

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 28**

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 S0003191 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR SW 38820 22354

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION On headland (Percella Point) E of Porthcurno Beach, next to Cable Warning Post.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
 Field Visit 2003/01/20

Concrete-block built pillbox on cliff point in excellent condition. It is hexagonal on the front faces, but rectangular at the rear with an open bay for an AA weapon. The rear entrance (N side) is closed off - possibly there was originally a ladder on the wall to enter here. Five embrasures. The pillbox faces the sea (S). On an adjacent rock are daubs of cement with inscriptions. The most legible reads '11.9.40. D. Stewart. 11th A & SH'.

TYPE **DATE**
 Field Visit 2001/ __/ __

Pillbox. Entrance blocked. Nearby are two tablets - 11.9.40 D.STEWART A & SH, and - BLACK WATCH [with the name] DIAMOND.

TYPE **DATE**
 Field Visit 1996/09/25

Pillbox, not of standard design. The front part is of type 24 construction with an outer open 'courtyard' at rear. 5 embrasures, walls 18' thick., concrete block construction with roof 10' thick. In very good condition, although outer courtyard doorway is blocked up. There are some inscriptions in cement only a few feet from this pillbox, presumably made by the builders - 'T. Meecham & P. Diamond 1940 Black Watch' and 'D. Stewart 11.9.40 A & SH' [Newly formed Commando units were sent here in 1940 and these troops retained their individual regimental attachments at this time].

TYPE **DATE**
 Field Visit 1996/08/ __

Pillbox with open bay to rear. Type unknown. 5 embrasures cover open sea in Porthcurno Bay. Rear entrance now sealed. A rock at the rear of the pillbox contains infills of concrete, presumably from the construction of the pillbox, in which the soldiers constructing it have inscribed their names, 'D. Stewart 11.9.40 11th A & SH' and 'Joe 194-[?]', 'J. PA(O)YNE'.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

9 other pillboxes defending Porthcurno: the W headland has a pillbox (SW 38622232), and there is a construction on the beach which appears to make a rock out of a natural

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003269 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
NGR SW 38235 23174

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION Sited in corner of field (Darlee Field) on E side of only approach road to Porthcurno village.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/20

Concrete block constructed type 24 pillbox variant. It has five embrasures with an attached loopholed blast wall. Concrete faced internally. There is damage to the blast wall and embrasures. Faces E. At the edge of a field near public footpath. Interior access possible.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2001/__/__

Hexagonal pillbox in good condition.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1996/09/25

Type 24 pillbox with outer right angled concrete blast wall protecting entrance. Walls are 14ins thick, roof 11ins thick. Embrasures are 11.5ins high and 10.5ins wide at narrowest point. Constructed with concrete blocks, this pillbox is one survivor of the three pillboxes protecting the only road entrance to Porthcurno village. About 40 years ago an attempt was made to demolish the pillbox, but the local farmer said that after several attempts to dynamite it he had to give up as the cost of the dynamite was exceeding the amount given to him by the Government as compensation. Evidence of the minor damage caused by these efforts can be seen on the pillbox walls. It is situated about 80 yards and 150 yards from the other two original pillboxes.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

2 other pillboxes adjacent.

SITES

PART OF

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE**DESIGNATION**

UORN S0003271 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR SW 38652 22276

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION On W cliff side of Porthcurno Beach.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1963/ __/ __

Small square structure plotted from 1:2500 OS sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/20

Square pillbox with thin walls and roof. Five embrasures, and five steps down to doorway in N face. Overgrown. Very close to cliff edge. Access, including interior, with difficulty.

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1946/05/13

Square structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2001/ __/ __

Pillbox, built for its site. Heavily overgrown.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1996/09/25

This is a square shaped pillbox made from concrete blocks. It has a 4.5ins thick roof and is 76ins high with 6 embrasures measuring 16ins wide by 10ins high at widest point. It is fitted with a wooden door, but, as it is locked, there is no public access. It measures 99ins square over all. It is highly probable that this was one of a pair of pillboxes controlling a Fougasse defence on Porthcurno Beach. This flame defence system is known to have been sited on this beach, and there was a second pillbox (since demolished) sited on the E side of Porthcurno Beach opposite this one.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The pillbox is very overgrown.
The pillbox is very close to the edge of a cliff, and further erosion will destroy it.

ADJACENT

9 other pillboxes defending Porthcurno.

