

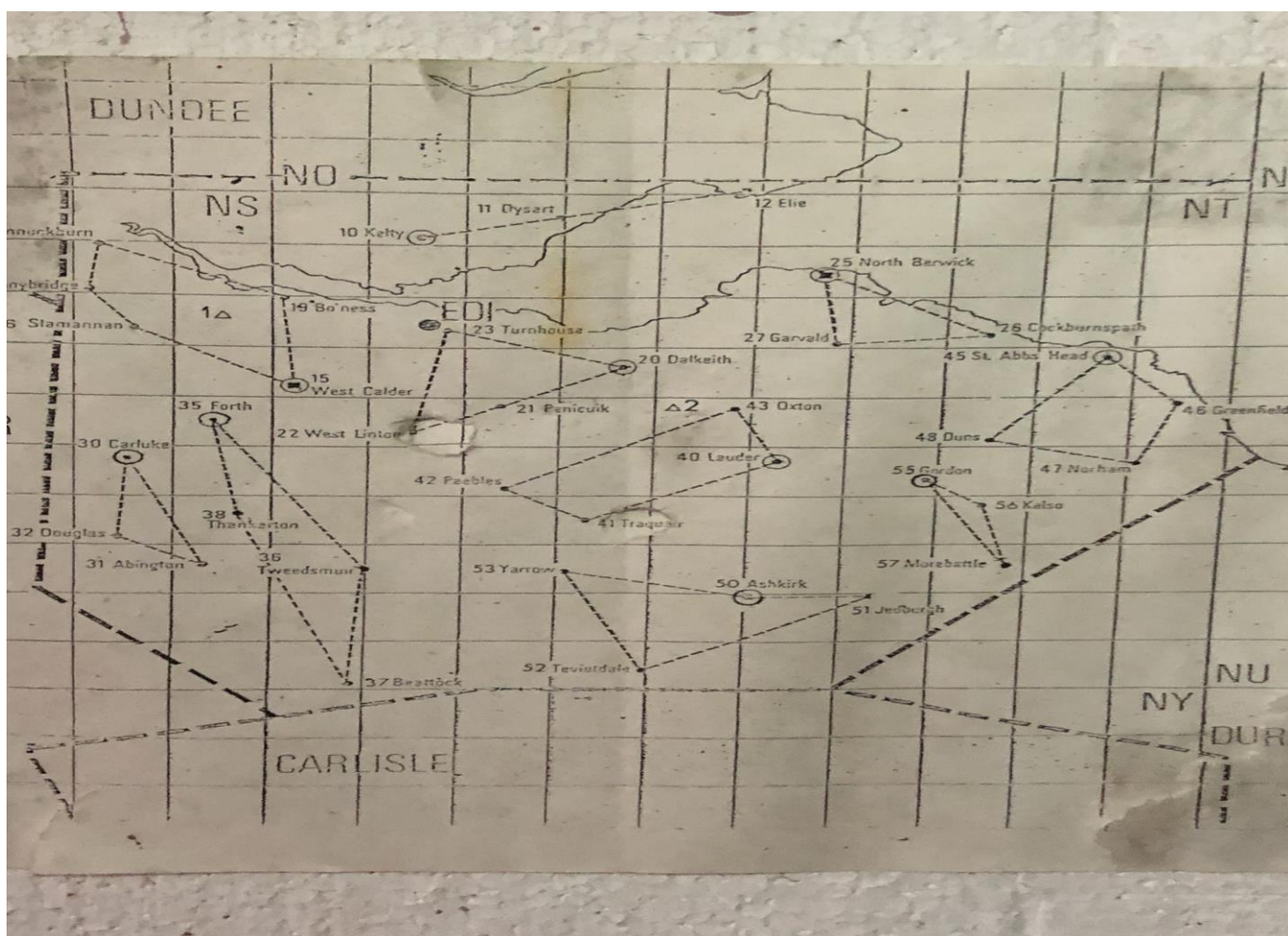
THE HIDDEN BUNKER

I live in Thankerton, and on my farm we have a hidden bunker in our field. The bunker was used after world war 2 as a place to lookout for enemy planes and bombs. The bunker was built by the military and used by the Royal Observer Corps at a time when the Russians were threatening to bomb Britain.

