

## 5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 14**

Details of the defence works shown on Maps 2 and 3 are given below. The listing is arranged in sequence of the unique database record numbers that are also given on the map.

<b>UORN</b>	S0000719	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	DEFENCE WORK
		<b>NGR</b>	TV 5146 9771
<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East		
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Lewes		
<b>PARISH</b>	Seaford		
<b>LOCATION</b>	Overlooking the mouth of the Cuckmere River on the W bank.		
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Field Visit	2001/06/28	
	Coastal cable station, damaged by artillery practice fire during WW2 for which it was used as a target, and repaired post-war. Used as a fishing hut. Now derelict.		
	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Field Visit	1993/__/__	
	First World War gun emplacement used to house a Vickers machine gun. Converted to a holiday home.		
<b>CONDITION</b>	Good		
<b>THREATS</b>			
<b>ADJACENT</b>			
<b>SITES</b>			
<b>PART OF</b>	Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)		
	Sussex coast defences		
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	1914/__/__	1918/__/__	
<b>REFERENCE</b>	Longstaff-Tyrrell, Peter	That Peace in our Time: The Artefacts of World War Two in Sussex	

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0000803 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/23)  
**NGR** TV 52135 97690

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** At base of cliff, to E of Cuckmere Haven, off South Downs Way in Seven Sisters Country Park.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/10/12

Type 23 pillbox of variant form. 3 embrasures. Steps down into pillbox. Brick lined interior. Open area to rear with brick walling but no AA mounting. Field of fire towards beach.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1999/02/28

A pillbox [type 23], 1.87m x 1.84m internally, with outer open lobby, 1.36m x 1.84m internally. Walls, 394mm thick of two half-brick skins with concrete core and 3 precast concrete embrasures. Roof, reinforced concrete 300mm thick. The entrance to the lobby and from the lobby to the pillbox are only 450mm wide which seems very narrow.

Dug into lower slopes of cliff. Faces SW. Interior access possible.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1964/ __ / __

Pillbox shown on 1964 large-scale OS mapping (1:2500).

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

Non-standard pillbox to N at TV 522976.

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/06/ \_\_      1940/10/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

Wills, Henry  
 Taktisches Luftbildbuch  
 Nr.3  
 Pillboxes: A Study of UK  
 Defences

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0000806 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)  
**NGR** TV 52136 97711

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** At base of cliff, Cuckmere Haven, off South Downs Way in Seven Sisters Country Park.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
 Field Visit 1999/02/28

Pillbox, 1.82m x 1.82m internally, with entrance and flight of 4 steps. Walls are concrete, 1.02m thick, with half brick internally lining as permanent formwork, and corrugated steel sheeting formwork externally: there is one large embrasure in the SW corner. Roof is 600mm-700mm thick. It appears that there was some form of porch over the entrance steps.

Faces SSW. Interior access possible.

**TYPE** **DATE**  
 Field Visit 1997/10/12

Non-standard pillbox situated towards base of cliff overlooking Cuckmere Haven. Sunken entrance. Field of fire towards sea. 1 large embrasure with weapon mounting external to pillbox. Steps down into pillbox. Wood door frame still extant. with PLAN drawn on form.

**CONDITION**

Fair

**THREATS****ADJACENT**

Non-standard pillbox at TV 522977 and type 23 variant at TV 522976.

**SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/\_\_/\_\_

1941/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

Wills, Henry

Pillboxes: A Study of UK  
Defences**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0000807      **SITE TYPE**      **CUBE**  
**NGR**

TV	51676	97852
TV	51630	97828

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** On E bank of Cuckmere River at Cuckmere Haven, off South Downs Way in Seven Sisters Country Park.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	2001/06/20

20 x anti-tank cubes with conical tops set on a concrete base forming a slightly concave line (looking from the sea) to the immediate E of the Cuckmere river.

[see also UORN 14662].

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	1997/10/12

20 x square (1m x 1m) anti-tank blocks with pyramids on top of each one, forming line E - W to River Cuckmere. There are other anti-tank blocks on the W side of the river.  
with DRAWING of block on form.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS****ADJACENT**

Anti-tank blocks to W at TV 515978.

**SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/\_\_/\_\_

1941/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0001495 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/25)  
**NGR** TV 52120 99249

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** On side of high bank, on E side of river, at Cuckmere Haven, Seven Sisters Country Park, Exceat.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Document 1940/12/\_\_\_

Document source gives a pillbox at Cassini ref. 954182 which appears to be to this pillbox rather than UORN 13680 to the north.

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Field Visit 2001/06/28

Type 25 pillbox on side of high bank. Faces W. Ground eroded under leading edge.

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Field Visit \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

'Armco' pillbox.

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Field Visit 1999/02/28

Standard type 25 Armco pillbox 1.83m diameter internally, with corrugated steel formwork externally, 3 embrasures and an entrance, which has been enlarged with the top cut away.

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Field Visit 1996/04/25

Standard type 25 circular pillbox, with 3 embrasures: corrugated iron shuttering. Situated on high ground with field of fire across the Cuckmere River valley. with PLAN

Also recorded by staff of the Seven Sisters County Park ahead of removal [Jan 2000 not removed].

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

The ground under the leading edge of the pillbox has eroded away. There is a danger of collapse or removal.

The pillbox is to be removed due to its precarious position. Erosion by sheep and rabbits has undermined the base of the pillbox, and it is considered that for reasons of public safety it must be removed [it is hoped it will go to the museum at Shoreham Airfield].

**ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_      1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

Longstaff-Tyrrell, Peter	219th Infantry Brigade War Diary Operation Cuckmere Haven	Home Forces Unit War Diaries (TNA: PRO 166)
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**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0001496	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/25)
		<b>NGR</b>	TV 52113 97844

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Eastbourne
<b>PARISH</b>	Westdean
<b>LOCATION</b>	On high ground to E of Cuckmere Haven, South Downs Way, Seven Sisters Country Park.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2001/06/28

Type 25 pillbox. With entrance facing SW towards the sea and field of fire to N. Interior access possible.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1964/ __/ __

Pillbox shown on 1964 large-scale OS mapping (1:2500).

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1999/02/28

Standard type 25 Armco pillbox, 1.83m diameter internally, with corrugated steel formwork externally, 3 embrasures and an entrance.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/10/12

Standard type 25 pillbox - 3 embrasures (1 blocked up). Situated on elevated position with entrance facing the sea (unlike other pillboxes in the vicinity).

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

Wills, Henry

Pillboxes: A Study of UK  
Defences

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0001909 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)  
**NGR** TV 52104 97833

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** Cuckmere Haven, off South Downs Way in Seven Sisters Country Park - the E side of the Cuckmere valley.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** DATE  
Field Visit 2001/06/28

Square PB with entry porch at an angle. Faces S to SSW. Interior access possible.  
**TYPE** DATE  
Map 1964/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox shown on 1964 large-scale OS mapping (1:2500).  
**TYPE** DATE  
Field Visit 1999/02/28

A pillbox, 1.91m x 1.85m internally, with entrance passage 685mm long. Walls, 450mm x 225mm x 150mm precast concrete blocks mostly 225mm thick and 450mm thick (at SW side), with 1 embrasure (reduced from original width). Roof, reinforced concrete 305mm thick with the formwork to edge of steel corrugated sheeting.  
**TYPE** DATE  
Field Visit 1997/10/12

Non-standard pillbox situated on cliff overlooking Cuckmere Haven. Brick and

corrugated iron shuttering. Sunken entrance. Field of fire towards sea. 1  
embrasure. Wood door frame still extant.  
with PLAN drawn on form.

TYPE DATE  
Field Visit 1998/02/ \_\_

Rectangular gun chamber, 2.14m x 2.13m internally with diagonal entrance  
passage. Single splayed embrasure. Solid concrete walls with 112mm brick  
internally as permanent framework. Externally, with corrugated iron framework  
[shuttering]. Concrete roof.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

5 other sites along E side of Cuckmere valley: Non-standard pillbox at TV 522977 and  
type 25 at TV 521978.

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_ 1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

Wills, Henry Sheet (Blatt) 134 Befestigungskarte  
Pillboxes: A Study of UK Grossbritannien 1:50,000  
Defences

**DESIGNATION**

UORN S0008604 SITE TYPE PILLBOX (VARIANT)  
NGR TV 51428 97763

COUNTY Sussex, East  
DISTRICT Lewes  
PARISH Seaford  
LOCATION Outbrook Bank, Cuckmere Haven, nr. River Cuckmere.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE DATE  
Field Visit 2001/06/28

Brick-shuttered square pillbox, with entrance the other side from that facing the  
sea. Faces SSE. Access to interior is possible via steps down. Embrasures blocked.



TYPE  
Field Visit

DATE  
1997/11/09

Non-standard square pillbox, set into bank of river valley, with field of fire across valley to coast. Guarded sunken entrance. Corrugated iron shuttered roof, and wood gun supports at interior of embrasure.  
with PLAN drawn on form.

[can be seen on photograph showing Cuckmere Haven defences, c.1950 - PRO ADM 326/162].

**CONDITION**

Fair

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

Anti-tank blocks at TV 515977.

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

Wills, Henry

Cuckmere Haven: Beach  
Report  
Pillboxes: A Study of UK  
Defences

Admiralty: Beach  
Intelligence Records

**DESIGNATION**

UORN S0008609

**SITE TYPE**  
**NGR**

CUBE

TV 51509 97774

TV 51467 97750

**COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT**  
**PARISH**  
**LOCATION**

Sussex, East  
Lewes  
Seaford  
W of Cuckmere Haven, nr. River Cuckmere and the Cable House.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE  
Air Photograph

DATE  
1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

Line of anti-tank cubes, making angle as it approaches the river [seen on wartime

and post war APs - 16 cubes can be counted at the W end of the line]. Most had disappeared by 1977.

TYPE DATE  
Field Visit 2001/06/28

Line of massive anti-tank cubes (corrugated-iron shuttered) on concrete base. There are 18 x blocks, the end two of which turn at right angles to head towards the sea. Each block is 6ft-7ft long and 4ft-5ft high from its concrete base. Towards the E, the line is continued by a solid anti-tank wall [see UORN 8610], which itself was continued at a sharp angle to the edge of the river by further blocks (and two blockhouses - see UORNs 13678 and 13709) now destroyed.

[See also UORN 14830].

TYPE DATE  
Air Photograph 1942/ \_\_/ \_\_

APs (German and British) show a double line of anti-tank blocks running to the E of the Cable House towards the shore.

TYPE DATE  
Field Visit 1997/11/09

Anti-tank blocks and anti-tank wall running E - W across Cuckmere Valley. 17 blocks and anti-tank wall.  
with PLAN drawn on form.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

Non-standard pillbox to NW at TV 514978.

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**

UORN S0008610      SITE TYPE ANTI TANK WALL  
NGR

TV 51509 97774  
TV 51557 97800

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** W of Cuckmere Haven, nr. River Cuckmere and the Cable House.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2001/06/28

Anti-tank wall made of corrugated-iron shuttered concrete. A rampart and anti-tank ditch are on the N side.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1997/11/09

Anti-tank blocks and anti-tank wall running E - W across Cuckmere Valley. 17 blocks [see UORN 8609] and anti-tank wall.  
with PLAN drawn on form.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

Non-standard pillbox to NW at TV 514978.

