

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/006/0012
	Site Name	Anglo-Boer War Blockhouse #1, Valk Street, Aliwal
	Date	North
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-30.704180, 26.715370

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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The town of Aliwal North owes its existence mainly to two of the oldest and most convenient drifts through the Orange River that formerly provided access between the Cape Colony and the Transgariep. Consequently it was of special strategic importance in times of war and particularly during the Anglo Boer War. The solid old blockhouse in De Wetsville south of the town bears witness to this. The blockhouse was part of the exceptionally strong defence line which was designed to resist the republican commandos that attacked this part of the Colony from the Orange Free State from time to time. It stood in close relationship with the blockhouse at Burgersdorp. Visual Description: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: