

5. Annex

# COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 18

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.

<b>UORN</b>	S0000718	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>CUBE</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
			TQ 7727 2123
			TQ 7709 2114
			TQ 7714 2106
			TQ 7718 2105
<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East		
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Rother		
<b>PARISH</b>	Sedlescombe		
<b>LOCATION</b>	On land of Swailes Corner Farm N of B2089 road, E of junction with Poppinghole Lane, Swaile's Green.		
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>			
	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Field Visit	2003/12/12	
	Lines of anti-tank cubes running on three sides of field, some now sunken and very overgrown - some 120 cubes in all. No access without permission.		
	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Air Photograph	1946/04/16	
	Anti-tank cubes in rows on two sides of field at Swaile's Green. Plotted from air photograph.		
	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Map	1975/02/23	
	Some 118 anti-tank blocks running along two edges of a field to the N of the B2089 road. [From map surveyed by A.M. & J. Gerken].		
	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Field Visit	1995/03/01	
	Series of large rectangular concrete blocks, with octagonal shaped tops, set a short distance apart, arranged on two sides of a large field which slopes away to wide views over the adjacent countryside.		
	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
	Field Visit	1995/11	
	Some 100 anti-tank cubes in two adjoining rows.		
<b>CONDITION</b>	Good		
<b>THREATS</b>	Many of the antitank cubes are very overgrown.		
<b>ADJACENT</b>			
<b>SITES</b>			
<b>PART OF</b>	Cripp's Corner fortress		

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/\_\_/\_\_      1941/\_\_/\_\_

**REFERENCE**

Longstaff-Tyrrell, Peter      3G/TUD/UK/148      RAF aerial photographs  
(fr.5080)  
That Peace in our Time:  
The Artefacts of World  
War Two in Sussex

**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0001048	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>CUBE</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
			TQ 7766 2133
			TQ 7760 2134
			TQ 7762 2123

**COUNTY**      Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT**      Rother  
**PARISH**      Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION**      On E side of A229 Hawkhurst - Hastings road, N of B2089 road, at Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Air Photograph	1950/05/30

Two lines of anti-tank cubes plotted from air photograph.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	2003/12/12

Anti-tank cubes (5ft high x 4ft broad - with chamfered tops) running on E side of road and then on field boundary at right angles to road. Some 75 blocks in total. No access - private land.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Map	1975/07/22

Some 71 x anti-tank cubes running on two sides of a field to the E of the A229 road.

[from map drawn by H. Seymour and J. Gerken].

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	1995/09/__

Closely-spaced large octagonal-shaped concrete blocks laid flat and sunk into ground: approx. 6ft long by 4ft-5ft wide.  
with DRAWING on form.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

Anti-tank blocks at Swaile's Green.

**SITES****PART OF**

Cripp's Corner fortress

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

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**REFERENCE**

541/537 (fr.3032)

RAF aerial photographs

**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0009552	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	PILLBOX (VARIANT)
		<b>NGR</b>	TQ 77679 20385

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Rother
<b>PARISH</b>	Sedlescombe
<b>LOCATION</b>	On E side of B2244 road, opposite Sedlescombe sawmills and vineyard, S of junction with Compasses Lane.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	2003/12/12

Brick pillbox with rounded corners of a variant form constructed to fit the site - largely square but with the E side cut off at a 45 degree angle with the S. The entrance is on the W side. Interior access possible. Embrasures in the N, W, and E sides, the latter being set at an angle to enable fire to the N.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Map	1976/__/__

Square structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	2000/01/09

Brick-shuttered, trapezoidal-shaped pillbox, with 3 embrasures, set at corner of field facing road: the field is lined on three sides with rows of anti-tank blocks, which extend as well to the W of the road.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

Pillbox is very overgrown.

**ADJACENT**

Adjacent rows of anti-tank blocks.

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Cripp's Corner fortress

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

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**REFERENCE****DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0009553	SITE TYPE NGR	CUBE
			TQ 7766 2047
			TQ 7767 2039
			TQ 7779 2034
			TQ 7791 2046

**COUNTY**

Sussex, East

**DISTRICT**

Rother

**PARISH**

Sedlescombe

**LOCATION**

On E side of B2244 road, in field opposite Sedlescombe sawmills and vineyard, S of junction with Compasses Lane and S of Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/12/12

23 x anti-tank cubes run parallel with the road along the hedgerow for 100 yards; 51 x cubes (with possibly three missing to create a field entrance) along the S field edge; and 61 x cubes along the E field edge as far as Greenden Wood - 135 cubes in all. They are of the standard Cripp's Corner type, standing between 4-5ft high, although with some 2ft buried, and 4ft broad. Two sides of the tops are chamfered. The field is uncultivated at present and the cubes can be inspected.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1941/06/01

Anti-tank blocks are indicated on German map at this point.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2000/01/09

Large anti tank blocks, approx. 5ft (high) x 4ft, closely spaced, set around three sides of a large field [purpose unclear]. Other lines of concrete blocks lie to the W of the road, and to the N of Cripp's Corner.

