

Drumburgh - no sign of Vall. up to it.

I think I may have found Vall. after

Drumburgh - not at all clear - I don't know where Wall is either.

But in big pasture behind little school beyond

Drumburgh - where telegraph poles go across -

fairly dip & mounds near far end - north of

little lane running in direction of Glasson.

Seems to run in meadow next door too.

No real trace until road going up to Glasson

XV. 9. - as plain as day // to lane I walked on wh. must have been to S. for whole way.

- very good - a lonely crump near road

mc. 77? extremely plain - may be mc. one? ??

- good d. & mounds on either side.

Where it has come from heaven knows.

Continues at other side of road - road dips over it. heer field - ploughed - quite clear.

(mcs in d. near fencing by side of road.)

heer field then - good d. & mounds.

- signs of crumps too.

I go up lane quite a bit to N.

At 1st. real opening to left - I walked to end of

1st. field. (beyond 2nd. was Glasson cross)

- looked something like Vallum.

Just before moss - in meadow - even more like

Vallum - long line of mounds - in depression

- seems to curve slightly to my right.

Blow me! I get back on to my lane & find a superb ditch on my right, right way up to cross trace - Vallum or W.D.?

Continues up next field, but not so plain.

- slight mounds on either side - Vallum?

Yet must be Wall I think - within 80 yds. we're on road to Port Carlisle.

Solway wonderful.

I must look here again.

[Pained mcs. 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 without locating them.]

May 1951. from Drumburgh to Bowness.

Note: "East of Glasson, the line of the Vall. is taken by a deep drain almost from sharp turn in Wall west of Drumburgh School. The Vall. had thus also turned after running down hill // with the Wall, as was proved in 1945."

N.B. No really visible sign on ground. Vall. may well be this drain - presumably going directly thro' Highland Laddie Inn and on to right ie. N.E. of

XV. 5. rough track to Kildland.

But if so it is anything but "bold until Kildland")

Yet what is that Vallum-like object west of Glasson near hillgrove. It looks remarkably like the Vall to me



But it is completely out of line.

There is no real sign of Vall. in fields 1562, 1560 on 25<sup>th</sup> O.S.  
— nor 1679, 1691.

It begins to appear, very faintly, and only visible because one knows where to look. — in field 1692. immediately to the right of road. Remains very faint indeed in 1697 a ploughed field. Only n.m. in slope fashion and slight depression for ditch — road seems to be on line of S.M.

Next field: 1697 — becomes very clear — this is where I picked it up last time. Unploughed — d. & n.m. good. Crossing over track to right — comes extremely close to wall which thro'out this area is visible merely as slight mound with dip to north.

In next field. 1753 — ploughed — Vall. quite good with its 2 slopes and dip in middle for ditch. In fact crossings are faintly visible too.

Next field. — 1751 — wall comes closest ever I should say if O.S. is correct.

A hedge runs on S.M. but ditch & n.m. are obvious & good for this area.

Next field — 1750 — south of Kidland House.

— Vallum plain right across. D. particularly good.

mc. 78? — might even see mc. causeway here I think.

The path or cart-track dips over Vall.

Continues directly in straight line into field no. 1741 —

quite clear — even signs of crossing.

— is this mc. causeway? about  $\frac{1}{3}$  way up this field almost opposite Kidland House

Did not see it because of field baulks & various obstacles but it runs presumably on right hand side of 1736 and so on to 1770 where I saw it again.

Field 1770: slight mound — S.M. — and ditch where hedge is, and <sup>where</sup> stream is — N.M. gone.

Continues into 1771 on north edge of it and thence into

mc. 79.

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1362 south of mc. 79. — tho' I missed it here again.

map. XIV. missing. — I picked Vall. up. in field south of oddly shaped 1281 i.e. field west of one where part of Hadrian's wall is standing quite clearly.

Wall in 1281 takes a sharp bend — but Vall. seems to go on smoothly. Has good dep. & mound. Crosses back quite plainly.

Then lies in same field as wall — 1283 — ploughed

— north mound shows up exceedingly well — ditch is depression — S.M. clear just at beginning of field — seems to be approaching wall.

Next field ploughed again — (shd not on map.)

— continues on in straight line — slight dep. for ditch and slopes for mound,

meanwhile wall is in same field after its sudden turn.



next field - still south of 1283 - Vall - gone again

In 1285 - just south of wooden hedge.

1286 - can see west fence bulging over ditch which is just to south of hedge.

XIV. - This field is just north of Acemine lane,

4. seems to be depression in no. 1286 going into lane

- but is this Vall. which Hbk. talks of?

I think it goes on.

Jeffrey Croft? or next field.

next - 1340 - cannot really see it - has disappeared.

Wall clear as mound to N. of field.

But where is Vall? There is another curve into

Acemine lane

Straight line fr. where Vall. seems to be at east fence would bring us to fence 7. 1338 & 1337. Vallum or not?

A.H. beyond paddock. 1st. gap centre to wall 40 paces - slight fill?

- notch in s.m.

next - 30 paces - filling modern.

31. H.m. cut thro' - next crossing not clear

27 - next after - very slight fill but there

41.

4th - barely notch in s.m. d.f. or not?

N.B. - no m.m. at all. Next crossing in little wood - 34 roughly

NB J.f's apparently there, but very slight

Appleton field. T.D. ditch better

In wood - little mound in centre of n.b. corner

Have named 1 measurement.

2nd. corner = 39 paces. Difficult to say whether d.f.'s exist or not

40. - d.f. seems to be there O.K.

H.m. gone. 39 paces. - d.f. too I think

- very slight notches still in s.m.

West 41. - slight traces of haphazard m.m. on south. no d.f. really

Next 37 - d.f. I think - no notch even in s.m.

" 45 roughly - gully by modern gap

H.m. on s. b. commences quite strongly now

Broke one on n.b. too

Beyond Bush - no m.m. No apparent gaps in n.m.

Difficult to relate bumps in ditch with d.f.s in s.m.

After blocking 1/2 way up field - at least 1 fill. - 2 in fact with  
ruts in f. in ditch 47 paces approx. between.



N.B. Netter Denton due south.

Leet is mc. Causeway

Then part of field fenced off - 1 causeway before Wood.

2nd crossing at w. end of field - where wood commences.

Beyond farm - there are definite depressions in mounds of V.D.

Does not look to me as tho H.M. is correct.

In field where Piper Sike cuts thro' - definite depts.

6 depts beyond Sike.

Vall. not so good beyond here - clear enough but cultivated.

- terrific command over south.

Beyond Banks - hump = S.M. I think

- bend - in hollow going down to Bank Burn.

Randylands - west. 68 paces. In positively huge

Lower Tye - Carranburgh sector revisited.

June 12th. 1952.

Starting at mc. 29 causeway - clear gap in S.M.; s.b. not well depressed.

Silt rock-cut in part. Difficult to say whether m.m. or not.

Terrific slope from S. to N. to bottom of hill.

1st. cross - clear in S.M. only - been cut away in modern times  $\therefore$  diff. to say whether d.f. or not. (cutting thro' S.M. shows very clean material.)

1/2. 48 paces: perhaps d.f. tho' been cut away in modern times again - good S.M. gap.

There is slight H.M. I think from 1st. c. onwards.

2/3. 49: S.M. + S.b. cut thro' in modern times unfortunately - d.f. but may be modern.

3/4. 49: S.M. gap good - s.b. intact - perhaps no m.m. after all. d.f. I think alright - shallow but there.

4/5. 49: S.M. gap good. S.b. + d. lip intact - slight fill clear. (In between 4 & 5 - slight m.m. in 1 place.)

5/6. 49: S.M. gap - d.f. pretty good I think. No m.m.

6/7. 49: (pass through for water) - impos. to say whether d.f. or not.

7/8. Modern gateway in between so 8th. cross gone.

8/9. approx. 50 - S.M. gap there - d. apparently filled but s.b. completely gone here. (N.B. 8/9 - H.M. of whinstones clear thro')

9/10. (cut in H.M. - very stoney - light coloured material.)

58: S.M. gap; H.M. high; d.f. I think.

10/11. 52 approx: notches only in S.M.

D. filled for distance - but H.M. has gone at crossing.

11/12. 52: large gap in S.M. - partly modern? - substantial d.f.  $\rightarrow$  11 with accumulation on west side uphill - m.m. cut thro' - modern?

Silt becoming excellent - about 21' wide.

H.M. clear now - stoney



- 12/13. 51: large S.H. gap: clear d.f. again → 11 - but M.H. depressed again. Ditch excellent - about 18' across - rock-cut &  $\frac{3}{4}$  profile.
- 13/14. 50 approx: modern roadway but surely following old d.f.  
S.H. from now on largely despoiled of its stones. M.H. quite large.
- 14/15. 47: - clear d.f. that is all → 11: S.b. & M.H. & N. lip partly gone  
Ditch clearly rock-cut (M.H. just west cut thro' - when boulders & debris known soil)
- 15/16. 51 approx: S.H. destroyed but clear d.f. → 11.  
Ditch rock-cut & narrow all along: no m.m. here?
- 16/17. 52: clear d.f. → 11; ditch rock-cut. No S.H. gap - considerable M.H. in this area.
- 17/18. 54: clear S.H. gap; clear d.f.; S. beam destroyed a little, → 11.  
Rock-cut again, steep-sided & narrow. M.H. all stones.
- 18/19. 50: S.H. very high; but may have been notched. Subst. d.f. → 11.  
S. & N. lips lowered though.  
(Bread in M.H. shows character - when stone rocks & loose soil set upon rust. coloured subsoil - very like our section)
- 19/20 113: no real sign of 20th. clearing - S.H. so broken & ditch lip so good: M.H. low now.  
d.f. at 21st. there seemingly.
- 21/22. 53: S.H. too destroyed to say anything definite. M.H. quite large here again.  
Subst. d.f. → 11 - tho' slight dep. in S. lip.
- 22/23. 59: clear S.H. dep - ditch still excellent - slight bread in <sup>South</sup> lip. Stone d.f. I should say, tho' shallow.
- 23/24. 52: clear S.H. gap: clear d.f. → 11 - very slight bread in both lips.  
M.H. small but clear & still of same character.
- 24/25. 55: S.H. not clear - d.f. I think but boggy & ∴ diff. to say.

- S.b. slighted too. Ditch still steep-sided & narrow - character of M.H. clear
- 25/26. 52: top of field - good crossing opposite little field-gate - surely Roman - neither lip really depressed - crossing high. Rock-cut ditch 20' wide
- 26/27. In plantation - did not pass it.  
S.H. gap ok. Diffic. to say whether d.f. or not - so overgrown - m.m. quite high
- 27/28. 45? Gap I think: clear d.f. of big stone blocks: M.H. here.
- 28/29. 52: clear S.H. gap & clear stone d.f. - quite obvious.  
M.H. gone all crossing & recommences beyond crossing.
- 29/30. 50: S.H. gap there: subst. stone block filling - clearly blocks taken from both beams - N. beam particularly obvious. M.H. high at this crossing. Ditch beautiful round this corner.
- 30/31. 45 or so: S.H. gap slightly oblique (west) to definite d.f.  
S.b. slightly depressed. M.H. gone just here.
- 31/32. 51: S.H. gap clear & dep. in M.H. (which has just reappeared in beneath road.) Tremendous d.f. - can see N.b. cleared of blocks & S.b. to lower extent. (Really this block clearing is quite striking.)  
M.H. here this time. Ditch excellent.
- 32/33. 42 to start of d.f. just on this side of field-wall - opposite milecastle - modern track (wh. I investigated.) goes over extreme western end of causeway. M.b. clearing is very striking - starts about 3 yds. east of field-wall. Ditch huge here I think. Amazing?  
Commencing at mc. 30 - causeway across Vallum.
- 0-2. 102 paces: (No sign of clearing!)  
Clear S.H. gap - slight one, slightly west in M.H.  
Beautiful rocky d.f. - quite broad - both beams have been cleared of blocks at this point - most striking.  
S. lip & ∴ M.H. slightly reduced.  
Ditch near mc. causeway = 15' wide.  
Ditch = 21' approx?
- Before c. 2, ditch = 16' wide.



Then big blocks recommence & m.m. quite high.

- 2/3. 49: S.M. gap clear. M.M. high except for 1 slight modern tread.  
Beautiful rocky d.f. - ~~quite broad~~ - certainly does not reach to top tho'  
Ditch = 19' wide. (NB) Lack of big blocks on both beams.

looks almost as tho a few blocks /r. S.M. have been rolled away to south - no real "expansions". N.M. continuous yet no Milit. Way here.

- 3/4. (ditch exhibits gentler slopes - less rock about - just about at bottom of hill now)

50 paces: S.M. gap. N.M. huge & continuous - Milit. Way joins on left I think.

D.f. wide & clear - tho' both beams sadly reduced.  
S.M. not flattened - "expansion" here I am certain.

18 paces - our trench.

- 4/5 50: considerable S.M. "dep."; N.M. continuous; M.M. high.  
- definite d.f. tho' shallow. Expansion?

- 5/6. 49: good S.M. dep + expansion I think. M.M. continuous but for modern sheep track - continuous M.M. Slight d.f. too.

- 6/7. Begin with rock again & steep-sided ditch. (NB M.M. noticeably larger in rock cut area - because of safer angle of other?)

49: Gap in very rocky S.M.; M.M. large & continuous + N.M.  
strikingly bare beams & ditch filled for some distance with big blocks - clear what has happened - certainly couldn't use such a crossing.

Then beams covered with blocks again. S.M. expansion I think.


- 7/8. 50: good dep. in S.M. N.M. & M.M. continuous.

Beams cleared of blocks - all thrown into ditch - lovely filling but certainly not usable. A few blocks lying to S. of mound - expansion?

- 8/9. 52: good S.M. dep; N.M. continuous; M.M. cont. but for 2 sheep tracks  
Clear crossing largely of blocks; beams cleared opposite. No expansion.

