

ISLAND OF HOY DEVELOPMENT TRUST AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

About the Collection

The aerial photographs held in this collection are copies of images held by the National Collection of Aerial Photographs (NCAP) in Edinburgh and were purchased as part of the Legacies of Conflict: Hoy & Walls Wartime Heritage Project. The photographs were taken by the Royal Air Force between October 1946 and May 1949 and are some of the earliest aerial images available for the Island of Hoy.

Navigating the Collection

The collection has been organised by sortie reference. This is the individual number allocated by the RAF to a photographic flight that has been flown. This number can be found on the information tab of each image which also includes the date when the sortie was flown, the direction of flight and the camera type used. Each image also has its own unique identification number which is printed on each image. A location aids has been provided for each sortie in the form of maps showing the coverage of each flight.

1. Use the location aid maps to find the area of Hoy that you would like to look at
2. Identify a flight line of images that relates to your selected area
3. At the beginning & end of each flight line there will be a number which relates to the first and last image in the flight run
4. Use these numbers to find the relevant photographs for your area
5. You can use the magnifying Lupe to look at particular features on a photograph in more detail

Handling Aerial Photographs

- Please be careful and treat the photographs with care
- Please wear archive gloves when handling the images
- Please handle the images as close to the edges as possible
- Images are organised in numerical order. When you have finished looking at an image, please return it to the correct box and position within its relevant pile

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