

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 36**

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	S0001759	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
		NGR	TR 02733 33428
COUNTY	Kent		
DISTRICT	Ashford		
PARISH	Ruckinge		
LOCATION	On N bank of Royal Military Canal E of Ruckinge bridge.		
DESCRIPTION			
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	2004/02/12	
	Concrete-faced type 22 pillbox of a variant form with an attached brick (slab-roofed) entry porch. No access as just inside field fenced with barbed wire. The entry porch shows signs of collapse. Appears in good, clean condition.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Air Photograph	1940/07/12	
	Pillbox plotted from air photograph.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	2000/08/29	
	Type FW3/22 pillbox. Entrance partly blocked. Concrete-faced.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	SMR	___/___/___	
	A type 22 pillbox on the N bank of the Royal Military Canal at Ruckinge. Built of concrete and brick and still in good condition. Its direction is SE, and it has a brick shelter built over the entrance way.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Map	1940/08/08	
	Pillbox [shown on German map of defences in East Kent].		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	1997/05/02	
	Concrete type 22 pillbox facing SE. Brick shelter built over entrance door		
CONDITION	Good		
THREATS			
ADJACENT			
SITES			
PART OF	South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)		

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/07/12 ____/____/____

REFERENCE

26F/UK1448 (fr.2238)
Sheet (Blatt) 1/73

RAF aerial photographs
Stellungskarte
Grossbritannien -
Sonderausgabe vi. 1940

DESIGNATION

Kent SMR KE 16958: TR 03 SW27

UORN S0008222 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR TR 0172 3300

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Ruckinge
LOCATION On N bank of Royal Military Canal W of Ruckinge bridge and S of Morness and Lower Farm.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2004/02/12

Field work shows no sign of this pillbox, almost certainly a type 22.

TYPE DATE
Book 1977/____/____

Pillbox; no specification.

TYPE DATE
Map 1940/08/08

Pillbox plotted from German map.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

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

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/08/08 ____/____/____

REFERENCE

	Z Sector Dispositions of 1/RUR and Supporting Forces Sheet (Blatt) 1/73	1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles War Diary
Bennett, D.	A Handbook of Kent's Defences	Stellungskarte Grossbritannien - Sonderausgabe vi. 1940

DESIGNATION

UORN S0008224 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR TR 04828 34090

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION On the N bank of the Royal Military Canal, E of Bilsington bridge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2004/02/12

Concrete-faced type 22 pillbox of a variant form with an attached brick (concrete slab roofed) entry porch. It is taller than average - some 8ft. - standing on a circular concrete plinth surrounded by concreted sandbags. Small square embrasures with no stepping, built as part of the structure (i.e. not pre-cast). Internal anti-ricochet wall evidently removed to serve as shelter for sheep. Fittings for wooden shelves at the embrasures can be made out. Faces S across Canal. Entrance in N face through W side of porch. The pillbox iwalls are cracked and the porch is becoming dangerously detached. Access possible including interior.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1940/10/31

Pillbox labelled on map as 'unmanned'.	
TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2000/08/29

Type FW3/22 pillbox, concrete-faced.	
TYPE	DATE
Book	1977/____/____

Pillbox; no specification.

TYPE
Map

DATE
1941/06/01

Pillbox plotted from German map.

CONDITION

Bad

THREATS

The pillbox is evidently subject to 'movement' and the walls are cracked. The brick entry porch is detaching dangerously from the main structure.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/11/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE

	Z Sector Dispositions of 1/RUR and Supporting Forces	1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles War Diary
Luftflottenkommando 2	German map showing defences of Romney Marsh	16 Army Papers
Bennett, D.	Sudostkuste England: Schragbildreihe II, Dungeness - Dover A Handbook of Kent's Defences Sheet (Blatt) 126	Befestigungskarte Grossbritannien 1:50,000

DESIGNATION

UORN S0010452 **SITE TYPE** **PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)**
NGR
TR 0224 3321

COUNTY
DISTRICT
PARISH
LOCATION

Kent
Ashford
Ruckinge
On N bank of Royal Military Canal W of Ruckinge bridge opposite site of
now-demolished Glebe Lodge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Field Visit

DATE
2004/02/12

31 Infantry Brigade
Group Defence Scheme
Plan to Defeat Invasion

War Diary
198th Infantry Brigade
War Diary
2/5th Queen's Regiment
War Diary
1/6th Bn. Queen's Royal
Regiment War Diary

Operation Instruction

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016772 **SITE TYPE** CANADIAN PIPE MINE
NGR TR 0268 3328

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Ruckinge
LOCATION S of Ruckinge Bridge over Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1943/ __/ __

Canadian pipe mine. Cassini ref. 465516. Serial ref. 19a. [On road between minefields S of Canal].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

'G' Branch 56 (London)
Division War Diary

Operation Order No.4

169th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

East Kent District 'G'
Branch HQ War Diary

Home Forces Unit War
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO
166)

1st Bn. London Scottish
War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO
166)

Home Forces Unit War
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO
166)

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016842 **SITE TYPE** BARREL FLAME TRAP
NGR TR 0416 3405