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_      1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0011618	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	ROADBLOCK
		<b>NGR</b>	TV 5256 9909

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** On A259 road, E of Exceat Bridge.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE  
Map

DATE  
1941/\_\_/\_\_

Situation of roadblock [shown on German map of British defences].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS****ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0011620	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>PILLBOX</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
			TV 5123 9796

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** NW of Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE  
Map

DATE  
1941/\_\_/\_\_

Pillbox [shown on German map of British defences].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

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Grossbritannien 1:50,000

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0011621 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK DITCH  
**NGR**  
TV 52028 97727  
TV 52127 97675

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** Running W - E north of the beach of Cuckmere Haven and E of the River Cuckmere.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Map 1941/\_\_/\_\_

Surviving section of anti-tank ditch, substantially dry, running W-E on E side of Cuckmere River below cliffs [shown on German map of British defences and German and British aerial photographs]. There is a high rampart in front of the anti-tank ditch which may have been a pre-existing sea bank: beyond that is the shingle bank of the sea front.

[see also UORN 14647 for infilled portion of ditch].

**CONDITION**

Fair

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/06/ \_\_

1940/10/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

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Grossbritannien 1:50,000

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0011622 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR** TV 5113 9840

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** NW of Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** Map **DATE** 1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox [shown on German map of British defences].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

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**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN**      S0011623      **SITE TYPE**      **PILLBOX**  
**NGR**  
TV    5111    9872

**COUNTY**      Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT**      Lewes  
**PARISH**      Seaford  
**LOCATION**      N of Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**      **DATE**  
Map      1941/\_\_/\_\_

Pillbox [shown on German map of British defences].

[not checked by field work].

**CONDITION**

Unknown

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/\_\_/\_\_      1941/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0011624 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR** TV 5150 9930

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** Exceat Bridge.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** Document **DATE** 1940/12/\_\_\_

Document source gives two pillboxes at Cassini ref. 949182 [see UORN 16774].

**TYPE** Map **DATE** 1941/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Pillbox [shown on German map of British defences].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS****ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ 1941/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**REFERENCE**

219th Infantry Brigade  
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Home Forces Unit War  
Diaries (TNA: PRO 166)  
Befestigungskarte  
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**DESIGNATION**



**UORN** S0011625 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK  
**NGR** TV 5148 9934

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** On A259 road, just E of Exceat Bridge.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Map 1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

Situation of roadblock [shown on German map of British defences].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0012821 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR** TV 5185 9775

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne

**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** In centre of beach of Cuckmere Haven on the sea side of the anti-tank ditch, E of the Cuckmere River.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE DATE  
Air Photograph 1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox [plotted from German aerial photograph of Cuckmere Haven].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0013677      **SITE TYPE**      **PILLBOX**  
NGR  
TV 5213 9760

**COUNTY** Sussex, East

**DISTRICT** Eastbourne

**PARISH** Westdean

**LOCATION** At E end of beach, below the cliffs, of Cuckmere Haven, E of the Cuckmere River.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE DATE  
Air Photograph 1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox [plotted from German aerial photograph of Cuckmere Haven].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0013678	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>PILLBOX</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	TV 5154 9780

**COUNTY** Sussex, East

**DISTRICT** Lewes

**PARISH** Seaford

**LOCATION** On W bank of Cuckmere River at an angle in the line of the anti-tank defences.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**  
Air Photograph

**DATE**  
1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox, probably a heavy emplacement [plotted from German aerial photograph of Cuckmere Haven].

[This structure is seen on a c.1950 photograph of Cuckmere Haven].

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences  
Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_      \_\_/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

Cuckmere Haven: Beach  
Report  
Taktisches Luftbildbuch  
Nr.3  
Admiralty: Beach  
Intelligence Records

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN**      S0013680      **SITE TYPE**      **PILLBOX**  
**NGR**  
TV 5209 9943

**COUNTY**      Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT**      Eastbourne  
**PARISH**      Westdean  
**LOCATION**      SE of what is now Exceat Park Centre, on high ground to S of A259 road.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**      **DATE**  
Map      1940/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox shown on German mapping, and also seen on wartime and post-war APs.  
Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences  
Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_      \_\_/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**Sudostkuste England:  
Schragbildreihe IV,  
Selsey - ostw. Seaford**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0013709	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	PILLBOX
		<b>NGR</b>	TV 5156 9777

