

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/049/0096
	Site Name	Memorial to the Pioneers of Aviation,
	Date	Alexandersfontein, Kimberley District
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-28.812647, 24.786372

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Site Category: Monuments & Memorials

Directions:

High

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The Memorial to the Pioneers of Aviation, consisting of a symbolic monument designed by A.: P. du Toit and replicas of the first hangar and Compton Paterson biplane, was erected on the site of the original airfield where Cecil Compton Paterson established South Africa's first flying school in 1913. Of the first 10 pupil pilots only five passed. These flyers became the first pilots 'of the then newly formed South African Aviation Corps, which was the fore runner of the present South African Air Force. In 1977 the Freedom of the City was conferred on the SAAF and a memorial cairn was dedicated. Visual Description: Hangar of rectangular form built from corrugated iron. Hangar houses the Compton Paterson biplane. Colours: Site Features: Condition: Good Construction Date: Materials: Corrugated iron : Corrugated iron Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: