

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/427/0005
	Site Name	Fort Tenedos, Farm Alliance 14837, Mtunzini District
	Date	03/11/2016 - 07:28
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-29.207417, 31.434517
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Site Category: Building

Directions:

Sign on main road, but no further signs on the dirt roads. (Inspecting officer unable to locate fort (sic) A defensive post built on Zululand bank of the Thukela River, opposite Fort Pearson, Situate on Sub A of Lot No. 15 Tugela No. 8876 in the County of Zululand, Province of Natal, as set out in Diagram S.G.No. 5265/49 and approved by the Surveyor-General of Natal on the 25th January 1950.

SiteComments:

Archive Import: The fort played a major role in the Anglo-Zulu War 1879, being the first fortification constructed by the British after they had crossed into Zululand from Fort Pearson. History: Fort Tenedos is situated on the left bank of the Tugela River, opposite Fort Pearson. It was built in 1879 and, together with Fort Pearson, guarded the point over the river. It was garrisoned by men from HMS Tenedos. Colonel Pearson's column passed this way on 13th January, 1879, and after that date Fort Tenedos figures frequently in official documents and books about the Zulu War. The fort is still in a reasonable state of preservation. This fort 'stands in a historic neighbourhood. It was there that, in 1838, Robert Biggar, Cane and Stubbs with 1 500 Bantu volunteers were almost annihilated by Zulu impis when they tried to go to the aid of the Voortrekkers after the death of Piet Retief and the murders at the Bloukrans River. It was in that vicinity also that the great battle of Ndongakusuka took place between Cetshwayo and his brother Mbulazi in 1856. Bronze Plaque 1950"

Visual Description: A defensive post built on Zululand bank of the Thukela River, opposite Fort Pearson:
Alteration: being used as a sugar loading area: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Poor, Being used as a sugar loading area Construction Date: 1879 Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: