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Herewith two photographs of military road markers on the Fort Augustus to Benbecula Barracks, Glenelg, road, in Glenshiel.

One depicts the stone which was missing for over a hundred years, and I was fortunate enough to have found it and hold it in my possession. It carries the inscription: THE W. OF KING'S OWN RAYAL REG. MADE 2nd (JAN) 1941.

The other bears the inscription: XXIV REG. ENDE

I am sorry that the latter photograph was taken on a miserable, dark, wet day, and as a consequence, the inscription can not be seen.

I am also enclosing a photocopy of part of Ordnance Survey Sheet covering the area in which road marker no 2. was seen. It stood on the side of the old military road, which crosses from the existing highway, opposite a small memorial stone on the north side of the main

The old military road comes on up a slope and from its summit, it gradually falls to meet with the main highway set far down an old souterrain which appears to have collapsed, perhaps when the new road was being built.

The stone stood on a site, on a grassy bank some 20 or 30 yards above the existing A96 Speyside/Inverness highway, about 750 metres distant from the memorial to the young man killed in an accident. Approximate figures only.

When I last visited the site, the stone was in situ, but there was some brushwood all around, as felling was in progress. This work came on for some time afterwards and I am afraid that the stone may have been knocked down and lies in soft ground.

Roger Michel, Archaeologist with Shetland Archaeology Council, tried to get a map reference with his satellite instrument, but without success.

However, he said that he would make sure that a map reference would be taken and site placed on record. I had wanted to contact the Estate Owner, of the Dufftown Estate, but he said he would attend to it.

a friend of mine who knew where the road worked stood, has told me that he has not seen it for quite some time.

I have taken the liberty of also including pages from "Proceedings of the Society" January 11, 1827, and Antiquities in Fresh Ash, and I trust, for your information.

There is a fine example of medieval road bridge near Ractagan House, Shiel Bridge, and I had hoped that it might have been possible to recover the 1471 stone!

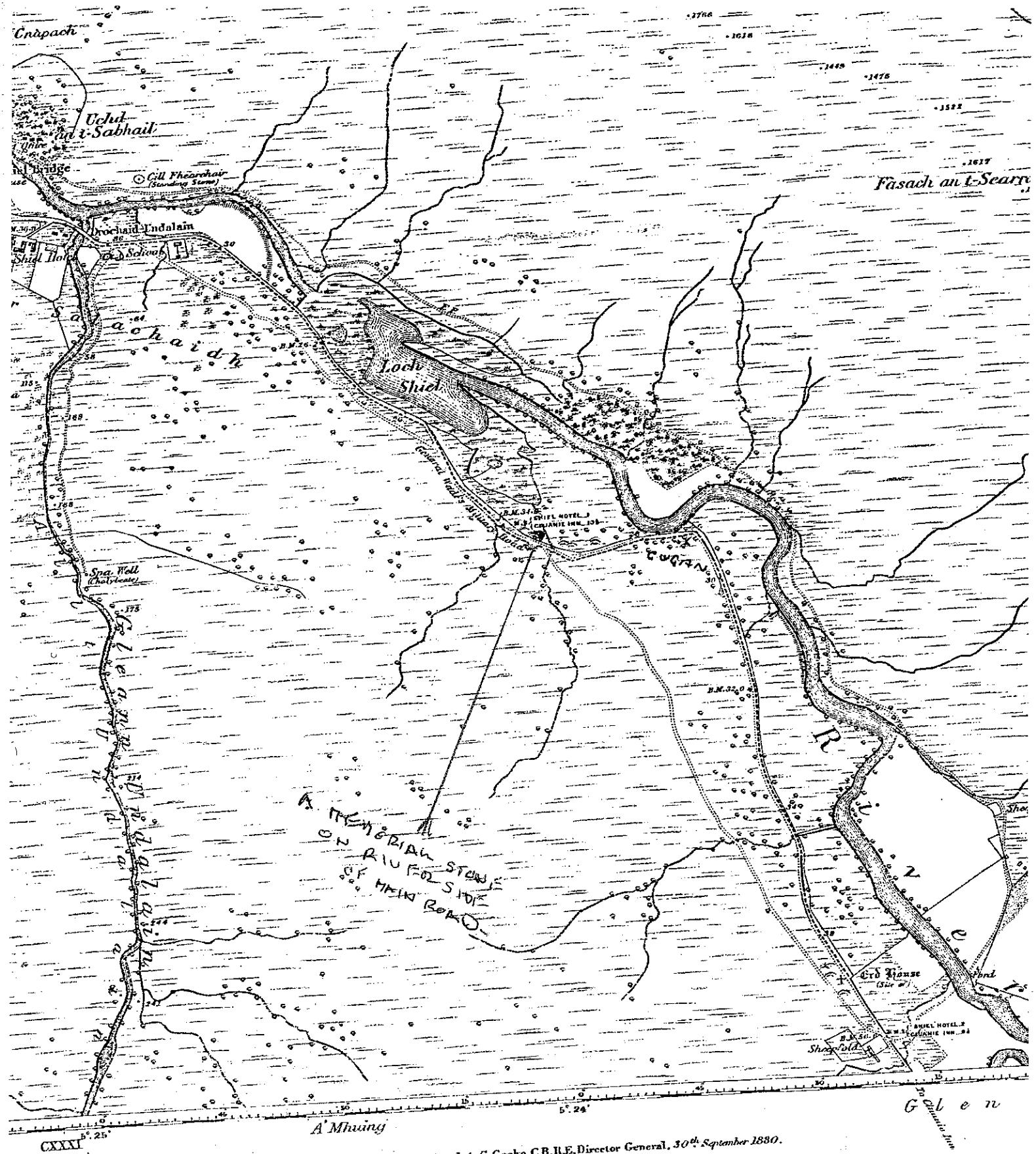
I have photographs of this bridge that you might be interested in, but would await your thoughts on this matter.

A large tree was growing amongst the stonewall but I contacted the Forest Ranger and he kindly made a good job of sawing the trunk close to the masonry wall.

I trust that this paperwork will be of some assistance and I apologise for "going on" a little, but I have a deep interest in the various sites of antiquity in this area and we have so many.

Yours sincerely





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