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

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Cripp's Corner fortress

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0011678

**SITE TYPE**  
NGR

**ROADBLOCK**

TQ 7765 2049

**COUNTY** Sussex, East

**DISTRICT** Rother

**PARISH** Sedlescombe

**LOCATION** S of Cripp's Corner on A229 road, S of junction with Compasses Lane.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**

Document

**DATE**

1941/01/\_\_

Roadblock. Cassini ref. 213390.

**TYPE**

Map

**DATE**

1941/\_\_/\_\_

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

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Cripp's Corner fortress

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1941/01/\_\_\_      \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**REFERENCE**'B' Sub Area Defence  
Scheme  
Sheet (Blatt) 135133rd Infantry Brigade  
War Diary  
Befestigungskarte  
Grossbritannien 1:50,000**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0011679	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>CUBE</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
			TQ 7814 2099
			TQ 7816 2106
			TQ 7806 2105
			TQ 7821 2104
			TQ 7823 2125
			TQ 7814 2129
			TQ 7820 2147
			TQ 78076 21477

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** E of Cripp's Corner, running between the B2089 and B2165 roads.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Map	1975/05/25

Approx. 300 massive anti-tank blocks ('cubes') running in a zigzag line from the NW to the SE of this area.

[shown on plan drawn by A. M. & J. Gerken].

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	2003/12/12

Line of 5ft high anti-tank cubes (of the standard Cripp's Corner type) observed at TQ 78212113.

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Map	1941/06/01

Lines of anti-tank cubes, making right-angled corners, defending E approaches to Cripp's Corner indicated in part on German map of British defences, 1.6.41 - in the earlier edition of 20.11.40 the anti-tank obstacle is shown as a ditch, but this appears to have been incorrect].

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Field Visit	2004/02/12

Two three-quarters buried blocks stand close to the roadside at TQ 7807021062. At TQ 7820221473 the footpath passes between two blocks where the line turns to run west to the B2165 road. The line stops just short of the road at TQ 7807621477. The lines of blocks are so overgrown they now form hedgerows with the concrete only visible at close quarters.

**CONDITION**  
Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT  
SITES**

**PART OF**  
Cripp's Corner fortress

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN**      S0016775      **SITE TYPE**      ROADBLOCK  
**NGR**      TQ 7818      2093

**COUNTY**      Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT**      Rother  
**PARISH**      Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION**      E of Cripp's Corner, on B2089 Broad Oak road.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/01/___
Roadblock. Cassini ref. 216397. [On W side of anti-tank ditch].	
TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/10/08
Roadblock. Cassini ref. 217396.	

**CONDITION**  
Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

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Cripp's Corner fortress

**CONSTRUCTION****DATE**

1940/09/\_\_\_      \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**REFERENCE**'B' Sub Area Defence  
Scheme  
205 Field Company RE  
War Diary133rd Infantry Brigade  
War Diary  
Home Forces Unit War  
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO  
166)**DESIGNATION****UORN**      S0016776**SITE TYPE**  
NGR**ROADBLOCK**

TQ 7832    2100

**COUNTY**

Sussex, East

**DISTRICT**

Rother

**PARISH**

Sedlescombe

**LOCATION**

On Beacon Lane near junction with B2089 Broad Oak road, E of Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION****TYPE**

Document

**DATE**

1940/09/23

Roadblock. Cassini ref. 219396.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

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**REFERENCE**205 Field Company RE  
War DiaryHome Forces Unit War  
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO  
166)**DESIGNATION****UORN** S0016777 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK  
**NGR** TQ 7812 2166**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** On B2165 Staplecross road, NE of Cripp's Corner.**DESCRIPTION****TYPE** Document **DATE** 1940/10/11

Roadblock. Cassini ref. 218401.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

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

Cripp's Corner fortress

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**REFERENCE**205 Field Company RE  
War DiaryHome Forces Unit War  
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO  
166)**DESIGNATION****UORN** S0016779 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR**

TQ 7767 2060

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** On E side of B2244 road, N of junction with Compasses Lane, S of Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/09/ __

Pillbox. Cassini ref. 214392. Completed by 13.9.40.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

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Cripp's Corner fortress

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**REFERENCE**

205 Field Company RE  
War Diary

Home Forces Unit War  
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO  
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**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0016822	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>CUBE</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
		TQ 7720	2089
		TQ 7732	2080
		TQ 7734	2081

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** SE of Swailes Green Farm along line of track.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/12/12

Beginning of line of cubes can be seen on E side of trackway, but they continue on private property with no access.



**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016824 **SITE TYPE** DEFENCE WORK  
NGR TQ 7757 2113

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** S of B2089 road, Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE	DATE
Map	1941/06/01

The site of a 'defence installation of unknown nature' is indicated here on German map.

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

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<b>UORN</b>	S0016845	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	ROADBLOCK
		<b>NGR</b>	TQ 77092 21093

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Rother
<b>PARISH</b>	Sedlescombe
<b>LOCATION</b>	Poppinghole Lane, close to junction with B2089 road at Swaile's Green.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	DATE
Field Visit	2003/12/12

A single cylinder (3ft high x 18ins diameter, with an iron rod in the centre) stands by the side of the road, presumably at the site of the roadblock.

<b>TYPE</b>	DATE
Document	1941/01/ __

Roadblock. Cassini ref. 208396.

**CONDITION**

Bad

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Cripp's Corner fortress

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**REFERENCE**'B' Sub Area Defence  
Scheme133rd Infantry Brigade  
War Diary**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016846 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK  
**NGR** TQ 7828 2090

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** On B2089 Broad Oak road, at Cliffords Pit, close to junction with Beacon Lane.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** Document **DATE** 1941/01/\_\_\_

Roadblock. Cassini ref. 217397. [On E side of anti-tank ditch].

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

Some six roadblock cylinders (2ft diameter x 3ft high) are lined up (ex-situ) in Council road maintenance yard. They may come from this roadblock.

**CONDITION**

Bad

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

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**REFERENCE**

'B' Sub Area Defence  
Scheme

133rd Infantry Brigade  
War Diary

**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016862 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK  
**NGR** TQ 7659 2074

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother

**PARISH** Whatlington  
**LOCATION** On B2089 road near Orchard Farm, W of Swaile's Green.

**DESCRIPTION**  
TYPE DATE  
Document 1941/02/18

Roadblock. Cassini ref. 202393.

**CONDITION**  
Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

**CONSTRUCTION**

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**REFERENCE**  
Provisional Defence Scheme 199th Infantry Brigade 'HQ' War Diary

**DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0016884	SITE TYPE NGR	CUBE
		TQ 7790	2130
		TQ 7794	2137

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** On W side of B2165 road N of its junction with the B2089 road at Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION**  
TYPE DATE  
Map 1941/06/01

Anti-tank blocks shown on German map.

**CONDITION**  
Unknown

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

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**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0016885	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	<b>CUBE</b>
		<b>NGR</b>	
		TQ 7752	2144
		TQ 7755	2137

**COUNTY**

Sussex, East

**DISTRICT**

Rother

**PARISH**

Sedlescombe

**LOCATION**

On W side of B2244 Junction Road N of its junction with the B2089 road at Cripp's Corner.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE**

Map

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1941/06/01

Anti-tank blocks shown on German map.

**CONDITION**

Unknown

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

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Cripp's Corner fortress

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Grossbritannien 1:50,000**DESIGNATION**

<b>UORN</b>	S0016886	<b>SITE TYPE</b>	CUBE
		<b>NGR</b>	TQ 7764 2042

<b>COUNTY</b>	Sussex, East
<b>DISTRICT</b>	Rother
<b>PARISH</b>	Sedlescombe
<b>LOCATION</b>	At Tolgates on W side of B2244 road S of junction with Compasses Lane.

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>TYPE</b>	Field Visit	<b>DATE</b>	2003/12/12
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At least eleven anti-tank cubes of the standard Cripp's Corner type running parallel with the road. No access - private land.

<b>TYPE</b>	Map	<b>DATE</b>	1941/06/01
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Anti-tank blocks are indicated on German map at this point. [Observed on field visit on 9.1.2000 to be extant].

**CONDITION**

Good

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016914 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX  
**NGR** TQ 7763 2123

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** Shed in garden of house on E side of Junction Road (A229) just N of viaduct carrying the B2089 road.

**DESCRIPTION**

**TYPE** **DATE**  
Document 1975/\_\_/\_\_

Concrete base used today for garden shed is said to have been the base of a pillbox (possibly an anti-tank gun emplacement). [Information from record of H. Seymour and J. Gerken - 22.7.75].

**CONDITION**

Destroyed

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Cripp's Corner fortress

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**DESIGNATION**

**UORN** S0016915 **SITE TYPE** CUBE  
**NGR** TQ 7718 2098

**COUNTY** Sussex, East  
**DISTRICT** Rother  
**PARISH** Sedlescombe  
**LOCATION** At top of Compasses Lane (W side) by Swailes Green Farm and close to junction with B2089 road.

**DESCRIPTION**

TYPE  
Field Visit

DATE  
2003/12/12

Five anti-tank cubes of the standard Cripp's Corner type, but exposed on a bank so that they show their full height (some 7ft).

**CONDITION**

Good

**THREATS**

**ADJACENT**

**SITES**

**PART OF**

Cripp's Corner fortress

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