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# US Airforce Base Camp

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## Location

CAPE NELSON ROAD PORTLAND, Glenelg Shire

## Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7221-0298

## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 2, 2002

High- state significance.

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## Physical Conditions

Lookout and gun mount - good. Air-raid shelter - very good.

## Physical Description 1

Defensive features; three-sided lookout structure, gun mount and tunnel and air-raid shelter.

### **Veterans Description for Public**

A Second World War Airforce Complex was located on Cape Nelson Road, Portland. The site was used by the US as a base camp and radar station to monitor marine activities during the event of a feared Japanese invasion and to transmit messages. The complex had several defensive features including a three-sided lookout structure, gun mount, tunnel and air-raid shelter. The site in present location of Pedolie House - was built on the original slab where the lookout and gun mount stood. When the Australian military decided Japanese invasion would not occur, the structures were pulled down or abandoned.

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