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PARISH OF KILMORY, ARRAN.

FORT, CNOC BALLYGOWN, KILMORY, ARRAN. Cnoc Ballygown, which rises to a height of 735 feet, above sea level, stands a little out to the W. from the general massif of the hills of S. Arran and commands the whole of the lower valleys of the Black Water and of the Machrie Water. The W. flank falls steeply towards the townland of No<sup>th</sup> Feorline, but in all other directions the approaches to the hill are gentle. The summit area consists of a table sloping down to the E. which is comparatively flat over an area measuring 850 feet from N. to S. by 500 feet transversely. This area was selected as the site of a fort but the construction was not completed. The remains consist of an excavated ditch or terrace, which, at places, has an upcast mound along the outer lip. This excavated line, which is not continuous and shows traces of gang work, lies beyond the natural crests which border the table to the W. and E., as if these crests might have been reserved for an inner rampart or wall although no trace of any marker trench or line of stones could be seen. At the date of visit the whole site was covered with luxurious heather, and no internal features were visible. None, however, appear on aerial photographs.

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