

**ARCHAEOLOGY  
ARDNAMURCHAN**

**Monument  
Recording  
Form**

**Location**

NW side of Druim na Gearr Leacainn, by twin lochans

**Monument No**

465638

**Record Date**

26/10/13

**Surveyor**

Jon Haylett

**Monument Type**

Aircraft Crash Site

**What it's made of**

Stone cairn with some wreckage

**Monument Condition**

(circle one)

V Good

**Good**

Good/Fair

Fair/Poor

Poor

**Dimensions in Metres**

Length

Width

Height

Diameter

Photograph Num

**Grid reference**

NGR

Easting

Northing

Accuracy (m):

(local NGR is NM)

NM

46488

63778

3

**Detailed description, further notes, observations**

Cairn containing the wreckage of Hurricane fighter plane which crashed into cliff in 6<sup>th</sup> February 1944 killing RNZAF Flight Lieutenant Arthur Woodgate of 516 Squadron 26 Group Bomber Command. The pilot was returning with from a D-Day Combined Ops exercise at the Singing Sands when he and his two accompanying pilots became lost in bad visibility.

A plaque stands on the slopes of Bein na Seilg on the opposite side of the lochans commemorating F/L Woodgate and one of the other pilots who died when his plane crashed on Coll - W/O J.E.Stephen RAF. The third pilot survived.

**Present land use**

Rough grazing

**Past land use**

Rough Grazing

**Present vegetation cover**

Mainly heather

**Nearby monuments or associated features**

None

**Topography**

Steep hillside

**Nearby, associated or incorporated natural features**

Cliff face

**Date**

Don't Know / Prehistoric /  
Early Historic / Medieval  
Post Medieval / Post-Clearance  
19<sup>th</sup> century / **20<sup>th</sup> century**

**Reason for interpretation**

Date known

**Confidence  
in date:**

**5 high**

4

3

2

1 low



DEDICATED TO THE  
MEMORY OF



F/Lt A.J. WOODGATE R.N.Z.A.F.  
516 Sqdn 26 Group Bomber Command

ALSO

W/O J.E. STEPHEN R.A.F.  
516 Sqdn 26 Group Bomber Command

WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING A  
COMBINED OPERATIONS EXERCISE  
ON  
6TH FEBRUARY 1944

*SOMEDAY WE WILL UNDERSTAND*



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