SITES**PART OF**

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE3G/TUD/UK/210 Aerial photographs
(fr.5072)**DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0003272	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (VARIANT)
		NGR	SW 38638 22295

COUNTY	Cornwall
DISTRICT	Penwith
PARISH	St. Levan
LOCATION	Sited on W cliff side of Porthcurno Beach.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/01/20

Very fine curving pillbox structure made of concrete blocks. Four square embrasures in wall facing beach (E) and two more in S wall. Loopholed detached blast wall. Three steps down to entrance (N end). An important structure in very good condition. Access possible to interior. Very close to edge of cliff.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1963/__/__

Curving rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1996/09/25

This is an unusually shaped pillbox designed in a crescent shape. It has 4 embrasures on its longest side that faces the beach, one embrasure in the rear wall and one smaller embrasure in the short wall opposite the entrance. Roof is 11ins thick with 78ins headroom inside pillbox. Entrance protected by a detached outer blast wall with an embrasure. Blast wall 19ins thick, 60ins high and 56ins wide. It is 98ins wide inside with 4 inner steps at entrance. Front wall is 24ins thick. There are two very similar shaped pillboxes defending Sennen Cove Beach a few miles from Porthcurno on the North Cornwall coast. These pillboxes were also defending a Cable HQ.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The pillbox is very close to the edge of a cliff, and further erosion will destroy it.

ADJACENT

9 other pillboxes defending Porthcurno.

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003280 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR SW 38854 22456

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION At side of coastal footpath on cliffs to E of Porthcurno Beach.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/20

Concrete block built rectangular pillbox, one of two side by side (4ft apart) at this point with the footpath running between them [see also UORN 3282]. Because of the slope of the hill this pillbox stands slightly higher than its southern counterpart. It has two side by side embrasures in the E face. Doorway with attached loopholed blast wall on the NW corner. Overgrown with ivy. Interior access possible.

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1946/05/13

Square structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1963/__/__

Structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2001/__/__

2 x square pillboxes [see also UORN 3282], on each side of a footpath. Very overgrown.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1996/09/25

Square shaped pillbox with incorporated blast wall to entrance, one of two similar pillboxes only 5ft apart on either side of the coastal footpath on clifftop. Measures 99ins x 90ins x 128ins on longest wall incorporating blast wall. 4 embrasures with walls 15ins thick. Overgrown.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

Pillbox is overgrown.

ADJACENT

9 other pillboxes defending Porthcurno.

SITES

PART OF

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

3G/TUD/UK/210 Aerial photographs
(fr.5072)

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003282 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR SW 38853 22451

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION Just to S of coastal footpath on clifftop to E of Porthcurno Beach.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/20

Concrete block built rectangular pillbox, one of two side by side (4ft apart) at this point with the footpath running between them [see also UORN 3280]. It has two side by side embrasures in the E face, and one in the S face. Doorway with attached loopholed blast wall on the NW corner. Overgrown with ivy. Interior access possible.

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1946/05/13

Square structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1963/ __/ __

Structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2001/ __/ __

2 x square pillboxes [see also UORN 3282], on each side of a footpath. Very overgrown.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1996/09/25

Square shaped pillbox with incorporated blast wall to entrance, one of two similar pillboxes only 5ft apart on either side of the coastal footpath on clifftop - see also UORN 3280. Measures 99ins x 90ins x 130ins on longest wall incorporating blast wall. 3 embrasures - inner dimensions 108ins x 48ins. Overgrown.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

Pillbox is overgrown with ivy.

ADJACENT

9 other pillboxes defending Porthcurno.

SITES

PART OF

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

3G/TUD/UK/210
(fr.5072)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016419	SITE TYPE	GUN EMPLACEMENT
		NGR	SW 3925 2235

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION

W of Pednvounder Beach, E of Porthcurno.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Document

DATE
1940/10/13

Position of 102 AA Z Bty. RA with 8 projectors. Cassini ref. 818457.

CONDITION

Unknown

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/10/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

11th Bn. West Yorkshire
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016439	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX
		NGR	SW 38666 22350

COUNTY	Cornwall
DISTRICT	Penwith
PARISH	St. Levan
LOCATION	E of Porthcurno Beach.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Map	1963/___/___

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016440 SITE TYPE PILLBOX
NGR SW 38600 22335

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION W of Porthcurno Beach.

DESCRIPTION TYPE DATE
Map 1963/ __/ __
Hexagonal structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

CONDITION Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE 1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016441 SITE TYPE PILLBOX
NGR SW 3818 2305

COUNTY Cornwall
DISTRICT Penwith
PARISH St. Levan
LOCATION Porthcurno village.

DESCRIPTION TYPE DATE
Booklet 2001/ __/ __
Pillbox camouflaged as a bus stop shelter, illustrated in wartime history of Porthcurno. No location is given, but houses around indicate a position in

Porthcurno village.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Cornwall coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Bell, W.F.A.

Porthcurno in Wartime

DESIGNATION