

5. Annex

COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 21

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	S0006478	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
		NGR	SU 35175 68264
COUNTY	Berkshire		
DISTRICT	West Berkshire		
PARISH	Hungerford		
LOCATION	At Denford Mill Gate, N of Kennet and Avon Canal near Dunmill Lock Bridge.		
DESCRIPTION			
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	2003/09/03	
	Type 22 brick-shuttered pillbox. Shuttering formed of 'end-on' bricks. Doorway on N side. Faces S over bridges. Large interior concrete anti-ricochet wall. Small stepped embrasures set into square, pre-cast concrete surrounds. Badly overgrown. Access, including interior, possible.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Air Photograph	1941/06/11	
	Hexagonal pillbox plotted from air photograph. Faces E.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Map	1968/__/__	
	Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	2000/08/21	
	Type 22 pillbox N of canal on E side of N/S road. Field of fire S towards Dunmill Lock Bridge. Brick-shuttered (exterior), wood-shuttered (interior). Concrete blast wall. Brickwork eroded.		
	[with plan drawn on form].		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	1999/03/22	
	Pillbox, with decaying exterior brick shuttering, adjacent to cattle grid on unclassified road, a few feet from River Kennet.		
CONDITION	Fair		
THREATS	Pillbox is very overgrown. The brick shuttering is eroding. Possible flooding from river in extreme conditions.		
ADJACENT	Pillboxes (2) a short distance away at Dun Mill Lock: type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement to S (SU 351683).		

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CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCEAlexander, Colin Ironside's Line
210TU/BR352 (fr.3) RAF aerial photographs**DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0006479	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
		NGR	SU 35058 68160

COUNTY	Berkshire
DISTRICT	West Berkshire
PARISH	Hungerford
LOCATION	On top of bank at corner of road on S side of Kennet & Avon Canal and Dunmill Lock.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/06/11

Large square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph. It shows a dark central feature.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1968/__/__

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE	DATE
Photograph	1985/__/__

Type28a anti-tank gun emplacement. This pillbox was used in an experiment housing a 2pdr. A/Tk gun for a BBC 'Chronicle' programme in 1979.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2000/08/30

Twin type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement situated on bend of Hungerford Road, with main field of fire E and S. Brick external shuttering, wood-shuttered interior. Large external base/plinth. Identification no. 339.

[with plan drawn on form].

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/03

Type 28A anti-tank gun emplacement with two massive stepped embrasures, one facing S along lane over railway bridge and the other facing E along lane towards Dunmill Lock. Brick-shuttered externally, but the brickwork is eroding and falling away. Cut-off corners and chamfered roof edge. Entrance on W side. Two side LMG chambers with dividing walls, one to N with two LMG embrasures and the other to W with one. There are also vents, each with three vertical iron bars across them. Has no. 339 painted at entrance. The

emplacement has a high N wall to support it on the side of a steep bank. Used as cattle shelter and full of dirt and rubbish. Its companion [see UORN 6480] lies a few yards to the W. Public access, including interior.

TYPE
Field Visit

DATE
1999/03/22

One of a pair of impressively situated pillboxes (type 28As), perched on top of a narrow embankment between road/railway bridge on one side and Kennet and Avon Canal on the other. Positioned on a sharp bend in the road with wide embrasures for 2-pdr. guns to defend both directions. Small bren gun chambers on other sides and massive doorway facing no.2 gun emplacement a few feet away. Brick exterior shuttering, decayed in places.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The emplacement is partly overgrown.
There is a current (9.03) proposal to develop the emplacement (with its companion, UORN 6480) as a restaurant. Local villagers are strongly against this, although it is admitted 'something should be done' to maintain the pillboxes.
Pillbox could be affected by any future road widening.

ADJACENT

Second type 28A pillbox a few feet away: type 28 pillbox to W (SU 351683) and type 22 to N (SU 352684).

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REFERENCE

Wills, Henry Pillboxes: A Study of UK
Defences
210TU/BR352 (fr.3) RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0006480 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR
SU 35040 68162

COUNTY
DISTRICT
PARISH
LOCATION

Berkshire
West Berkshire
Hungerford
On top of bank close to corner of road on S side of Kennet & Avon Canal and Dunmill Lock.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Field Visit

DATE
2003/09/03

Anti-tank gun emplacement, shuttered with 'end-on' brick, smaller than its companion to the E [see UORN 6479]. One main anti-tank embrasure facing W. It has a side LMG chamber with two embrasures: there is also one other LMG embrasure. Doorway on E side. Used as an animal shelter and full of dirt and rubbish.

