

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 59**

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	S0007200	SITE TYPE	GUN EMPLACEMENT	
		NGR	SU 443	971
COUNTY	Oxfordshire			
DISTRICT	Vale of the White Horse			
PARISH	Frilford			
LOCATION	Just E of the junction of the A415 road with the A338 on the E side of Frilford.			
DESCRIPTION				
	TYPE		DATE	
	Book		1999/__/__	
	6pdr gunpit. [Original defence site number - 265].			
	TYPE		DATE	
	Article		1999/__/__	
	6pdr. gun pit with central pillar gun mounting and 'moulded' ammunition lockers.			
	{Photo included in article cited below}.			
	TYPE		DATE	
	Article		1994/__/__	
	6pdr. Hotchkiss open gun pits to the rear of the GHQ Line.			
CONDITION	Good			
THREATS				
ADJACENT				
SITES				
PART OF	GHQ Line: Red			
CONSTRUCTION				
DATE	1940/__/__	1941/__/__		
REFERENCE	Alexander, Colin	Ironsides Line GHQ Line Rear or Section Red: Research Report		

Osborne, Mike

Pillbox Typology Part 5:
Gunhouses.

Loopholes No.8

DESIGNATION

UORN S0009546 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR SU 43277 97630

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION By track, WNW of Collins Farm, W of Frilford.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/09/04

Anti-tank gun emplacement. Built with horizontal wooden planking. Chamfered roof edge. One main embrasure, now blocked and glazed, faces W. Doorway, now with wooden door in position, on E face. Used as a store for chemicals. All embrasures blocked and/or glazed. A farm equipment shed has been built close to the emplacement. An adjacent anti-tank gun emplacement [UORN 11973] is a few yards to the W, but across a hedge and barbed wire fence on the land of another farm.

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1944/03/08

Rectangular pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.
TYPE **DATE**
Book 1999/ __/ __

Type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement. [Original defence site number - 258].

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

GHQ Line Rear or
Section Red: Research
Report

Alexander, Colin

Ironside's Line
US/7PH/GP/LOC208
(frs.5003-5004)

USAAF aerial
photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011966 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR SU 42022 98881

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION W of Manor Farm behind houses off St. John's Close, Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Field Visit **DATE** 2003/09/04

Rectangular anti-tank gun emplacement. Chamfered forward roof edge. Viewed from distance. Possibly faces N. No access.

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1944/03/08

Rectangular structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE Map **DATE** 1975/ __/ __

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

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

Type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement. [Original defence site number - 247].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

US/7PH/GP/LOC208
(frs.5003-5004)

USAAF aerial
photographs

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Ironsides Line

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011967 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR SU 42030 98862

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION W of Manor Farm behind houses off St. John's Close, Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/09/04

Rectangular anti-tank gun emplacement. Chamfered forward roof edge. Viewed from distance. Faces W. Doorway on E side. No access.

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1944/03/08

Rectangular structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE **DATE**
Map 1975/___/___

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE **DATE**
Book 1999/___/___

Type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement. [Original defence site number - 248].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

US/7PH/GP/LOC208

USAAF aerial

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Ironsides Line

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011968 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR SU 4197 9870

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION On N side of A420 road (Main Road), Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1944/03/08

Rectangular pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.
TYPE **DATE**
Book 1999/__/__

Type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement. Destroyed. [Original defence site number - 250].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Alexander, Colin US/7PH/GP/LOC208 USAAF aerial
(frs.5003-5004) photographs
GHQ Line Rear or
Section Red: Research
Report
Ironsides Line

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011969 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SU 421 987

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION A420 road, Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

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

Type 22 shell-proof pillbox. Destroyed. [Original defence site number - 249].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Alexander, Colin GHQ Line Rear or
Section Red: Research
Report
Ironsides Line

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011970 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SU 4224 9845

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION Just S of Digginglane Cottages, Digging Lane, S of Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/04

Field work shows no evidence of this pillbox. Presumed destroyed.

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1944/03/08

Pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE	DATE
Book	1999/__/__

Type 22 shell-proof pillbox. [Original defence site number - 251].

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Alexander, Colin	GHQ Line Rear or Section Red: Research Report Ironside's Line US/7PH/GP/LOC208 (frs.5003-5004)	USAAF aerial photographs
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DESIGNATION

UORN	S0011971	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
		NGR	SU 42543 98070

COUNTY	Oxfordshire
DISTRICT	Vale of the White Horse
PARISH	Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION	On E side of trackway, between Fyfield and A415 road, NW of Frilford.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/04

Rectangular anti-tank gun emplacement, very overgrown. Doorway on SE side. Main embrasure faces NW. LMG side chamber on the W side with three embrasures. One additional LMG embrasure. Probably in 'Good' condition under the overgrowth. Another similar emplacement is close by [UORN 11972]. Access possible, including interior - by public footpath.

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1944/03/08

Pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE DATE
Map 1975/__/__

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE DATE
Book 1999/__/__

Type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement. [Original defence site number - 253].

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The emplacement is very heavily overgrown.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

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Section Red: Research
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(frs.5003-5004) USAAF aerial
photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011972 SITE TYPE PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR SU 42558 98035

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION On E side of trackway, between Fyfield and A415 road, NW of Frilford.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/04

Rectangular anti-tank gun emplacement. Overgrown in part. Doorway on SE side. Main embrasure faces NW. LMG side chamber on the W side with three embrasures. One additional LMG embrasure. Probably in 'Good' condition under the overgrowth. Another similar emplacement is close by [UORN 11971].

