

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 73**

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	S0012105	SITE TYPE	COASTAL OBSERVATION POST
		NGR	SZ 34557 85677
COUNTY	Isle of Wight		
DISTRICT	Freshwater		
PARISH	On coast in grounds of Fort Redoubt at side of Albion Hotel, overlooking Freshwater Bay.		
LOCATION			
DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	2003/08/26	
	Observation post, with wide concrete-framed viewing slits divided by brick piers. No access. In private grounds.		
	TYPE	DATE	
	Field Visit	1999/07/03	
	Lookout point, possibly used by the Home Guard. A square-shaped building with lookout points overlooking Freshwater Bay and the Channel. The entrance is to the rear. The two apertures are 15ft long, with brick dividers. There appears to be an internal wall with a doorway at each end, but the whole has been infilled with earth.		
CONDITION	Good		
THREATS			
ADJACENT			
SITES			
PART OF	Isle of Wight coastal defences		
CONSTRUCTION			
DATE	1940/__/__	1941/__/__	
REFERENCE			
DESIGNATION			

UORN S0012106 SITE TYPE PILLBOX
NGR SZ 3492 8610

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Set back off the main Afton road leading to Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/08/26

Field work shows no sign of this structure. Presumed now destroyed entirely.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1999/07/03

Pillbox - DEMOLISHED. Only the base and steps leading to it remain.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit ___/___/___

Pillbox, the site of which has been reported but was not seen by the recorder.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Southern Command: River Yar Stop Line

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0012107 SITE TYPE PILLBOX
NGR SZ 34579 86321

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION On N side of Blackbridge Road, W of Black Bridge at edge of Afton Marsh Nature Reserve, N of Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/08/26

Very heavily overgrown concrete-faced pillbox. It faces E, with entrance on W side. Square embrasures. It is so overgrown its shape cannot be made out. A water tank raised on blocks has been set up against it. In private field. No access.

TYPE DATE
Map 1971/___/___

Pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1999/06/23

A square-shaped concrete-faced pillbox. Very overgrown.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit ___/___/___

Hexagonal concrete pillbox. Field of fire E. The embrasures are large vertical rectangles. Internal blast/ricochet wall.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

The pillbox is very overgrown.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Southern Command: River Yar Stop Line

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0012108 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SZ 34410 86963

COUNTY Isle of Wight

DISTRICT
PARISH
LOCATION

Freshwater
On N side of Afton Road, in car park of Afton Garden Centre and the End of the Line
Cafe, Freshwater.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 2003/08/26

Type 22 concrete-faced pillbox, now surrounded by trellis work and covered with
creeper. A weather vane is set on the roof. Square and 'vertical' embrasures. Faces
S. Only a small portion of the exterior is not hidden by plant growth. Access, but
not interior. The pillbox would undoubtedly be revealed as in 'good' condition if
the growth was removed.

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1940/09/03

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from air photograph.

TYPE DATE
Map 1941/06/01

Pillbox plotted from German map.

TYPE DATE
Map 1971/ __/ __

Small hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit 1999/07/03

Hexagonal-shaped pillbox with all-round field of fire. In 1994 the Nursery set the
pillbox walls with trellis work and a flower bed at the base. The pillbox is
consequently now 'overgrown'.

TYPE DATE
Field Visit ____/ __/ __

Hexagonal concrete pillbox. Field of fire S. Covered in creeper.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The pillbox is covered in creeper.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Southern Command: River Yar Stop Line

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

225B/UK851/2 (frs.9-10)
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RAF aerial photographs
Befestigungskarte
Grossbritannien 1:50,000

DESIGNATION

UORN S0012109 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/22)
NGR SZ 34787 87173

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION On S side of The Causeway road on N side of the mud and reed flats where the road crosses the River Yar, E of Freshwater.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Air Photograph 1940/09/03

Hexagonal pillbox plotted from air photograph.
TYPE **DATE**
Map 1976/ __/ __

Small hexagonal pillbox plotted from OS 1:2500 sheet.
TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1999/06/23

Hexagonal-shaped pillbox of a type 22 variant (concrete-faced) with all round defensive fire. A small iron base on the top suggests that a fixture for a small AA gun was fitted.
TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/08/26