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION Opposite Hillside Cottages between Bilsington village and the Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Document 1941/ __/ __
Flame trap.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

169th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO
166)

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016843 **SITE TYPE** BARREL FLAME TRAP
NGR TR 0210 3321

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Ruckinge

LOCATION On N bank of the Royal Military Canal, W of Ruckinge.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Document

DATE
1941/ __/ __

Flame trap. Cassini ref. 458516.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

169th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries (TNA: PRO WO
166)

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016844 **SITE TYPE** CANADIAN PIPE MINE
NGR TR 0409 3385

COUNTY Kent

DISTRICT Ashford

PARISH Bilsington

LOCATION S of Bilsington Bridge over Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Document

DATE
1943/ __/ __

Canadian pipe mine. Cassini ref. 479521. Serial ref. 20a. [Canal crossing].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

'G' Branch 56 (London) Division War Diary	Home Forces Unit War Diaries (TNA: PRO WO 166)
Operation Order No.4	1st Bn. London Scottish War Diary
169th Infantry Brigade War Diary	Home Forces: Unit War Diaries (TNA: PRO WO 166)
East Kent District 'G' Branch HQ War Diary	Home Forces Unit War Diaries (TNA: PRO WO 166)

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016847 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR TR 0267 3313

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Ruckinge
LOCATION S of Ruckinge Bridge over Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph	DATE 1940/07/12
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Two anti-tank blocks are on the W side of the road, and others on the E. Plotted from air photograph.

TYPE Document	DATE 1941/06/26
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Roadblock. Cassini ref. 465515. 'Dragon's teeth'.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

DATE

1940/10/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCEZ Sector Dispositions of
1/RUR and Supporting
Forces
Plan to Defeat Invasion1st Bn. Royal Ulster
Rifles War Diary

2/5th Queen's Regiment
War Diary**DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0016849	SITE TYPE	SECTION POST
		NGR	
			TR 0418 3403

COUNTY	Kent
DISTRICT	Ashford
PARISH	Bilsington
LOCATION	N of Bilsington Bridge over Royal Military Canal, on E side of road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/11/03

Section post. Mortar position. Cassini ref. 479522. Also 7 Platoon, 'A' Coy 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles HQ.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/10/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCEZ Sector Dispositions of
1/RUR and Supporting
Forces
Operation Instruction
No.11st Bn. Royal Ulster
Rifles War Diary

198th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016850 **SITE TYPE** MINED BRIDGE
NGR TR 0409 3387

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION Bilsington Bridge over Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1940/10/ __

Bridge prepared for demolition, but not blown.. Cassini ref. 479522.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.4 1st Bn. London Scottish
War Diary
31 Infantry Brigade 198th Infantry Brigade
Group Defence Scheme War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016851 **SITE TYPE** ARMY BATTLE HEADQUARTERS
NGR TR 0388 3477

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington

LOCATION Hill Farm, N of Bilsington.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Map	1940/10/31

'A' Coy headquarters, 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles.	
TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/01/27

Company battle headquarters of 1/6th Queen's Royal Regiment. Cassini ref. 477531.

CONDITION

Unknown

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Z Sector Dispositions of 1/RUR and Supporting Forces	1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles War Diary
Operation Instruction No.1	1/6th Queen's Royal Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016852	SITE TYPE	OBSERVATION POST
		NGR	
			TR 0388 3475

COUNTY	Kent
DISTRICT	Ashford
PARISH	Bilsington
LOCATION	Hill Farm, N of Bilsington.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/01/27

Observation post at company battle headquarters of 1/6th Queen's Royal Regiment. Cassini ref. 477531.

CONDITION
Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF
South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE
1941/01/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE
Operation Instruction No.1 1/6th Queen's Royal Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016867 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR
TR 0319 3396

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION Near Herne House on road between Ruckinge and Bilsington.

DESCRIPTION
TYPE Map **DATE** 1940/10/31
Roadblock.

CONDITION
Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF
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DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION S of Bilsington Bridge over Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Map	1940/10/31
Minefield.	

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Z Sector Dispositions of 1/RUR and Supporting Forces	1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles War Diary
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DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016871	SITE TYPE	MINEFIELD
		NGR	
		TR 0263	3332
		TR 0267	3322
		TR 0272	3324
		TR 0274	3335

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION S of Ruckinge Bridge over Royal Military Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Map	1940/10/31
Minefield.	

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Z Sector Dispositions of
1/RUR and Supporting
Forces

1st Bn. Royal Ulster
Rifles War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016905 **SITE TYPE** DEFENDED BUILDING
NGR TR 0312 3396

COUNTY Kent
DISTRICT Ashford
PARISH Bilsington
LOCATION Barn facing road at Herne House Farm on B2067 road between Ruckinge and Bilsington.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2004/02/12

This pillbox known from documentary evidence appears to have been within a barn where the evidence of a blocked loophole still survives.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1940/10/31

Pillbox plotted from map.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

South East Command: Stop Line (Romney Marsh)

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/10/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE

Z Sector Dispositions of
1/RUR and Supporting
Forces

1st Bn. Royal Ulster
Rifles War Diary

DESIGNATION