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1941/06/11

Large rectangular pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE DATE
Map 1968/___/___

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2000/08/30

Type 28a pillbox situated S of canal on high ground with field of fire W along canal. The pillbox is brick-shuttered with brick dividing wall and breeze-block shuttering interior. Slots are behind the main embrasure for a 2pdr. gun. Concrete track down to rear entrance.

[with plan drawn on form].

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1999/03/22

One of a pair of impressively situated pillboxes (type 28As), perched on top of a narrow embankment between the railway and the Kennet and Avon Canal, a few feet from another gun emplacement, with the doorways facing. Large embrasure on W side to enable 2-pdr. gun to defend open stretch of canal and mill. With brick outer shuttering, decayed in places.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The concrete base of the emplacement is exposed on its N side where the bank on which it sits has eroded away.

The emplacement is partly overgrown.

There is a current (9.03) proposal to develop the emplacement (with its companion, UORN 6479) as a restaurant. Local villagers are strongly against this, although it is admitted 'something should be done' to maintain the pillboxes.

The embankment on which the pillbox sits is overrun with rabbits, so it may be riddled with tunnels that erode the foundations.

ADJACENT

Second type 28A pillbox a few feet away [UORN 6479]; and type 22 pillbox to N (SU 352684).

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0008821 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SU 35784 68189

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION At edge of towpath on N bank of Kennet and Avon Canal between Dunmill Lock and Wire Lock.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/09/03

Hexagonal pillbox, probably a type 22, totally overgrown. Exact form cannot be made out. Only one embrasure can be seen. Faces canal (S).

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1941/06/11

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1968/__/__

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Book 1999/__/__

Type 22 pillbox, shell-proof.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The pillbox is so overgrown it is virtually invisible even at close quarters.

ADJACENT

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1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Alexander, Colin 210TU/BR352 (fr.5) RAF aerial photographs
Ironsides's Line

DESIGNATION

UORN S0008822 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK VERTICAL RAIL
NGR SU 36292 68068

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION At Wire Lock on Kennet and Avon Canal, W of Avington.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/03

Some eleven concrete plugs which when removed would take vertical posts or rails to form an anti-tank block at bridge over canal. All the plugs are on the N side of the bridge, but, as the S side is tarred, others may survive there as well.

TYPE	DATE
Book	1999/__/__

Anti-tank 'hedgehog' [vertical rail]. [see as well UORN 16726].

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

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DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Alexander, Colin Ironside's Line

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016721 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SU 3506 6812

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire

PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION S of Dunmill Lock, on S side of Kennet & Avon Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1941/06/11

Nine cubes of a roadblock plotted from air photograph. It had been largely removed by April 1946, but one block was surviving in 1964.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

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DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

106G/UK/1406 RAF aerial photographs
(frs.3242-3243)
210TU/BR352 (fr.3) RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016723 **SITE TYPE** **PILLBOX**
NGR
SU 3520 6812

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION On S edge of railway embankment E of Dunmill Lock.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1941/06/11

Possible square pillbox plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

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1941/__/__

REFERENCE

210TU/BR352 (fr.4)

RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016724 **SITE TYPE** RAILBLOCK
NGR
SU 3515 6814

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION Railway line just E of Dunmill Lock.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1941/06/11

Probable railblock plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

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DATE

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1941/__/__

REFERENCE

210TU/BR352 (fr.4)

RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016725 **SITE TYPE** DEFENCE WORK
NGR SU 3490 6833

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION NW of Dunmill Lock.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1941/06/11

Defence work of uncertain function, consisting of a circular earthwork with two adjacent square structures, approached by three lines of pits or blocks [?], plotted from air photograph. The structure was still visible in 1951.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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REFERENCE

210TU/BR352 (fr.4)

RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016726 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK BLOCK
NGR SU 3626 6807

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION At Wire Lock on Kennet and Avon Canal, W of Avington.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/06/11

One anti-tank block each side of the canal at lock, plotted from air photograph. [see as well UORN 8822].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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GHQ Line: Blue

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

210TU/BR352 (fr.6) RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016757	SITE TYPE	ANTI TANK BLOCK
		NGR	SU 36043 68181

COUNTY Berkshire
DISTRICT West Berkshire
PARISH Hungerford
LOCATION At sluices on River Kennet W of Wire Lock on Kennet and Avon Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/03

One concrete block each side of the river may be remains of a block at this point - but uncertain.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

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CONSTRUCTION

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1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION