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NOTE ON A STONE-BUILT FORT OVERLOOKING BORGADAIL GLEN,  
NEAR THE MULL OF KINTYRE. By JOHN FLEMING.

During a recent holiday in Kintyre, I had an opportunity of visiting an ancient stone-built fort near the Mull. I send four photographs which I took of it. The building (figs. 1, 2) is circular, the area inside the walls is about 36 feet in diameter, and the walls remaining are from 11 to 12 feet in thickness. The doorway (fig. 3) faces west-north-west, and is about 3 feet 6 inches wide at the outside, and 4 feet 6 inches on the inside of the wall, which at that point is 12 feet thick.

On the outside, the wall still stands in some places from 7 to 8 feet high (fig. 4), while inside the circle it is only about 3 feet, the level being higher inside. I could not trace any signs of chambers in the thickness of the wall, but there are traces of buildings within the area.

The building is situated on a rocky knoll overlooking the sea to the south, and is fully 300 feet above the shore, the descent to which is precipitous; it also overlooks a glen called Borgadail.

This one, and another stone-built fort about a mile further west, are marked on the Ordnance Survey map. The other fort is not circular, however, but is situated on a rock precipitous to the sea, and is enclosed by three stone-built walls, the inner one being strongest. About midway between these two places there is a foundation of another circular building, smaller than the first, but quite traceable.

The situation of these structures is altogether strange, as the adjoining country is very rough and inaccessible, and could not at any time have supported many people.

To the north of the lighthouse there is another fort marked on the map, but I have not seen it. In Kintyre there are many ancient forts both on hills and along the shores, some of which are vitrified, some



Fig. 1. View of Borgadail Fort from the north-west.



Fig. 2. View of Borgadail Fort from the north.



Fig. 3. Doorway of Borgadail Fort, north-west side. (From photographs by Mr John Fleming.)

stone-built, and others merely earthworks; and as probably none of these have been excavated, I have no doubt they would well repay examination.

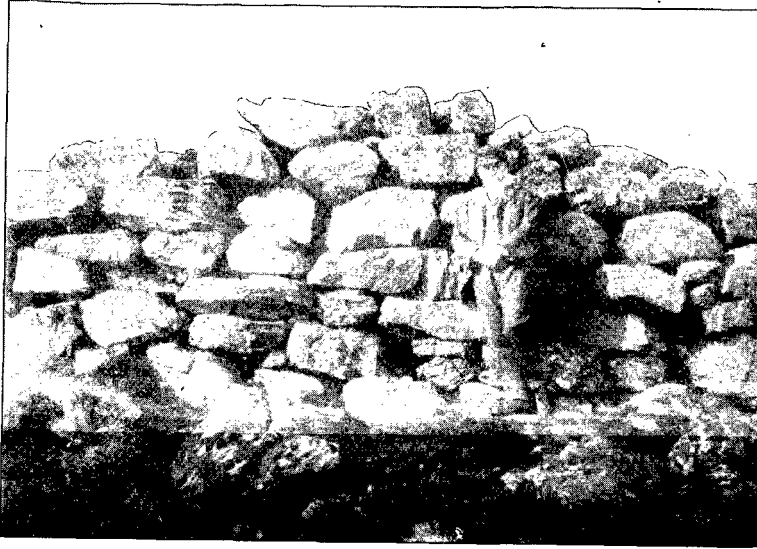


Fig. 4. Masonry of wall of Borgadail Fort, south side. (From a photograph by Mr John Fleming.)