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## ***Combined Ordnance Survey maps***

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The only reference I have found to War Office combined maps is in the Ordnance Survey Annual Report for 1884, under “War Office” where it states - “A combined map of Hertford on 6-inch and 1/2500 scales was made, and 69 copies supplied.”

The combined map conveniently shows War Office property or “estate” at two or three different scale on one sheet, but the production of a combined map seems a large effort for such a small requirement.

Commonly, though not always, these maps combine on one sheet extracts from 1:63,360, 1:10,560 and 1:2,500 scale maps all covering the same location and were presumably produced for the Inspector General of Fortifications or some other War Office department.

Only a few such combined Maps have been found in the National Archives, Kew.

Has anyone found other examples?

Can anyone throw more light on these unusual products?

1884	Fort George	PRO MPH 149 ex WO 78/1575(1)
1884	Ballater Barracks	PRO MPH 449 ex WO 78.2615, or 2165 (1)
1884	Blackness Castle	PRO MPH 444 ex WO 78/2159(1)
1884	Fort Charlotte	PRO WO 78/3335
1884	Martello Towers A-F & K, Essex Coast	PRO WO 78/2276(1)
1884	Hannahfield Militia Officers' Mess	PRO MPH 442 ex WO 78/2157
1884	Hannahfield Estate	PRO MPH 442 ex WO 78/2157(1)
1884	Hannaghfield Dundee	PRO MPH 442 ex WO 78/2157(2)
1885	Broughty Castle	PRO WO 78/3337
1887	Bideford (16th Brigade) Depot	PRO WO 78/2543
1888 Corrected 1896	Fort Matilda Greenock	PRO MPH 451 ex WO 78/2166(3)
1884	Stirling Castle	PRO MPH 142 ex WO 78/1563(1) End.
1888	Longhope Battery & Crackner's Tower, Orkney	PRO WO 78/2296(1)
Reprinted 1888	Paisley Barracks	PRO WO 78/3336
Reprinted 1888	Dumbarton Castle	PRO MPH 158 ex WO 78/1603 (1)
1890	Puckpool & Landguard Batteries	PRO WO 78/2313(13)

1890	Sandown & Bembridge Forts	PRO WO 78/2313(16)
1889 reprinted 1890	Martello Towers Q, R, T, U, W, X, AA, BB, CC	PRO WO 78/2276(2)
1890	Weymouth Sub-District Dorchester	PRO WO 78/2303(21)
?	Betsom's Hill Mobilisation Site	PRO WO 78/4684(11)
?	Wormwood Scrubs	PRO WO 78/4684(12)



*Dundee combined map*