

*Bridgehill House*

*Saxon Cemetery*  
(Site of) B.M. 221-0

*Warren Plantation*

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178  
1.422

177  
287  
Lodge

227

231

175  
1.124

Canterbury 8  
Dover 12 } M.S.

B.M. 186-7

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Und.

Lodge

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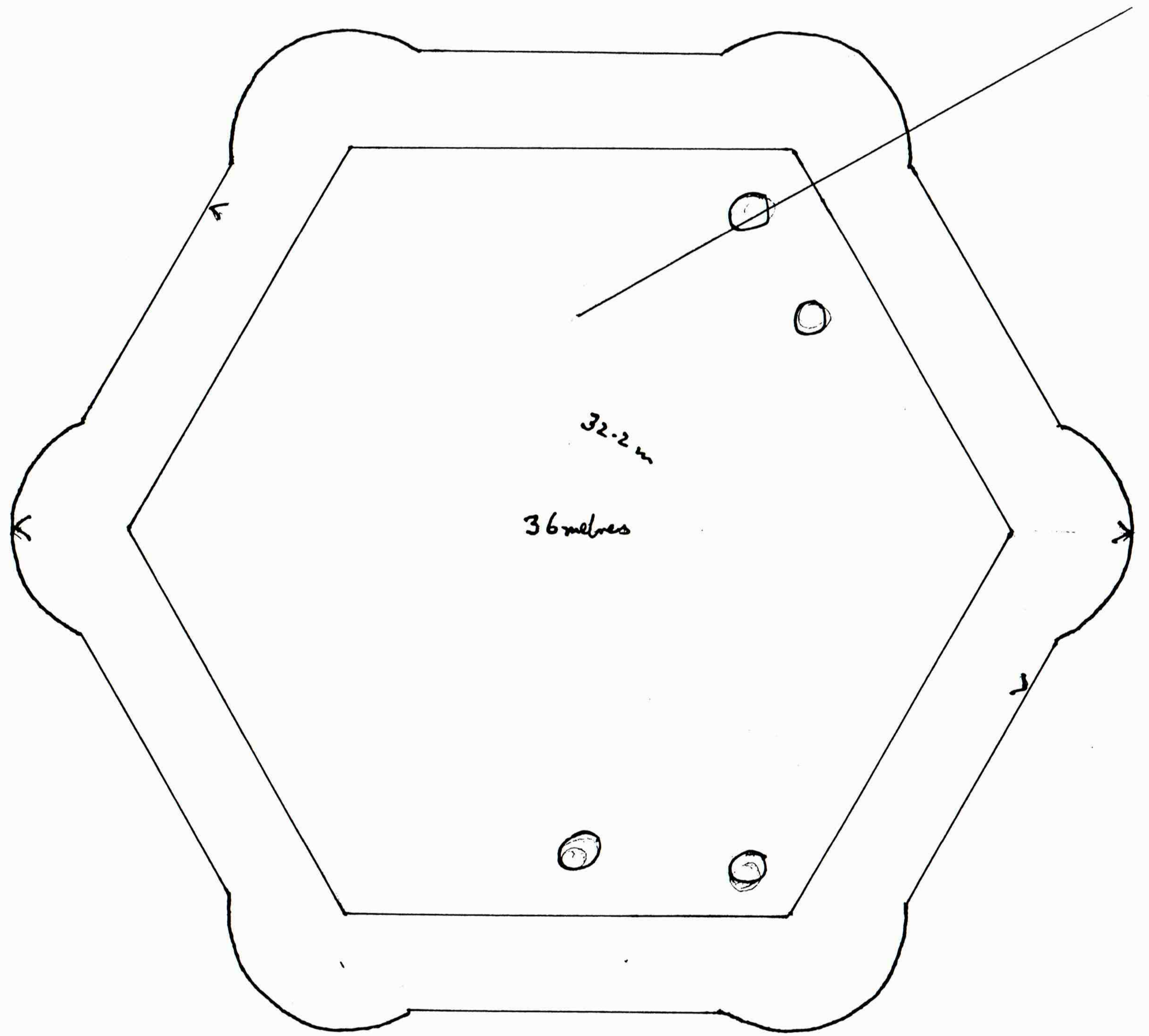
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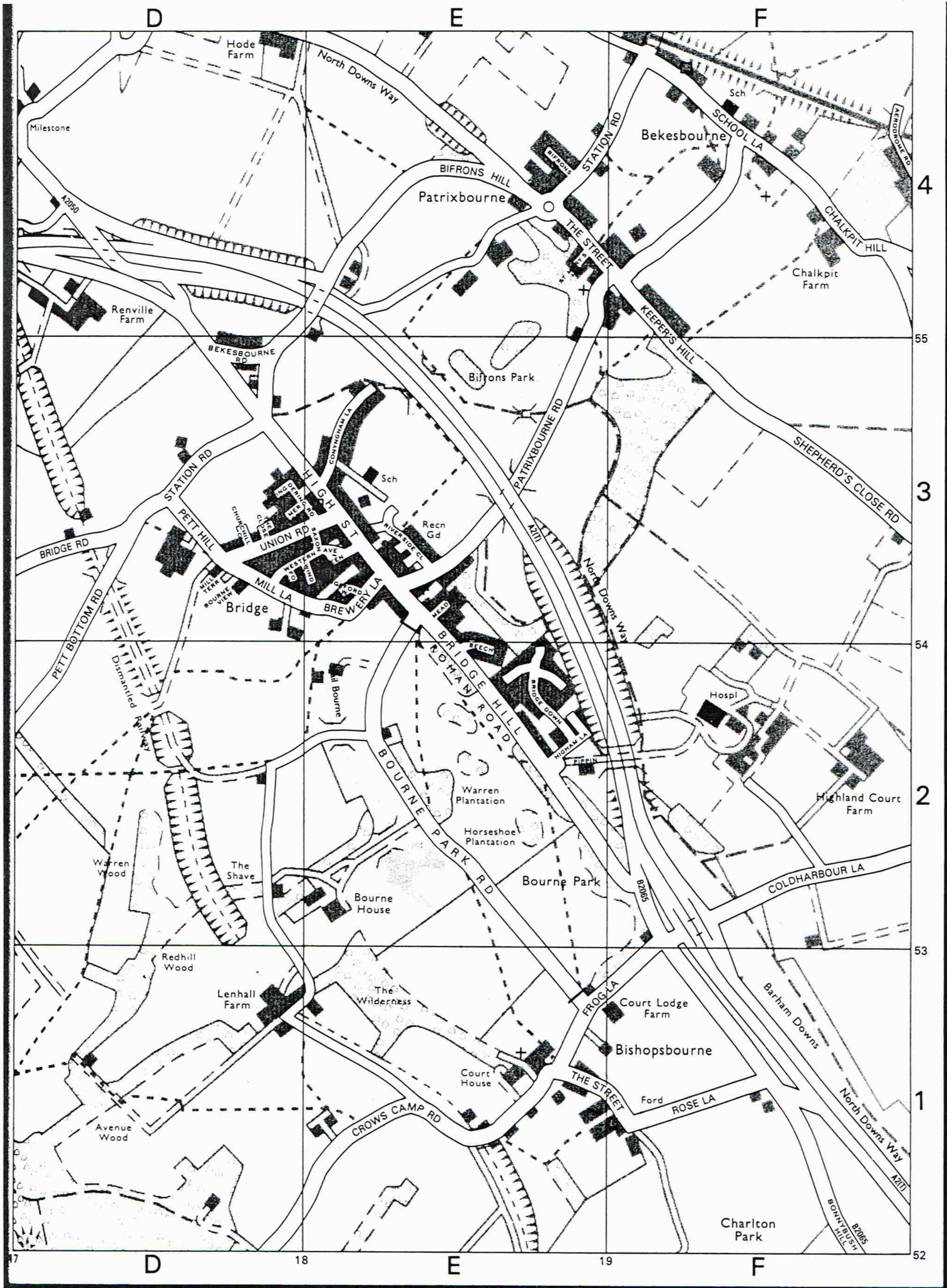
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under their "tortudo" while throwing up an "agger". I feel great hesitation therefore in accepting our Author's conclusion that this insignificant hollow is really the spot described in the quotation from Caesar p. 164 as "the place in the woods excellently fortified both by nature and art." To an ordinary observer it appears to be merely an old chalk pit, disused for many years (as a few thorns and ash have grown up in it), though in point of fact several loads of chalk were taken from it when I altered the entrance to the Park at Bridge in 1857--the so-called "rampart" which exists in a very irregular form, would probably be the top soil thrown aside by the labourers employed to get the solid chalk below. I was quite unable to identify the "mound which still remains to prove the accuracy of Caesar's narrative".