- 9/10. Vallum not quite so rocky - no blocks on beams; slopes more gradual  
54: S.M. dep; M.M. cont; M.M. continuous but not large.

Crossing there.

- 10/11. 48?: S.M. gap; N.M. continuous; M.M. cut thro' by sheep.  
Slight fill? (in this area - M.M. set back slightly /r. ditch lip.  
- ditch  now & little rock.

Now pond commences.

At this 11th gap - S.M. very interesting - just at point where field bank comes up from south, a definite whinstone wall commences - it ascends S.M. at L angle to it, then twists sharply westwards, roughly in line with inner face of mound, & continues right across gap: definite 2 faces to wall.

- 11/12 56: S.M. gap clear - slight expansion? N.M. continuous but low.

Pond in ditch - slightly filled here - betraying presence of crossing?  
S.b. depressed too - ∴ if M.M. had existed, it has gone.

(NB) Our wall has continued right along S.M. & ends just west of this 12th gap where S.M. huge again.

What was its purpose? Is it a Roman blocking of gaps or an old field-wall? We'll see if it continues! (ends after 11 paces /r. gap centre.)

- 12/13 47 or so: (just over fence) S.M. gap clear & noticeably large expansion.  
N.M. continuous. Pond - slight evidence of filling.

tho M.M. on S. lip. Slight traverse on N. lip!

Our wall recommences & continues just across gap & stops where N.M. resumes good height.



13/14. 55. definite S.H. gap & expansion. Also wall blocking gap!  
N.H. continuous. And slight traverse on N. lip!  
D.f. clearly there. Pond has just finished.  
Is there very slight H.H. on S. b?

14/15. 51: good. S.H. gap & expansion. Also blockwall. (I wonder myself whether wall surmounts mound all along but is covered with grass all along. - I think so since there is definite ridge on N. side of mound. S.H. N.H. continuous; definite traverse on N.H. opposite crossing. S. b. slightly reduced. D.f. obvious.  
Cannot decide whether there is H.H. on S. or not!

15/16. 52: S.H. gap & expansion - blockwall (I am convinced it is continuing) N.H. continuous but for sheep-mach. D.f. clear. Slight traverse I think H.H. is recommencing.

16/17. 56: S.H. gap & expansion? Blockwall buried here.  
N.H. continuous. Both seems depressed & H.H. cut thro' - probably modern - substantial d.f. - no traverse on N. lip.

17/18. 51: S.H. gap & slight expansion I think  
Our "blockwall" runs round just at beg. of this gap & shoots off to the south. Clearly then an old field-wall & not Roman at all! That is that!  
N.H. & H.H. high & continuous. Def. d.f.

18/19. 50: modern cutting too - H.H. stoney & dirty - high.  
- ditch = 24' approx - deep ditch with H.H. surmounting S. lip.  
- def. d.f. too - H.H. continuous. S.H. gap & expansion.

19/20. 53 - S.H. not clear. H.H. high - def. d.f. N.H. continuous  
(now at field-wall)

20-22. In paddock of Cassanburgh farm.  
N.H. continuous - ditch good & wide - H.H. huge.  
2 crossings clear in ditch.

23. - under farm I should say.  
Then Vallum still quite good - H.H. still there.

24th - just beyond pump. N.H. supposedly continuous. - d.f. good & wide.  
S.H. gap. [H.H. here set back from lip - lip has gone & ditch

24/25. is wide & bushy]  
50: S.H. gap - H.H. still set back. N.H. cont; d.f. there O.K.

25/6. 51: good S.H. gap: still slight H.H. I think: good d.f. for wide area  
N.H. continuous.

26/7. On field-wall comply - S.H. gap. N.H. continuous.  
D.f. there alright.

27/8. Next field - another clear d.f. - no H.H. I don't think.  
Then Vallum destroyed. I did not go further.



Approach  
mc 33

Valium huge beyond quarry  
4 crossings before the canopy. Huge m.u.  
Ditch 30' wide at largest. ✓  
7. 1st & 2nd. 61 paces.

Limestone Corner

Ditch 33'. ✓

Beg. of Wm. 55'. - from S. dip.

Middle of Wm. 66'. - from S. dip.

check. S. dip - end of S. n = 47' 9". ✓

121' - 0  
47' - 6  
73' - 6  
130' - 6  
47' - 6  
83 - 0

8  
111' 6'  
- 47' 6'  
64 0

Codlaw - 24' wide ditch. ✓



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Mon.

E.  
all day

Tues.

Pottery

Thurs.

Ex.

Frid.

Stone  
shifting

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Mon.

Site.  
In morning

Tues.

Excav.

Thurs.

Museum

Frid.

Excav.

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Ex.

Pottery

All day.

Site.

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Pottery.  
in morning

E.

Pottery

Beau.

all

E.

day.

Site in  
afternoon