

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 49**

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	S0003109	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)	
		NGR	SY 57821	83597
COUNTY	Dorset			
DISTRICT	West Dorset			
PARISH	Abbotsbury			
LOCATION	On the slope of Chesters Hill, West Fleet on private farm land.			
DESCRIPTION		TYPE		DATE
		Map		1964/ __/ __
		Hexagonal structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.		
		TYPE		DATE
		Field Visit		1995/ __/ __
		Hexagonal type 22 pillbox.		
CONDITION	Good			
THREATS				
ADJACENT				
SITES				
PART OF	Dorset coast defences			
CONSTRUCTION				
DATE	1940/ __/ __	1941/ __/ __		
REFERENCE		CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3319)	Aerial photographs	
DESIGNATION				
UORN	S0003110	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)	

NGR

SY 5779 8345

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Near Shipmoor Point, West Fleet on private farm land.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1995/__/__

Square type 26 pillbox. [Shown on OS 1:2500 sheet SY 5683 - SY 5783 (1964)].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3319) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003111 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SY 5764 8364

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Shipmoor Point, on private farm land.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1995/__/__

Hexagonal type 22 pillbox. [Shown on OS 1:2500 sheet SY 5683 - 5783 (1964)].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3319)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003112 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)
NGR SY 57288 84505

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On S slopes of Chapel Hill, S of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Map **DATE** 1964/ __/ __

Square structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.
TYPE English Heritage schedule **DATE** ___/ __/ __

Pillbox within the area of a field system and quarries, and scheduled with them.
TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1946/11/04

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.
TYPE Field Visit **DATE** 2003/01/18

Square pillbox with large stepped embrasures for medium machine gun.
Concrete-faced. Faces sea (S). No public access - private land.
TYPE Field Visit **DATE** 1995/ __/ __

Square type 26 pillbox.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3317)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Scheduled
Monument

29045

UORN S0003113

SITE TYPE
NGR

PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)

SY 56951 84612

COUNTY

Dorset

DISTRICT

West Dorset

PARISH

Abbotsbury

LOCATION

By footpath on W slopes of Chapel Hill.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE

Field Visit

DATE

2003/01/18

Square pillbox. Concrete-faced. Three large stepped embrasures, intended for medium machine gun fire. Doorway at rear (N). Round holes bored on W and S roof edges [to attach camouflage?]. Faces sea (S). Access possible, exterior and interior.

TYPE

Map

DATE

1964/ __/ __

Square structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE

Field Visit

DATE

1995/ __/ __

Square type 26 pillbox.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003114 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)
NGR SY 56844 83960

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On landward side of Chesil Beach, by anti-tank blocks near Swannery.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/01/18

Small square pillbox on the SE side of the lines of anti-tank blocks [see UORN 12099]. Pebble-dashed exterior surfaces. Embrasures in the S and W walls. Doorway (with iron door still in place) on the N side. No opening in E wall. Interior access possible.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1964/__/__

Square structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1995/__/__

Square type 26 pillbox with iron door, half buried in beach.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The pillbox is already almost part-buried.
The pillbox is already almost part-buried and tilted at an angle.

ADJACENT

[adjacent lines of anti-tank cubes - UORN 12099].

SITES**PART OF**

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Pearce, Robin T.

225A/BR2 52 (frs.5-6)
Dorset Attacked, Dorset
Defended

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0003115	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)
		NGR	SY 56810 83935

COUNTY	Dorset
DISTRICT	West Dorset
PARISH	Abbotsbury
LOCATION	On seaward side of Chesil Beach, by anti-tank blocks near Swannery.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	Field Visit	DATE	2003/01/18
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Small square pillbox, now almost buried beneath shingle. The exterior surfaces are pebble-dashed as camouflage.

TYPE	Map	DATE	1964/__/__
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Square structure shown on OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE	Field Visit	DATE	1995/__/__
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Square type 26 pillbox, part buried in beach.

CONDITION

Bad

THREATS

The pillbox is already part-buried.

ADJACENT

[adjacent anti-tank blocks - see UORN 12099].

