

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 17**

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

UORN	S0000635	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		NGR	TQ 54601 30971
COUNTY	Sussex, East		
DISTRICT	Wealden		
PARISH	Rotherfield		
LOCATION	At S edge of Hornshurst Wood above steep fall-away to stream, adjacent to Crowborough - Ashurst railway line and footpath.		
DESCRIPTION			
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		2003/12/04
	Brick-shuttered type 24 pillbox. Exterior brick work largely intact. Overgrown. Faces E.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Map		2000/08/03
	Bunker.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		1995/03/04
	FW3/24 pillbox identification number A112 (marked on internal blast wall). Good internal condition, but some graffiti. Brick skinned, reinforced concrete. Defended E approach across valley. with PLAN of pillbox on sheet.		
CONDITION	Fair		
THREATS	The pillbox is overgrown.		
ADJACENT SITES	Pillboxes FW3/24 at TQ 546306 and TQ 547312.		
PART OF	GHQ Line (East Sussex / Kent)		
CONSTRUCTION			
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REFERENCE			

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0000658 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
NGR TQ 54588 30909

COUNTY Sussex, East
DISTRICT Wealden
PARISH Rotherfield
LOCATION In heavy undergrowth between footpath and stream, W of Old Lodge Warren Farm.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1970/ __/ __

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/12/04

Pillbox that has been blown up: the S wall destroyed opening up interior and showing reinforcing bars. Heavily overgrown.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 2000/08/03

Bunker.

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1944/01/30

Pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1995/03/04

Type 24 pillbox (No. A113 [?]); brick skinned (now largely broken away) over reinforced concrete. Has suffered severe blast damage on S wall: this provides a good example to illustrate the use of the reinforcement bars and the effectiveness of the blast wall protecting the N internal side of the pillbox. Roof generally intact. Forms part of the defensive line along the Uckfield - Ashurst railway protecting E approach to Crowborough and Jarvis Brook.
with PLAN drawn on sheet.

CONDITION

Very Bad

THREATS

The remains of this pillbox are very overgrown.

ADJACENT

Pillboxes (type 24) at TQ 546310 and TQ 545306.

SITES

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CONSTRUCTION

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REFERENCE

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photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0000660 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR TQ 55002 31880

COUNTY Sussex, East
DISTRICT Wealden
PARISH Rotherfield
LOCATION Close to the railway line, S of sewage works, NW edge of Hornshurst Wood.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/12/04

Unusual small pillbox of variant form made of brick and concrete, almost completely overgrown and buried to embrasure level. Largely square, but with at least two embrasures protruding from the main structure. Fires SE/NE. Entrance on N side. Dangerous open, deep hole close by.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1995/02/26

Small pillbox of unknown shape buried or constructed very low in the ground with embrasures at ground level. Only 2 embrasures are visible. The pillbox may well be damaged as much debris surrounds the site.

CONDITION

Bad

THREATS

The pillbox is now largely buried.
Pillbox rapidly disappearing under undergrowth.

ADJACENT

Pillbox (type 24) at TQ 550318.

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REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0000663 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
NGR TQ 54972 31794

COUNTY Sussex, East
DISTRICT Wealden
PARISH Rotherfield
LOCATION At the N edge of the Roughets, S of sewage works, close to railway line.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/12/04

Brick-shuttered type 24 pillbox, in good, clean condition, externally and internally, if overgrown. Faces NE. Bricks of a darker red colour than adjacent pillboxes. Two steps down to entrance. Interior access possible.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1970/ __/ __

Pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 2000/08/03

Bunker.
TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1995/02/26

Type 24 pillbox, with excellent interior condition. Brick-skinned, interior and exterior. Slots cut into walls inside below embrasures, 2 to each embrasure. Heavily overgrown with ivy. Forms part of the defensive line along the Uckfield to Ashurst railway defending the E approach to Jarvis Brook. with PLAN drawn on form.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The pillbox is overgrown.

ADJACENT

Pillbox at TQ 550319, and type 24 at TQ 540314.

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Extension**DESIGNATION****UORN** S0000664 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
NGR TQ 54801 31548**COUNTY** Sussex, East
DISTRICT Wealden
PARISH Rotherfield
LOCATION Hornshurst Wood, close to railway.**DESCRIPTION**TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/12/04Brick-shuttered type 24 pillbox. Faces E. Very overgrown.
TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1944/01/30Pillbox plotted from air photograph.
TYPE DATE
Map 1970/ __/ __Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.
TYPE DATE
Map 2000/08/03Bunker.
TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1995/02/26Type 24 pillbox, brick-skinned interior and exterior, with slots below embrasures (A109 marked on blast wall). Good internal condition with some graffiti. Externally good but overgrown. Forms part of the defensive line along the Uckfield to Ashurst railway defending Jarvis Brook from the E and overlooking the valley.
with PLAN drawn on form.**CONDITION**

Fair

THREATS

The pillbox is very overgrown.

ADJACENT

Type 24 pillboxes at TQ 547314 and TQ 550318.

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DESIGNATION

UORN	S0000666	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		NGR	TQ 54731 31380

COUNTY	Sussex, East
DISTRICT	Wealden
PARISH	Rotherfield
LOCATION	On edge of stream by footbridge, with railway embankment behind, just N of disused reservoir pumping station, Hornshurst Wood.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	Field Visit	DATE	2003/12/04
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Fine example of a brick-shuttered type 24 pillbox in good, clean condition, but with the stream bank on which it sits partly undermined by the water. Faces E. Flight of steps down to entrance in N face. Interior access possible.

TYPE	Map	DATE	1970/___/___
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Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet. Faces SE.

TYPE	Map	DATE	2000/08/03
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Bunker.

TYPE	Field Visit	DATE	1995/02/26
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Type 24 pillbox, with 'A110' marked on blast wall. Brick-skinned interior and exterior. In excellent condition inside, medium condition outside. Low retaining wall for entrance with steps (made of concrete with brick wall). Has 2 slots in wall inside below embrasure. with PLAN drawn on form.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The base of the pillbox is being undermined by the stream, and the pillbox will eventually fall unless work is carried out to consolidate it.

ADJACENT

Type 24 pillboxes at TQ 547312 and TQ 548315.

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REFERENCEThe Woodland Trust Old Lodge Warren and
Extension**DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0000669	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		NGR	TQ 54710 31202

COUNTY	Sussex, East
DISTRICT	Wealden
PARISH	Rotherfield
LOCATION	Hornshurst Wood, E of railway line, on slope overlooking and stream.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/12/04

Brick-shuttered variant form of a type 24 pillbox, dug into slope facing E over stream. No external concrete surrounds to embrasures. Long line of steps down to entrance in W face.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1970/__/__

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet. Faces SE.

TYPE	DATE
Map	2000/08/03

Bunker.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1995/02/26

Type 24 pillbox, with brick skin interior and exterior. Excellent interior condition, with 2 slots below each embrasure. Pillbox set into slope with steps into entrance. Heavily overgrown.
with PLAN drawn on form.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The pillbox is very overgrown.

ADJACENT

Type 24 pillboxes at TQ 543304 and TQ 547312.

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UORN	S0000675	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (VARIANT)
		NGR	TQ 54189 30320

COUNTY	Sussex, East
DISTRICT	Wealden
PARISH	Rotherfield
LOCATION	On railway embankment by footpath at Rochester's Forest, Jarvis Brook.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1999/04/25

Non-standard design pillbox, with single embrasure with a field of fire S over a deep brook. Set into a bank with a sunken entrance. Brick, with corrugated shuttered roof. The concrete roof is detached from the walls.

with PLAN drawn on form.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1970/ __/ __

Rectangular pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/12/04

Non-standard brick-shuttered pillbox set into bottom slope of railway embankment. Faces SE. Built up on a 3ft thick concrete base. Embrasures (4) do not have

exterior concrete surrounds, but brickwork only. Brick and concrete wall at rear against land slippage. Doorway on N side. Interior access possible.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1995/02/26

Type 24 pillbox, of a variant form without interior blast wall, with 3 embrasures and a side entrance. Brick-skinned. Excellent interior condition. Built into slope of railway embankment. Foundations at front of pillbox visible. Forms part of defensive line using Uckfield - Ashurst railway as a natural defensive position overlooking valley to E and defending the E approach to Jarvis Brook and Crowborough.
with PLAN drawn on form.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

Type 24 pillboxes at TQ 542302 and TQ 545306.

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REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0000678	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		NGR	TQ 54159 30195

COUNTY	Sussex, East
DISTRICT	Wealden
PARISH	Rotherfield
LOCATION	NE of Palesgate Lane, S of railway and footpath, at edge of steep slope above stream, Jarvis Brook.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/12/04

Brick-shuttered type 24 pillbox. Faces NE. Immensely overgrown. Much of the brick shuttering has fallen off. Water inside. Access possible, and interior.

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1944/01/30

Pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE
Map

DATE
1970/__/__

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE
Field Visit

DATE
1995/02/26

Type 24 pillbox, with original identification number A117 stencilled on blast wall. Brick-skinned, breaking away on exterior. Excellent condition inside. Tree growing in wall. Forms part of defensive line using Uckfield - Ashurst railway as a natural defensive position overlooking valley to E and defending the E approach to Jarvis Brook and Crowborough.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

Tree growing within wall of pillbox, and otherwise immensely overgrown.
Pillbox threatened by erosion of bank of adjacent brook.

ADJACENT

Type 24 pillboxes at TQ 541301 and TQ 543304.

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0000680 **SITE TYPE** **PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)**
NGR TQ 54088 30166

COUNTY Sussex, East
DISTRICT Wealden
PARISH Rotherfield
LOCATION NE of Palesgate Lane, adjacent to railway, Jarvis Brook.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/12/04

Type 24 pillbox, most of the exterior brick-shuttering of which has now gone.

Faces S. Overgrown. No access - on private land behind barbed wire.
TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1944/01/30

Pillbox plotted from air photograph. It appears to have an open central well [?].
TYPE DATE
Map 1970/__/__

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.
TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1995/02/26

Type 24 pillbox, with original identification number A118 stencilled on blast wall. Brick-skinned. In good condition but wet inside. Slots under embrasures. Forms part of defensive line using Uckfield - Ashurst railway as a natural defensive position overlooking valley to E and defending the E approach to Jarvis Brook and Crowborough.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The pillbox is overgrown.

ADJACENT

Type 24 pillboxes at TQ 542302 and TQ 542299.

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016887 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK DITCH
NGR
TQ 5413 3016
TQ 5416 3000

COUNTY Sussex, East
DISTRICT Wealden
PARISH Rotherfield
LOCATION Running S of Rochester's Forest.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1944/01/30

Anti-tank ditch section plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Infilled

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

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REFERENCE

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USAAF aerial
photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016910	SITE TYPE	ANTI TANK DITCH (NATURAL IMPROVED)		
		NGR			
			TQ 5509	3166	
			TQ 5502	3184	
			TQ 5509	3200	

COUNTY

Sussex, East

DISTRICT

Wealden

PARISH

Rotherfield

LOCATION

S of Redgate Hill Farm near sewage works.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1944/01/30

Line of drains that appears to have been adapted as an anti-tank ditch.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

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