During the 'cold war' people were scared of Russia flying over the sea and dropping nuclear bombs on the land. The bunker in my field is one of many bunkers which were built in the area to protect Britain. Some of the sites had towers and others had underground bunkers, but ours had both. In picture 1 you can see the entrance into the bunker, In picture 2 you can see where the remains of where the tower used to be just beside the bunker.



Picture 3 shows the map that is still hanging inside of the bunker. The map shows the locations of all the bunkers between Carlisle and Dundee, the bunkers are all in shapes to cover large areas of land. As you can see from the picture the bunkers have all been organised and built in groups of three or more to an area. The reason for this is because you need at least 3 points of reference to pinpoint the accurate position of your target.



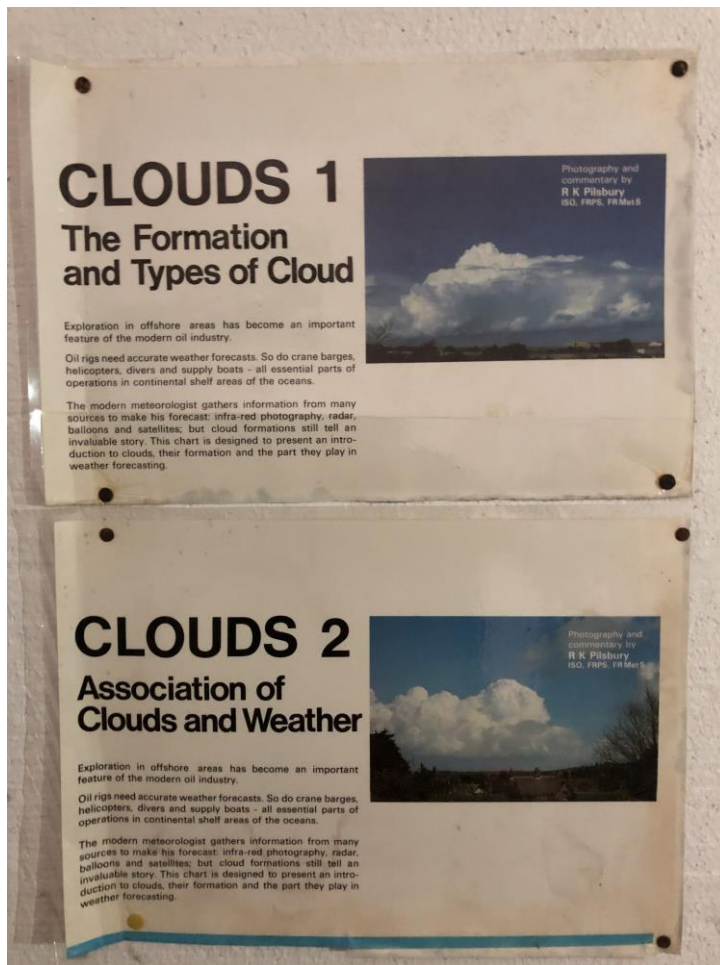
Picture 4 shows me climbing down into the bunker, The entrance is very narrow and deep, not a place you would like to spend a lot of time in.



Picture 5 shows me standing next to the bunk bed that they would have slept in when the bunker was still in use.



Picture 6 shows the formation of two types of clouds on a normal day, if a nuclear bomb had been dropped the clouds would look like a mushroom.



Picture 7 shows me sitting at the desk inside of the bunker, this is where the worker would have sat and made calls and as you can see it has been left untouched ever since the bunker was abandoned. If you look closely you can see the last bottle of juice they had, their last cigarette and a bottle with a candle in it for light.



My family has a friend who used to volunteer at one of the nearby bunkers, he says it was an interesting job which he got paid to do and was given a uniform to wear.