In Chapter VI our Author speaks of "the heights of Garrington" as being artificially formed with several terraces to resist the attacks of the British chariots. These terraces seem to me only the natural geological formation of that part of the valley: but without venturing to speak so decisively as our Author does, either for, or against, the work of nature, one is struck by the fact that the side of the hill is here so "precipitous" naturally, that "chariots could not surmount it", and therefore the enormous labour of forming "four or five terraces succeeding one another" must have been wholly unnecessary.

With respect to the supposed traces of entrenchments in Bourne Park described on p. 191 I have carefully examined "the brow of the hill" in search of the "two parallel lines of escarpments with others at their extremities at right angles", and must candidly say I can find nothing resembling them---except 1st the traces of the ditches enclosing a strip of land (perhaps the first enclosed portion of the Park) on each side of the great double avenue which formerly extended from the Dover road to the foot of the hill, corresponding with the existing avenue at the back of the mansion---and 2ndly the banks and ditches of the "Paddocks" mentioned by Hasted, enclosed at a later period by a succeeding proprietor. Perhaps however the Author does not intend to refer to either of these. He says his "escarpments" are "not easily discerned"--"which argues their great antiquity",---possibly an antiquity of a far earlier period than either Britons or Romans. The two hexagonal enclosures, p. 191, surrounded by a bank, there is no "ditch", and supposed to be "outposts", are easily recognised: he says "they are known traditionally as The Forts": this is another instance of a tradition known to hardly anyone. I have never heard it mentioned. But, whatever else they may have been, they were certainly once plantations, as the trees (Scotch firs) still existed forty years ago in one of them, and a few stumps were visible in the other; the bank of the N.W. hexagon is still perfect, but after making ample allowance for the levelling effects of time and weather, it seems to me far too insignificant in its dimensions to have ever been the embankment of a Roman "outpost" while it is exactly what one might expect to find as a bank thrown up to assist in protecting a plantation made perhaps less than 100 years ago. "The deep depression a few yards distant", supposed to have been an "amphitheatre", I have been utterly unable to discover. Surely the Author



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Map labels and features: Hode Farm, Milestone, North Downs Way, BIFRONS HILL, Patrixbourne, BIFRONS, STATION RD, THE STREET, Bekebourne, SCHOOL LA, CHALKPIT HILL, Chalkpit Farm, Renville Farm, BEKESBOURNE RD, Bifrons Park, KEEPER'S HILL, SHEPHERD'S CLOSE RD, STATION RD, PETT HILL, UNION RD, HIGH ST, Sch, Recn Gd, BRIDGE RD, PETT BOTTOM RD, MILL LA, BOURNE LA, BREWERY LA, BRIDGE, WARREN PLANTATION, HORSESHOE PLANTATION, Bourne Park, WARREN WOOD, The Shave, Bourne House, HIGHLAND COURT FARM, Redhill Wood, Lenhall Farm, The Wilderness, Court House, FROGLA, Court Lodge Farm, BISHOPSBOURNE, Ford, ROSE LA, CROWS CAMP RD, THE STREET, Barham Downs, North Downs Way, AVENUE WOOD, CHARLTON PARK, BONNYBUSH, B2005.