SITES**PART OF**

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

225A/BR2 52 (frs.5-6) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003116 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE CP/6/40/111)
NGR SY 56097 84677

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On high ground above Abbotsbury Beach car park to the E of Buller's Way.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/18

Circular Norcon pre-fabricated pillbox, sunk into the ground, facing S over the sea.
TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1995/__/__

Round pillbox with roof missing. Has 4 close-spaced embrasures on one side overlooking the sea.
TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1998/05/26

Norcon pre-cast pillbox situated on hillside with field of fire S to beach and defending road from coast to Abbotsbury.
with PLAN drawn on form.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

UORN S0003118 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SY 5558 8508

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On crest of hill behind Castle Hill Cottages on the Burton road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/18

Brick-shuttered type 22 pillbox high on hill overlooking the sea (SW). No public access.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2000/08/ __

Type 22 pillbox; brick-walled with reinforced concrete roof.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1998/05/26

Probably a type 22 pillbox (brick-shuttered) situated on the S side of coastal hill. Field of fire S to beach.

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

Hexagonal type 22 pillbox. [Shown on OS 1:2500 sheet SY 5485 - 5585 (1963)].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

Type 26 (variant) pillboxes to the S and the W.

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Wills, Henry Pillboxes: A Study of UK Defences

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003121 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/26)

NGR

SY 5548 8488

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Chesil Beach, adjacent to Castle Hill Cottages on the Burton road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/01/18

No sign of this structure during field work.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2000/08/___

Square pillbox, half pebble-dashed (camouflage). It is four-fifths buried in shingle. Sides 10ft square.

25ft away stands a concrete block 5ft x 5ft x 4ft (high) with a manhole cover on top. There is a similar piece of a concrete structure 15ft away, the gap in which matches the dimensions of the block.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1998/05/26

Type 26 (variant) pillbox (no rear embrasure) situated on beach, with field of fire E/W and out to sea. Wood-shuttered. Upper surface of pillbox pebble-dashed for camouflage. The pillbox is three-quarters buried under shingle. with PLAN drawn on form.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1996/___/___

Square type 26 pillbox. Partly buried in beach. [Shown on OS 1:2500 sheet SY 5584 (1963)].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

The pillbox might be buried completely by shifting shingle.
The pillbox is subject to further sea erosion.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

Wills, Henry Pillboxes: A Study of UK
Defences

DESIGNATION

UORN S0003122 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SY 55737 84721

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION W of Buller's Way, on the shingle bank.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/18

Square brick foundation frame of a possible pillbox. Set at an angle to the sea.
Fallen pieces of brickwork lie around.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/01/18

Square brick lower walls of a possible pillbox. Set at an angle to the sea. Fallen
pieces of brickwork lie around.

CONDITION

Very Bad

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0007803 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SY 5543 8522

COUNTY Dorset

DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On crest of hill overlooking the sea, above Castle Hill Cottages, SW of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/01/18

Red brick structure, which appears from a distance to be a rectangular-shaped pillbox sunken into the hillside. No public access.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1992/__/__

Pillbox; no specification.

CONDITION

Extant but condition unknown

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0012099	SITE TYPE NGR	CUBE
			SY 56895 83991
			SY 5680 8393
			SY 56825 83966
			SY 56812 83950
			SY 5678 8390
			SY 5693 8400

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On Chesil Bank at Reeds End, at W end of Abbotsbury Swannery.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1940/08/05

Double line of anti-tank blocks plotted from air photograph. The N and S ends of the line have been destroyed or buried. Four pillboxes stood close to these blocks - UORNs 3114, 3115, 16309, 16310.

TYPE DATE
Map 1964/ __/ __

Structures in two lines marked as 'posts' plotted from OS sheet.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/01/18

Massive structure of parallel lines of anti-tank cubes originally crossing the width of the Chesil Bank from the waters of the Abbotsbury Swannery lagoon to the sea. It consists of two rows of 4ft cubes set on parallel concrete rafts rising from the lagoon and twisting over the hump of the bank. The lines extend now to the summit of the bank

- the cubes on the seaward side have been buried or lost. Two adjacent pillboxes survive [see UORNs 3114 and 3115]. The total number of surviving blocks is 89. Where the N line turns from the crest of the bank, a longer (5ft x 4ft) block is positioned. On the inner face of the S line there are two holes in each cube [to take metal bars?]. There are, however, no corresponding holes in the N blocks. Part of the N line has been damaged (presumably by the sea), and three blocks have fallen outwards. On the summit of the bank, a block between the two lines has the rough shape of a shield drawn in the concrete.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2001/03/ __

Anti-tank blocks in two lines at the W end of the beach stretching from the sea to the lagoon. One of the blocks has a crude shield drawn in the concrete, possibly the device of the construction company [inscription].

TYPE DATE
Book 1999/12/ __

Anti-tank blocks in a line at right angles to the sea on Chesil Beach

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

[adjacent type 26 pillboxes - see UORNs 3114-3115].