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Lewes
<b>PARISH</b>	Seaford
<b>LOCATION</b>	On W bank of Cuckmere River at the junction of the anti-tank defences with the river bank.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Photograph	1950/ __/ __

Pillbox, or similar structure, seen on c.1950 photograph showing some of the defences of Cuckmere Haven.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS****ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/ \_\_/ \_\_      \_\_/ \_\_/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0014647 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK DITCH  
**NGR**  
TV 5170 9785  
TV 5202 9772

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** Running W - E north of the beach of Cuckmere Haven and E of the River Cuckmere.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Map 1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

Anti-tank ditch running W-E from E bank of Cuckmere River, now either infilled or part of lake [shown on German map of British defences and German and British aerial photographs].

[see also UORN 11621 for record of surviving section].

**CONDITION**

Infilled

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/06/ \_\_ 1940/10/ \_\_

**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0014649 **SITE TYPE** DEFENCE WORK  
**NGR** TV 5206 9767

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** Towards E end of Cuckmere Haven foreshore in front of surviving section of anti-tank ditch.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Field Visit 2001/06/20

U-shaped earthwork in front of anti-tank ditch, not shown on 1940 APs but present by 1942. Survives as an earthwork and is possibly an emplacement for a field gun.

**CONDITION**

Fair

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

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**DATE**

1941/\_\_/\_\_ 1942/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0014662 **SITE TYPE** CUBE  
**NGR** TV 51630 97828  
TV 5160 9779

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Eastbourne  
**PARISH** Westdean  
**LOCATION** E bank of Cuckmere River, Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE  
Air Photograph

DATE  
1947/\_\_/\_\_

Anti-tank cubes that originally continued the line that still survives to the edge of the Cuckmere River [see UORN 807].

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS****ADJACENT****SITES****PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

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1941/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

CPE/UK 1947 22  
47F/20//MULTI(4)58  
Sqdn (frame 2006)

RAF aerial photographs

**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0014670	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		<b>NGR</b>	TV 5140 9764

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Lewes
<b>PARISH</b>	Seaford
<b>LOCATION</b>	Near the Coastguard Cottages, Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE  
Book

DATE  
2000/\_\_/\_\_

Brick-shuttered type 24 pillbox with very thick concrete roof with chamfered edge. Small embrasures.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed



**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences  
Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

Longstaff-Tyrrell, Peter      Front-Line Sussex:  
Napoleon Bonaparte to  
the Cold War

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN**      S0014829      **SITE TYPE**      ANTI TANK DITCH (NATURAL IMPROVED)  
**NGR**      TV 51532 97809  
TV 5144 9777

**COUNTY**      Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT**      Lewes  
**PARISH**      Seaford  
**LOCATION**      W of Cuckmere Haven, nr. River Cuckmere.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**      DATE  
Field Visit      2001/06/28

Anti-tank ditch behind anti-tank cubes and rampart, apparently formed from pre-existing water course. Filled with water. Seen on APs and still surviving today.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

1940/\_\_/\_\_      \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

CPE/UK 1947 22  
47F/20//MULTI(4)58  
Sqdn (frame 2006)

RAF aerial photographs

**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0014830	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>CUBE</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
		TV 51467	97750
		TV 5149	9770
		TV 5146	9765

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Lewes
<b>PARISH</b>	Seaford
<b>LOCATION</b>	W of Cuckmere Haven, nr. River Cuckmere.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Air Photograph	1940/__/__

Line (double in N section) of anti-tank cubes running S from the W end of the W-E blocks [UORN 8609]. Seen on APs (British and German). Now DESTROYED, although some water-rolled blocks on the foreshore at TV 5142297644 probably came from this line.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

CPE/UK 1947 22      RAF aerial photographs  
47F/20//MULTI(4)58  
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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN**      S0014831      **SITE TYPE**      **PILLBOX**  
**NGR**  
TV 52132 97766

**COUNTY**      Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT**      Eastbourne  
**PARISH**      Westdean  
**LOCATION**      Dug into lower slopes of cliff, on E side of Cuckmere River, Seven Sisters Country Park.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**      **DATE**  
Field Visit      2001/06/28

Corrugated-iron shuttered pillbox, dug into lower slopes of cliff and now largely hidden by undergrowth and hill wash that has built up around it. Appears predominantly square. An embrasure, or the entrance, can be made out on the W side.

**CONDITION**

Fair

**THREATS**

The pillbox is being covered by earth washed down the cliff above.  
The pillbox is overgrown.

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)  
  
Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0014882 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR** TV 5130 9777

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** W of Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Map 1941/ \_\_/ \_\_

Pillbox [shown on German map of British defences].

Field work shows no trace.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016774 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR** TV 5138 9933

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes

**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** The Golden Galleon public house, W of Exceat Bridge.

**DESCRIPTION**  
TYPE DATE  
Document 1941/02/24

Pillbox listed in defence scheme as at the Golden Galleon.

**CONDITION**  
Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**  
Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)  
Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**  
1940/\_\_/\_\_ 1941/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**  
Seaford Defence Scheme 9th Bn. The King's  
Regiment War Diary

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016857 **SITE TYPE** ARMY BATTLE HEADQUARTERS  
**NGR** TV 5137 9763

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** Coastguard Cottages, Cuckmere Haven.

**DESCRIPTION**  
TYPE DATE  
Document 1940/10/\_\_

Battle headquarters at differing times of a company of 10th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment and of 'B' Coy 6th Bn. Cheshire Regiment.

**CONDITION**  
Unknown

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences  
Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

**REFERENCE**

'C' Sub Area Defence Scheme  
219th Infantry Brigade War Diary

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016863 **SITE TYPE** MINEFIELD  
**NGR**  
TV 5145 9779  
TV 5150 9781

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** On the W side of the Cuckmere River.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Document 1941/03/21  
Minefield 51.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)  
Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

**REFERENCE**

[Map showing minefields]: Appendix B to Operation Instruction No.5

9th Bn. The King's Regiment War Diary

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016864 **SITE TYPE** MINEFIELD  
**NGR** TV 5160 9784

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Lewes  
**PARISH** Seaford  
**LOCATION** On the E side of the Cuckmere River.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**  
Document

**DATE**  
1941/03/21

Minefield 52.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

**REFERENCE**

[Map showing minefields]: Appendix B to Operation Instruction No.5

9th Bn. The King's Regiment War Diary

**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0016865	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>MINEFIELD</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
			TV 5172 9786
			TV 5195 9778
			TV 5211 9772

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Lewes
<b>PARISH</b>	Seaford
<b>LOCATION</b>	From the E side of the Cuckmere River to the cliffs.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Document	1941/03/21
Minefields 53 and 55.	

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

Sussex coast defences

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

**REFERENCE**

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**DESIGNATION**



UORN S0016866 SITE TYPE MINEFIELD  
NGR TV 5205 9780

COUNTY Sussex, East  
DISTRICT Lewes  
PARISH Seaford  
LOCATION Beneath the cliffs, Cuckmere Haven.

DESCRIPTION TYPE DATE  
Document 1941/03/21

Minefield..

CONDITION Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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Sussex coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE [Map showing minefields]: Appendix B to Operation Instruction No.5  
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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016929 SITE TYPE BEACH SCAFFOLDING  
NGR TV 5150 9769  
TV 5163 9769  
TV 5168 9773  
TV 5212 9757

COUNTY Sussex, East  
DISTRICT Eastbourne  
PARISH Westdean

**LOCATION** At the head of the beach on both sides of the Cuckmere River.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/28

Anti-tank beach scaffolding. Information from documentary source.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Sussex coast defences

Sussex coast defences (Cuckmere Haven)

**CONSTRUCTION**

**DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

9th Bn. The King's  
Regiment War Diary

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**DESIGNATION**