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The original British & Colonial sheds are to the right of this photograph separated from the military sheds by the 'sun gap'.  
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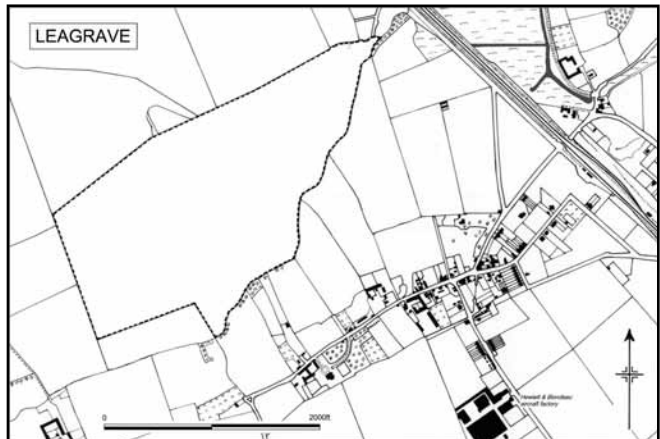
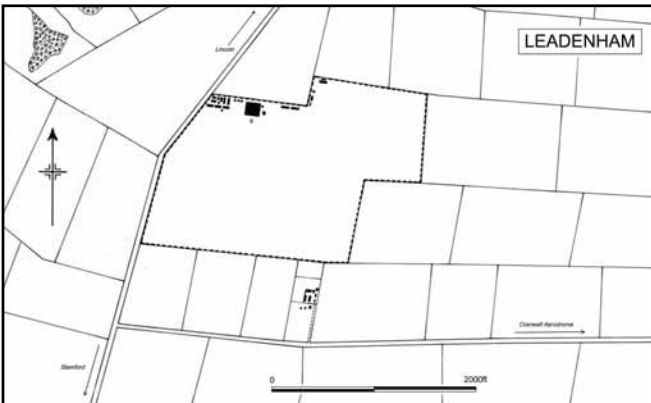
The aerodrome lay just to the south of the Packway and is drawn with the sheds erected for the 1912 Military Aeroplane Competition. The original British & Colonial sheds were the southernmost pair facing the aerodrome and the Air Battalion added three coupled units to the north of those. There was a deliberate 'sun gap' between the civilian and military sheds, left to allow the rising sun's rays to strike Stonehenge on the summer solstice. The Military Aeroplane Competition sheds caused some controversy as they blocked that gap.

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167/184 : (41) SU 144435 : Wiltshire.						
Site used for aeronautical experiments by Horatio Barber, 1909, and CB Cockburn, 1910 : Private aerodrome for the British & Colonial Co Ltd School 6.1910 – 6.1914 : Venue for the Military Aeroplane Competition 8.1912 : Aerodrome for the Air Battalion RE and Military Wing RFC 4.1911 – 6.1913.						
One coupled and one treble aeroplane shed units for British & Colonial : three coupled aeroplane shed units for the Air Battalion and RFC : temporary sheds erected for the Military Aeroplane Competition.						
2 (Aeroplane) Company Air Bttn RE	1.4.1911	from	formed	13.5.1912	to	re-designated 3 Sqn RFC
3 Sqn	13.5.1912		formed ex 2 Coy Air Bttn RE	16.6.1913		Netheravon
Note – the site had been a control point in the 'Daily Mail' Round Britain Circuit 7.1911. 3 Sqn sent a detachment to Lydd on 1.6.1913 and it re-joined the parent unit at Netheravon.						

LARKHILL see also ROLLESTONE CAMP

<b>LARNE (White Head)</b>	
54°46'00"N 05°43'35"W : County Antrim, Ireland.	
Class A Airship Station (sub-station to Luce Bay) for non-rigid airships RNAS/RAF 1917 – 1919 : Relinquishment notified 20.2.1920.	
One portable airship shed, 150 x 45 x 50 feet.	
Rear Admiral, Larne RNAS : 25 (Operations) Group, NW Area from 12.8.1918 : 11th (Irish) Group by 11.1918	

<b>LAVENDON</b>	
146/153 : (42) SP 924546 : Buckinghamshire.	
HD NLG 1st, re-classified as NLG2nd by 5.1.1917 but re-instated as NLG 1st and DLG for 75 (HD) Sqn RFC 10.1916# - mid 1918.	
50th Wing, HD Group, Midland Area, VI Brigade 1918	



**LEADENHAM**

Although there was no standardised layout for buildings on HD Flight Stations, most ended up very similar to each other, as a comparison of this plan with that for Kirton Lindsey shows.

**LEAGRAVE**

The plan shows the site proposed as a RFC aerodrome during 1916. It was not taken up as such but Hewlett & Blondeau flying has been reported at Leagrave. Whether that was from this site or from a field adjacent to the factory has yet to be established.

<b>LEADENHAM</b>						
113/121 : (43) SK 970523 : Lincolnshire : 86 acres : 800 x 600 yards : 320 feet amsl.						
HD Flight Station RFC/RAF 10.1916 – 6.1919. Relinquishment notified 6.11.1919 and confirmed 22.1.1920.						
Two HD pattern aeroplane sheds, 130 x 80 feet, as a coupled unit.						
38 (HD) Sqn C Flt	1.10.1916	from	Castle Bromwich	31.5.1918	to	Cappelle (F)
38 Sqn Depot Detachment	31.5.1918		detached from parent unit for HD duty	14.8.1918		absorbed into 90 (HD) Sqn
90 (HD) Sqn A Flt	14.8.1918		formed ex 38 Sqn Depot Detachment	13.6.1919		disbanded
48th Wing, 24 Group, Midland Area, VI Brigade 1918 : 12 Group, Midland Area 11.1918						

<b>LEAGRAVE</b>	
147/166 : (52) TL 050240 : Bedfordshire : 91 acres	
Surveyed for use as RFC aerodrome , recommended 10.2.1916, but not taken up. It seems likely that some test flying was done by Hewlett & Blondeau Ltd from this site or possibly from a field adjacent to the factory at 055235.	