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Pearce, Robin T. 225A/BR2 52 (frs.5-6) Aerial photographs
Dorset Attacked, Dorset
Defended

DESIGNATION

UORN S0015635 **SITE TYPE** OBSERVATION POST
NGR SY 5730 8399

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On landward side of the area of water between the mainland and Chesil beach.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2001/08/___

Possible / uncertain site of observation post with open front facing Chesil beach.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016256 **SITE TYPE** COAST BATTERY
NGR SY 5628 8465

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Area close to Peasons Plantations above strip lynchets, to the E of Buller's Way, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Document 1940/08/___

2 x 4in naval guns of 387 Coast Battery RA. Cassini ref. 996058. Guns mounted

by 7.8.40
TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1948/05/07

Air photograph shows two gun emplacements, with a further rectangular structure (probably of the battery) adjacent to the N.

TYPE
Document

DATE
1941/03/21

Two 4in guns of 387Battery. Cassini ref. 996058. Part of Fixed Defences, Portland.

TYPE
Document

DATE
1943/ __/ __

Battery position of 387 Coast Defence Battery (522 Coast Regiment). 2 x 6in guns and 1 x 4.5in howitzer. Three officers and 80 other ranks. Cassini ref. 994056.

[Document gives position as 'Abbotsbury Castle', which is further north - for this 994076 would be a more likely reference: however, 994056 is given in more than one documentary source and 993056 and 994057 in others]. In 1944 the battery was under 'care and maintenance'.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

Operation Order No.17

151st Infantry Brigade
War Diary

210th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries

387 Coast Battery RA
War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries

50 Division 'G' War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries

SY 5685/1 (fr.0092)
Locations and Armament
of Coast Artillery
Hampshire and Dorset
District Standing
Operation Instruction
Standing Operation
Instruction

Aerial photographs
Hampshire and Dorset
District War Diary
Hampshire and Dorset
District 'HQ' War Diary

Dorset Sub District War
Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016257 **SITE TYPE** MINEFIELD
NGR
SY 5582 8474
SY 5612 8457
SY 5635 8450

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION At the top of the beach from the W to the E side of Buller's Way, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/21

Minefields. Serial nos. 24, 26, and 34. Cassini refs. 991058-993058 (168 x A/Tk mines), 993056-994055 (95 x anti-personnel mines over one and a quarter acres), and 994055-997056 (159 x anti-personnel mines over 9,511 sq. yds.). Minefields enclosed by barbed wire.

TYPE	DATE
Document	1943/ __/ __

Minefields, serial nos 42 and 44. Cassini refs 993056 (168 x Mk.IV A/Tk mines) and 994055 (95 x 'C' beach mines).

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1	8th Bn. The Essex Regiment War Diary
Operation Order No.3	226th (Ind.) Infantry Brigade War Diary
Standing Operation Instruction	Dorset Sub District War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016258 SITE TYPE MINEFIELD
NGR
SY 5660 8447
SY 5673 8447

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Inland from the beach beneath Chapel Hill, S and SE of Stavordale Wood, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Document 1941/03/21

Minefields. Serial nos. 27 and 28. Cassini refs. 998057-999056 (75 x anti-personnel mines over one acre) and 000058-001058 (345 x A/Tk. mines). Minefields enclosed by barbed wire.

TYPE DATE
Document 1943/__/__

Minefields, serial nos 45 and 46. Cassini refs 998055 (75 x 'C' beach mines) and 000055 (344 x Mk.IV A/Tk mines).

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3 226th (Ind.) Infantry
Brigade War Diary
Standing Operation Dorset Sub District War
Instruction Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016259 SITE TYPE MINEFIELD
NGR
SY 5680 8420
SY 5708 8416

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Behind the beach, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/21

Minefields. Serial no. 29. Cassini ref. 002052-003051 (194 x anti-personnel mines over two and five eighths acres) and Serial no. 30 . Cassini ref. 003051 (45 x anti-personnel mines over 2,700 sq. yds.). Minefields enclosed by barbed wire.

TYPE	DATE
Document	1943/___/___

Minefields, serial no. 47. Cassini ref. 999052 (194 x 'C' beach mines) and serial no. 48, Cassini ref. 001051 (45 x 'C' beach mines).

