Steeds Stalls, Gourdie | 78 High Cauldcoats | 128 <i>Dargues</i> |
| 25 Inchtuthil I, II and III | 79 Cleghorn I and II | 129 <i>West Woodburn</i> |
| 26 Lintrose | 80 Castledykes I to IV | 130 <i>Swine Hill I and II</i> |
| 27 Gagie | 81 Carstairs Mains | 131 Glenluce |
| 28 Longforgan | 82 Bankhead Carnwath I and II | 132 Glenlochchar I to V |
| 29 Invergowrie | 83 Kirkhouse | 133 Dalswinton Bankfoot I to III and Ellisland I and II |
| 30 Grassy Walls and Scone Park | 84 Castlecraig I and II | 134 Fourmerkland I and II |
| 31 Easter Powside | 85 Wester Happlew | 135 Gallaberry |
| 32 Dalginross I | 86 Lyne I and II | 136 Amisfield Tower |
| 33 Dornock | 87 Eshiels I and II | 137 Lochrutton |
| 34 Strageath Cottage | 88 Innerleithen | 138 Trailflat |
| 35 Innerpefferay East and West | 89 Channelkirk | 139 Hangingshaw |
| 36 Gask House | 90 Oxtou I and II | 140 Lochmaben |
| 37 Dunning | 91 Blackchester | 141 Applegarthtown |
| 38 Forteviot | 92 St. Leonards | 142 Torwood |
| 39 Carey | 93 Blainslie | 143 Burnswark North and South |
| 40 St. Madoes | 94 Kedslie | 144 Middlebie Hill I and II |
| 41 Carpow I and II | 95 Newstead I to V; Ravenswood I and II; Drygrange | 145 Birrens I to III; Broadlea I and II |
| 42 Auchtermuchty | 96 Mertoun Bridge I to III | 146 Gilnockie |
| 43 Edenwood | 97 Wooden Home Farm | 147 Kirkpatrick-Fleming I and II |
| 44 Bonnytown | 98 <i>Carham</i> | 148 Ward Law |
| 45 Ardoch I to V | 99 <i>Norham</i> | 149 Ruthwell |
| 46 Bochastle I and II | 100 <i>East Learmouth</i> | 150 Annanfoot |
| 47 Malling I and II | 101 Cornhill I and II | 151 Hillside Annan |
| 48 Hillside Dunblane I and II | 102 Lamington | 152 <i>Mindrum</i> |
| 49 Ochertyre | 103 Wandel | 153 <i>Edlingham</i> |
| 50 Craigarnhall | 104 Cold Chapel | 154 <i>Hartburn</i> |
| 51 Summerston | | 155 <i>West Marlish</i> |
| 52 Balmuildy | | |
| 53 Easter Cadder | | |
| 54 Twechar | | |