Roman 'Mile' Castle plans.

Mile Castles, like the one featured in these plans were placed every mile along the Roman frontier of Hadrian's Wall. (note, the Roman Mile was approx. 2 kilometres).

From the point of view of the railway modeller, these plans can be altered to show a castle being re-built, or one of a number of already re-built castles, along with a small group of re-enactors in Roman uniform practising drill for spectators.

The applications for the military modeller or wargamer are obvious, although, of course, a number of other uses spring up for the wargamer, such as, if Operation Sea Lion (Sea Lowe in German) did take place, a re-built Mile Castle may be the 'last stand' of a platoon of Home Guard....

Important notes while building:

The corners or the crenulated walls would always meet with a raised section, with Linka, you will have to shave a 45' section out of each piece so as to facilitate this.

The two gatehouses should be constructed without the battlements, then a solid floor poured. Once set, the battlements should be fitted.

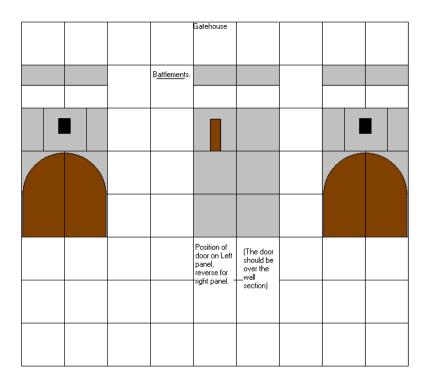
Add Ladders and interior details, such as tents, etc. to your own taste.

The original Mile Castles were built of local stone, but more often than not, these would be covered in a white plaster, and then finished with line of red paint to represent a more formal, 'dressed' stone effect. Thus, for the historic piece, build as normal out of stone, then, before painting, paint a 'wash' of thinned plaster mixture over the whole model (except for the wooden doors), dulling most of the detail, much as with the 'La Haye Saint' model. Of course, some of the plaster rendering could be left off to show damage.

For the 'modern' model, all of the plaster could be left off, showing a recently-rebuilt castle.

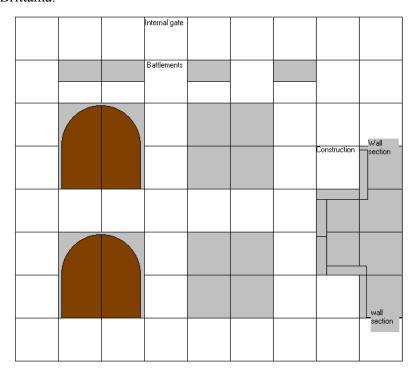
The Main Gate.

This piece would lie flush with the frontier wall.



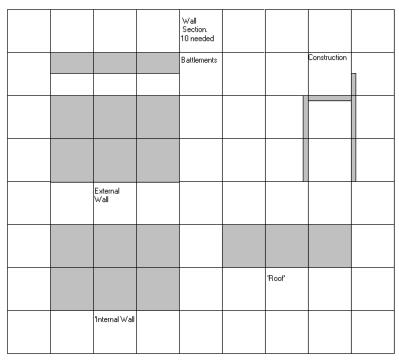
The Interior Gate,

This was the gate allowing access to and from the castle to the 'civilised' area of Brittania.



Wall Section.

At least 10 of these sections are needed, some alterations may be needed to match the contours of the terrain.



Plan and elevation view.