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3	226th (Ind.) Infantry Brigade War Diary
Standing Operation Instruction	Dorset Sub District War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016260	SITE TYPE	MINEFIELD
		NGR	
			SY 5614 8493

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Between Countess Coppice and Buller's Way, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Document 1941/03/21

Minefield, serial no. 31. Cassini ref. 999056 (20 x anti-personnel mines).
Minefield enclosed by barbed wire.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No. 3 23rd Field Company RE
War Diary
Operation Order No.3 226th (Ind.) Infantry
Brigade War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016261 **SITE TYPE** GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR
SY 5652 8548

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Abbotsbury Hill E of East Bexington, just S of the B3157 road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Document 1943/ __/ __

6pdr. gun position. Cassini ref. 998063. Manned by Chickerell Coy, 5 Weymouth
Bn., Home Guard.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

Operation Order No.1

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary8th Essex Defence
Instructions
Standing Operation
Instruction8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary
Dorset Sub District War
Diary**DESIGNATION**

UORN	S0016306	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX
		NGR	
			SY 5633 8460

COUNTY	Dorset
DISTRICT	West Dorset
PARISH	Abbotsbury
LOCATION	Amongst strip lynchets, S of Peasons Plantations, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/07/ __

The left forward platoon of 'C' Coy 6th Bn. Durham Light Infantry was positioned here in July 1940. Cassini ref. 997055.

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1946/11/04

Rectangular pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Operation Instruction
No.1
CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3317)

6th Bn. Durham Light
Infantry War Diary
Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016307 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SY 5667 8467

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Amongst strip lynchets, S of Slavordale Wood, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1946/11/04

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3317)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016308 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SY 5766 8475

COUNTY Dorset

DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On high ground E of Nunnery Grove, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1946/11/04

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3317) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016309	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX
		NGR	SY 5677 8391

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On the Chesil Bank close to the sea edge, S of Reeds End.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1940/08/05

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/08/05 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

225A/BR2 52 (frs.5-6) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016310 **SITE TYPE** **PILLBOX**
NGR
SY 5683 8398

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On Chesil Beach close to Reeds End.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1940/08/05

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/08/05 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

225A/BR2 52 (frs.5-6)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016311 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SY 5579 8477

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION N of Burton Road, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1948/05/07

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

SY 5685/1 (fr.0092)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016312 **SITE TYPE** GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR SY 5589 8485

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset

PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION N of Burton Road, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/09/14

A 6pdr gun position is given here at Cassini ref. 992057. Manned by 8th Essex Regt.

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1948/05/07

Rectangular pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

226th (Ind.) Infantry
Brigade War Diary
SY 5685/1 (fr.0092)

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries
Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016313	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX
		NGR	
			SY 5622 8464

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Amongst strip lynchets, S of Peasons Plantations, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1948/05/07

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

SY 5685/1 (fr.0092)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016314 **SITE TYPE** DEFENCE WORK
NGR SY 5622 8467

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Above strip lynchets, S of Peasons Plantations, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1948/05/07

Irregular-shaped structure plotted from air photograph. It may have been associated with the adjacent coastal battery [see UORN 16256].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

SY 5685/1 (fr.0092) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016315 **SITE TYPE** DEFENCE WORK
NGR SY 5575 8470

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION On beach, S of Burton Road, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1948/05/07

Pits (with a possible square structure amongst them) dug on the beach. Of uncertain purpose.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3317) Aerial photographs
SY 5685/1 (fr.0092) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016316 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SY 5593 8475

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION N of Burton Road, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1948/05/07

Square pillbox structure plotted from air photograph. It appears to have a large horizontal embrasure.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

SY 5685/1 (fr.0092) Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016406 **SITE TYPE** GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR SY 5615 8508

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION S of Countess Coppice, W of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1941/09/14

A 6pdr. gun position, manned by 8th Essex Regiment, is at Cassini ref. 994058.

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/21

4in gun position. 955 Battery. Cassini ref. 993059.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

226th (Ind.) Infantry
Brigade War Diary

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary
Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016407	SITE TYPE	MINEFIELD
		NGR	
			SY 5540 8495

COUNTY	Dorset
DISTRICT	West Dorset
PARISH	Abbotsbury
LOCATION	At top of beach, W of Buller's Way, W of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/21

Minefield. Serial no. 33. Cassini refs. 986061-999058. 134 x anti-personnel mines over one and five eighths acres.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary
226th (Ind.) Infantry
Brigade War Diary