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1944/03/08

Pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1975/__/__

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/04

Rectangular anti-tank gun emplacement. Overgrown in part. Doorway on NW side. Main embrasure (blocked) faces SE. LMG side chamber on the W side with three embrasures (mostly blocked). One additional LMG embrasure. Some graffiti in interior. Chamfered roof edges on all sides except rear. Cut off corners. A slot in the concrete floor presumably took the trail of the 2pdr gun carriage. Another similar emplacement is close by [UORN 11971]. Access possible, including interior - by public footpath.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The emplacement is partly overgrown.

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

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Alexander, Colin	GHQ Line Rear or Section Red: Research Report Ironsides Line US/7PH/GP/LOC208 (frs.5003-5004)	USAAF aerial photographs
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DESIGNATION

UORN S0011973 SITE TYPE PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/28A)
NGR SU 43247 97635

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION On W side of track, WNW of Collins Farm, Frilford.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/09/04

Anti-tank gun emplacement (type 28A) in very good condition; clear of overgrowth and clean inside. LMG side chamber with three embrasures: one other LMG embrasure. Main 2pdr. anti-tank gun embrasure faces S at anti-tank ditch, a section of which has been re-excavated and preserved [see UORN 16702].
Doorway on N side.

TYPE DATE
Article 1999/ __/ __

Anti-tank pillbox with 2pdr. gun embrasure.

TYPE DATE
Map 1975/ __/ __

Rectangular structure plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1944/03/08

Rectangular pillbox structure plotted from air photograph.

TYPE DATE
Book 1999/ __/ __

Type 28a anti-tank gun emplacement. [Original defence site number - 257].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

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GHQ Line Rear or
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(frs.5003-5004)

USAAF aerial
photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0011974 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SU 43688 97133

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION In garden of house 'Town Furlong', S of A415 road, Frilford.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/09/04

Type 22 pillbox of a variant strengthened form. Built using horizontal plank shuttering. Chamfered roof edge. Embrasures in each face, and two rifle ports, one each side of doorway. Faces SW. The number '261' is stencilled on doorway. Concrete anti-ricochet wall. In very good condition in house garden. Used as a store, and with creeper trained over W faces. No access - private garden.

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1946/04/12

Pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE	DATE
Book	1999/ __ / __

Type 22 shell-proof pillbox. [Original defence site number - 261].

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __ / __ 1941/ __ / __

REFERENCE

106G/UK/1408
(frs.4100-4101)
GHQ Line Rear or

RAF aerial photographs

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016701 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SU 4356 9721

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION W of Frilford on A415 road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1946/04/12

Roadblock. Six cubes are placed each side of the road at the point where it is crossed by the anti-tank ditch [see UORN 16702].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

106G/UK/1408
(frs.4100-4101)

RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016702 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK DITCH
NGR SU 4440 9685
SU 4366 9709
SU 4326 9759

SU 4286 9772
SU 4259 9800

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION Running S and W of Frilford.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Article
DATE 1993/09/___

At SU 43279759 a 20 yard long section of anti-tank ditch was re-excavated by the farm owner, Mr. Murray Maclean, and the Ridgeway Military and Aviation Research Group in December 1991. This section has been left open.

TYPE Air Photograph
DATE 1944/03/08

Anti-tank ditch. It was still open in March 1944 with spoil from it placed on both sides. Plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Infilled

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

Dawe, Nigel An Anti-Tank Ditch Restored US/7PH/GP/LOC208 (frs.5003-5004) Loopholes No.5 USAAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016703 **SITE TYPE** ANTI TANK DITCH
NGR
SU 4253 9807
SU 4215 9831
SU 4200 9867
SU 4195 9868
SU 4200 9886
SU 4165 9885

SU 4141 9897

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION Running S and W of Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1944/03/08

Anti-tank ditch. It was still open in March 1944 with spoil from it placed on both sides. Plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Infilled

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

US/7PH/GP/LOC208
(frs.5003-5004)

USAAF aerial
photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016704	SITE TYPE	ROADBLOCK
		NGR	SU 4215 9832

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION Digging Lane S of Fyfield.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1944/03/08

Roadblock. Three blocks are positioned either side of the road where it is crossed by the anti-tank ditch [see UORN 16703].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

US/7PH/GP/LOC208
(frs.5003-5004)

USAAF aerial
photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016705 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SU 4197 9868

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Fyfield and Tubney
LOCATION A420 road (Main Road) at Fyfield

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1944/03/08

At least six cylinders on each side of the road at point where it was crossed by the anti-tank ditch [see UORN 16703].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

UORN S0016748 **SITE TYPE** SECTION POST
NGR SU 4355 9751

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION WNW of Frilford.

DESCRIPTION
TYPE Air Photograph DATE 1944/03/08
V-shaped section post plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION
Infilled

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF
GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE
1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE
US/7PH/GP/LOC208 USAAF aerial
(frs.5003-5004) photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016758 **SITE TYPE** SECTION POST
NGR SU 4373 9719

COUNTY Oxfordshire
DISTRICT Vale of the White Horse
PARISH Frilford
LOCATION Frilford, on N side of A415 road.

DESCRIPTION
TYPE Map DATE 1941/__/__

Section post plotted from Home Guard map.

CONDITION

Infilled

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

GHQ Line: Red

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

In possession of Mr.
Murray Maclean,
Collins Farm

[Home Guard Map]

Area of Frilford and
Fyfield, showing anti-tank
line

DESIGNATION