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PRIDDY'S HARD
Shifting Room (Building 223), to
SW of 'C' Magazine

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Shifting Room. 1898-9. Brick with gabled slate roof on timber trusses.

A small gabled building in 3 bays, with entrance at the NE. Small-paned lights, all to cambered heads with brick headers in two rows, and stone sills.

INTERIOR: fittings removed.

HISTORY: This building, prominently sited to the N of the late C18 magazine group, was built as a Shifting Room (for changing into magazine clothing) at the end of the C19, and thus relates to a key phase of expansion in the history of this site. The magazines and related structures at Priddy's Hard date from the late 18th century. The site's expansion from the mid 19th century was closely related to the development of land and sea artillery and the navy's transition from the age of sail, powder and solid shot to the Dreadnought class of the early 1900s. Priddy's Hard retains the best preserved range of structures that relate to this remarkable history of continual enlargement and adaptation, one that encompasses that of Britain's dominance as a sea power on a global scale.

For further historical details on this site, see the description for 'A' Magazine.

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PRIDDY'S HARD
Laboratory Boat House (Building
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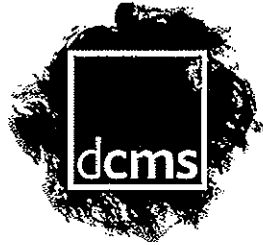
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Boat house. 1847. In timber frame, but in later C.19 rebuilt in brick, all painted, slate roof with lead dressings.

A small rectangular building with low-pitched hipped roof, set on the outer S edge of the Camber (qv) raised on stone piers from the water level. The W end has a central plank door, and on the S side are two wide-spaced multi-pane lights. Central to the ridge is a cropped stack or vent. The interior not inspected or accessible.

HISTORY: Built in 1847 for the new Laboratory complex, this building is prominently located next to the Camber. Despite the importance of water communications in the naval ordnance yards, this is the only example of this building type to have survived. The magazines and related structures at Priddy's Hard date from the late 18th century. The site's expansion from the mid 19th century was



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PRIDDY'S HARD
Empty Package Store (Building
428), Museum Buildings

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Empty package store 1896/7. Brick in English bond, slate roof on timber trusses.

A small gabled building, lying parallel with and against the NE end of 'B' Magazine (qv), in 5 bays, with entrance at the N end. At the N end is a pair of plank doors, and the opposite gable has a multi-pane window; the long E side has central plank doors flanked by small 18-pane lights, all to cambered heads with brick headers in three rows, and stone sills.

INTERIOR: has king-post trusses on internal brick piers, with rafters and close boarding; boarded floor. It was originally served by the narrow gauge tramway system.

HISTORY: Prominently sited between the main magazine group and the Camber. These stores are associated with the introduction of shells into naval service, each shell being individually packed into its own wooden box. It is one of a series of such rooms, comprising one of the core group of buildings on this uniquely important site.

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A small building, but part of the overall magazine operation, and surviving practically unchanged.