Operation Order No.3

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016408

SITE TYPE
NGR

ROADBLOCK

SY 5714 8536

COUNTY

Dorset

DISTRICT

West Dorset

PARISH

Abbotsbury

LOCATION

West Street, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE

Document

DATE

1941/05/17

Roadblock. Serial no. 6. Cassini ref. 003063 [see also UORN 16262].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016409 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SY 5775 8507

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Near Abbey Barn, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Document 1941/05/17
Roadblock. Serial no. 7. Cassini ref. 010060.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016410 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR

SY 5785 8529

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Rodden Row, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1941/05/17
Roadblock. Serial no. 8. Cassini ref. 011063.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1 8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016411 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SY 5811 8523

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION E of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1941/05/17
Roadblock. Serial no. 9. Cassini ref. 012062.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016412 **SITE TYPE** CANADIAN PIPE MINE
NGR SY 5551 8499

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Near Castle Hill Cottages, on beach front SW of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Document 1941/09/02

McNaughton Pipe. Cassini ref. 988058.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016413 **SITE TYPE** CANADIAN PIPE MINE
NGR SY 5596 8462

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION At beach front at end of Buller's Way, SW of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Document

DATE
1941/09/02

McNaughton Pipe. Cassini ref. 992055.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016414 **SITE TYPE** CANADIAN PIPE MINE
NGR SY 5639 8441

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION E of Buller's Way, SW of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1941/09/02

McNaughton Pipe. Cassini ref. 995053.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016415 **SITE TYPE** FLAME FOUASSE
NGR SY 5773 8505

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION Near Abbey Barn, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1941/09/02

Fougasse. 1 Battery. Cassini ref. 010060.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016416	SITE TYPE	BEACH SCAFFOLDING		
		NGR			
			SY	5540	8495
			SY	5685	8400

COUNTY	Dorset
DISTRICT	West Dorset
PARISH	Abbotsbury
LOCATION	At the head of the beach, from Cliff End to Abbotsbury Swannery.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/09/02

Beach scaffolding. Construction commenced on 25.5.41.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1941/___/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.3

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016417 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK GUN POSITION
NGR
SY 5585 8525

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION W of Countess Coppice, W of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Document

DATE
1940/09/15

6pdr gun position covering exits up valley from beach.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/09/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE

50 Division 'G' War Diary

Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016422 **SITE TYPE** VICKERS MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR SY 5657 8423

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION At head of beach S of Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/07/__

Machine guns firing W towards the Coastguard Station from here (Cassini ref. 000051).

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/21

Two Vickers MG positions are given at Cassini ref. 998052. One source gives one gun at 998051.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Operation Instruction No.1	6th Bn. Durham Light Infantry War Diary
Operation Order No.3	226th (Ind.) Infantry Brigade War Diary
Operation Order No.1	8th Bn. The Essex Regiment War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016423 **SITE TYPE** ARMY HEADQUARTERS
NGR

SY 5764 8539

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION The Hall, Market Street, Abbotsbury.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/09/14

Headquarters of 8th Bn. Essex Regiment. Cassini ref. 008063.

CONDITION

Unknown

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1	8th Bn. The Essex Regiment War Diary
226th (Ind.) Infantry Brigade War Diary	Home Forces: Unit War Diaries

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016427 **SITE TYPE** GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR SY 5614 8492

COUNTY Dorset
DISTRICT West Dorset
PARISH Abbotsbury
LOCATION W of Buller's Way, S of Countess Coppice.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1941/03/21

Additional beach armament of a 6pdr. gun at Cassini ref. 994058 (to the W of the Abbotsbury battery). The 6pdr. gun fired E to cover sea approaches to Abbotsbury Swannery, and also had a penetration task inland.

TYPE
Document

DATE
1941/__/__

One static 6pdr gun. Cassini ref. 993056.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Operation Order No.1

210th Infantry Brigade
War Diary
151st Infantry Brigade
War Diary

8th Bn. The Essex
Regiment War Diary
Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries
Home Forces: Unit War
Diaries

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016451	SITE TYPE NGR	ANTI TANK DITCH
		SY 5555	8491
		SY 5580	8483
		SY 5584	8471
		SY 5624	8443
		SY 5635	8442
		SY 5635	8440
		SY 5667	8423
		SY 5700	8414

COUNTY Dorset

DISTRICT West Dorset

PARISH Abbotsbury

LOCATION In various sections, from W of Buller's Way to near Reeds End.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1946/11/04

Anti-tank ditch running in various sections behind the beach from the old coastguard station to the edge of the lagoon.

CONDITION

Infilled

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Dorset coast defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

CPE/UK/1824 (fr.3317)

Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION