

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 42**

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	S0007805	SITE TYPE	DEFENDED BUILDING
		NGR	SD 41482 12312
COUNTY	Lancashire		
DISTRICT	West Lancashire		
PARISH	Burscough		
LOCATION	Gregsons Bridge Farm, Martin Lane Bridge - Leeds & Liverpool Canal W of Burscough Bridge.		
DESCRIPTION			
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		2003/05/20
	Three loopholes (now blocked) are cut in the upper end (facing NW to the bridge) of a barn by the lane. Other loopholes in the SW side of the barn are undoubtedly hidden by ivy.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		2000/04/30
	Defended building. A farm outbuilding with 3 embrasures visible. There could be more but the building is covered with ivy.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		1995/07/19
	Large rectangular barn with three concrete embrasures in the N side, covering the bridge over the Leeds Liverpool Canal. One concrete and three brick embrasures in the W side facing the road. There are also an additional 3 embrasures in the E side.		
CONDITION	Good		
THREATS			
ADJACENT SITES			
PART OF	Western Command Stop Line No 14		
CONSTRUCTION DATE			
	1940/___/___	1941/___/___	
REFERENCE			

Hubberstey, N.J. (Maj.)

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0007806 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR SD 4178 1220

COUNTY Lancashire
DISTRICT West Lancashire
PARISH Burscough
LOCATION NE of Martin Lane Farm, in fields by a drain.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1995/07/19

Square pillbox on the S bank of the Leeds Liverpool Canal. It consists of a sunken base with four large embrasures and a concrete roof supported by brick pillars at each corner.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/05/20

Pillbox viewed from a distance - no access without permission to N side of Leeds & Liverpool Canal. This structure was undoubtedly part of the perimeter defence of Burscough airfield. It consists of a square structure open on all sides, with concrete pillars at each corner holding up a slab roof covered with earth and grass.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

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SITES

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REFERENCE

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0007807 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (VARIANT)
NGR SD 40362 11855

COUNTY Lancashire
DISTRICT West Lancashire
PARISH Burscough
LOCATION Heaton's Bridge Inn, Heaton's Bridge, W of Burscough - close to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/05/20

Remarkable two-storey pillbox standing by itself in grounds of public house close to children's play area. Doorways at each level on W side: these entrances are protected by embrasures. Upper and lower embrasures face the canal - S wall, two embrasures: W wall, two embrasures: E wall, one embrasure (upper level). Faced externally and internally with red brick, with concrete floors and roof. Possibly the brick is shuttering and disguises a concrete core.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2000/04/30

Pillbox, variant. A square two storey structure with two embrasures in the side facing the canal, two in the SW side and one in the E side. There are entrances to both levels covered by a roof and side wall.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1995/07/19

Two storey square pillbox on the S bank of the Leeds Liverpool Canal. It has five embrasures in each level, of precast concrete for the lower level and brick for the upper.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0011731 **SITE TYPE** DEFENDED BUILDING
NGR SD 43206 12331

COUNTY Lancashire
DISTRICT West Lancashire
PARISH Burscough
LOCATION The Slipway public house, Crabtree Bridge, Crabtree Lane, Burscough.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/05/20

Former stable block of public house (held horses for towing canal barges) which was converted in 1940 to a strongpoint. In the SE face (facing along the canal) there are two loopholes at the upper level, now glazed, and one at the lower level, now blocked. On the side facing SW across the canal are two loopholes (glazed) at the upper level and two at the lower (blocked). The building is used today as the club house of a Motor Boat Club.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2000/04/30

Defended building. A former two storey stable block with one embrasure in the E side, four in N side facing the canal and three in the W side. The embrasures have been glazed or blocked.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

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REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011732 **SITE TYPE** DEFENDED BUILDING
NGR SD 42910 12524

COUNTY Lancashire
DISTRICT West Lancashire
PARISH Burscough
LOCATION Attached to the Farmers Arms public house by the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, adjacent to a children's play area, New Lane Bridge, Burscough.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2000/04/30

Defended building. A former out building, now a children's play area, with one embrasure in the E side, two in N side facing the canal and one in the W side. The embrasures have been blocked.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/05/20

A 'pillbox' built as a red brick tower-like attachment to the pub buildings - either the strongpoint was especially constructed as an adjunct to the buildings and made to blend in with them, or it was disguised within buildings then existing: probably the former. Loopholes are on two levels. Two loopholes, upper and lower, are in the N face facing the canal; the E and W faces have one high loophole each. All the loopholes are now blocked.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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Western Command Stop Line No 14

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

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REFERENCE

DESIGNATION