Type 22 concrete-faced pillbox commanding the broad crossing of the River Yar. Concrete interior anti-ricochet wall. Two small vertical embrasures either side of the doorway. A square embrasure in each of the other five faces. Faces SE. Public access, including interior. Some ivy overgrowth.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

The pillbox has some ivy overgrowth.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Southern Command: River Yar Stop Line

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

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RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016640 **SITE TYPE** RAILBLOCK
NGR SZ 3485 8713

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION On railway line at The Causeway, NE of Freshwater.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Document 1943/12/14

Railblock covering single track. Serial no.22 [another source gives 324]. Cassini ref. 781072.

CONDITION

Unknown

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

214th Infantry Brigade
Scheme for the Defence of
the Isle of Wight
Plan to Defeat the Enemy

Hampshire and Dorset
District Standing
Operation Instructions

214th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

Isle of Wight Sub
District War Diary
Hampshire and Dorset
District 'HQ' War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016642 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR

SZ 3456 8578

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Gate Lane, Freshwater Bay, near junction with Bay Road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Document 1943/ __/ __

Roadblock. Serial no.64 [one source gives 34]. Cassini ref. 778058 [one source gives 778059]. Type - RSJ (steel beam). See as well adjacent block [UORB 16673].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

214th Infantry Brigade
Scheme for the Defence of
the Isle of Wight
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214th Infantry Brigade
War Diary
Isle of Wight Sub
District War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016665 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SZ 3444 8688

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION On Afton Road at crossing of River Yar.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Document 1941/08/24

Roadblock. Serial no.37. Bent rail type. Cassini ref. 777069.

TYPE
Map

DATE
1941/06/01

Roadblock plotted from German map.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

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CONSTRUCTION

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1941/__/__

REFERENCE

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016666

SITE TYPE
NGR

PILLBOX

SZ 34620 85740

COUNTY Isle of Wight

DISTRICT

PARISH Freshwater

LOCATION On Freshwater Bay seafront near Albion Hotel.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Field Visit

DATE
2003/08/26

The pillbox site is that probably now occupied by a wishing well.

TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1940/07/28

Pillbox plotted from air photograph. It appears 'domed', perhaps part of its camouflage.

TYPE
Map

DATE
1941/06/01

Pillbox plotted from German map.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/07/___ ___/___/___

REFERENCE

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225E/BR222 (fr.9)
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DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016668	SITE TYPE	DEFENCE WORK
		NGR	SZ 3448 8577

COUNTY	Isle of Wight
DISTRICT	
PARISH	Freshwater
LOCATION	N of Redoubt at W end of Freshwater Bay and W of Gate Lane.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/09/13

Large square structure close to 6pdr. gun position [see UORN 16671]. Plotted from air photograph.

TYPE	DATE
Map	1941/06/01

Fortified installation, described as being without an armoured bomb-proof roof - 'Kampfanlage ohne Panzerkuppel bombensicher'. Plotted from German map.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

S/483 (fr.79)
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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016671 **SITE TYPE** GUN EMPLACEMENT
NGR SZ 3445 8579

COUNTY Isle of Wight

DISTRICT

Freshwater

PARISH

LOCATION

In field beneath Tennyson Down, W of Gate Lane, Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Air Photograph 1941/09/13

Earthwork gun emplacement plotted from air photograph.
TYPE DATE
Document 1941/06/01

6pdr. gun position. Cassini ref. 777058.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016672 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SZ 3488 8712

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION At The Causeway crossing of railway line, NE of Freshwater.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE Document **DATE** 1941/08/24

Roadblock. Serial no.38. Bent rail type. Cassini ref. 781072.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

214th Infantry Brigade
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the Isle of Wight

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War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016673 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SZ 3453 8580

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Gate Lane, Freshwater Bay, near junction with Bay Road.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Document 1941/08/24

Roadblock. Serial no.35. Cassini ref. 778059. Reinforced concrete blocks erected by Royal Engineers. Road completely blocked. See as well adjacent block [UORN 16642].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

214th Infantry Brigade
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the Isle of Wight

214th Infantry Brigade
War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016674 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SZ 3465 8635

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Black Bridge on Blackbridge Road, N of Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Document

DATE
1941/08/24

Roadblock. Serial no.36. Cassini ref. 779064. Reinforced concrete blocks erected by Royal Engineers. Road completely blocked.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

Southern Command: River Yar Stop Line

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

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REFERENCE

214th Infantry Brigade
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the Isle of Wight

214th Infantry Brigade
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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016707 SITE TYPE ANTI TANK SCAFFOLDING
NGR

SZ 3465 8572

SZ 3475 8572

COUNTY Isle of Wight

DISTRICT

Freshwater

PARISH

LOCATION

On beach front at Freshwater.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE
Air Photograph

DATE
1941/06/27

Anti-tank scaffolding plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

REFERENCE

S260/H6 (fr.35)

RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016709 **SITE TYPE** ROADBLOCK
NGR SZ 3477 8576

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Beach front road (A3055) near junction with Greystones Lane, Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Document	1943/__/__

Roadblock. Serial no.63 [one source gives 33]. Cassini ref. 781058 [one source gives 780058]. Type - RSJ (steel beam). [see also UORN 16708].

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/06/27

Roadblock consisting of five large concrete blocks. Plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

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

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CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

214th Infantry Brigade
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214th Infantry Brigade
 War Diary

Isle of Wight Sub
 District War Diary
 RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016710 SITE TYPE ANTI BOAT LANDING OBSTACLE
NGR
SZ 3470 8570
SZ 3486 8563

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Sea edge of Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE DATE
Map 1941/06/01

Line of anti-tank obstacles ('panzerhindernis') plotted from German map. [These are placed at the water's edge and are likely to be anti-boat landing obstacles (probably scaffolding): they cannot be made out on RAF air photographs of the same date].

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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DESIGNATION

UORN S0016712 SITE TYPE BARBED WIRE FENCE
NGR
SZ 3427 8555
SZ 3441 8571
SZ 3441 8582
SZ 3447 8584
SZ 3450 8579

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT

PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION W of Gate Lane, running around 6pdr. gun position N of Redoubt.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/08/30

Probable barbed wire fence protecting defence positions here - see UORNs 16668 and 16671. Plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION

Destroyed

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

S/464 (fr.19)

RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN	S0016713	SITE TYPE	ANTI LANDING TRENCH		
		NGR			
			SZ	3342	8553
			SZ	33612	85566

COUNTY Isle of Wight

DISTRICT

PARISH Freshwater

LOCATION On Tennyson Down W of Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/08/27

There is evidence on the ground of the infilled anti-landing trenches, in particular of two north-south trenches at the E limit of the area blocked. These show as shallow linear scoops in the earth.

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1941/08/30

Area of anti-landing trenches - at least five trenches, running W-E and N-S. Plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION
Infilled

THREATS

**ADJACENT
SITES**

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Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE
1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE
S/464 (fr.19) RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016714 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX
NGR SZ 3455 8565

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION Freshwater Bay, beneath cliffs between Fort Redoubt and Albion Hotel.

DESCRIPTION
TYPE Air Photograph **DATE** 1949/03/25
Square loopholed structure on shore line. Plotted from air photograph.

CONDITION
Destroyed

THREATS

**ADJACENT
SITES
PART OF**

Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

SZ 3485/13 (fr.0049) RAF aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016749 **SITE TYPE** DEFENCE WORK
NGR SZ 34302 85567

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION NW of the Fort Redoubt at the foot of Tennyson Down, W of Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2003/08/26

17ft square concrete base, with some metal fittings and brick work at its edges.
Possibly the base for of a gun mounting.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION

UORN S0016750 **SITE TYPE** CYLINDER
NGR SZ 34466 85566

COUNTY Isle of Wight
DISTRICT
PARISH Freshwater
LOCATION At the sea edge of the W extent of Freshwater Bay.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2003/08/26

Large number of repositioned concrete cylinders, 2ft diameter x 4ft high. These now lie scattered at the water's edge or have been built into sea defences.

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Isle of Wight coastal defences

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __ 1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

DESIGNATION