

REPORT ON THE  
DEFENCE  
HERITAGE SITES  
AT CHATHAM  
COMMERCIAL DOCKS

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## LIST OF PLATES *(original prints are held by the author)*

*Site 'A'*

*Rail obstacle and anti-tank blocks 150 m east of the Gillingham Gate*

1. Site of obstacle viewed across Medway Road from the south
2. Concrete obstacle blocks in front of the railway gates
3. Front of railway gates
4. Rear of railway gates with temporary gate security hut on the right
5. Eastern obstacle block
6. Western block showing recess for obstacle and top rollers.
7. Detail of rollers
8. Boundary wall and security fence on the western side of the embankment sloping down to the anti-tank blocks
9. Anti-tank blocks on the western side of the railway embankment.
10. Ditto viewed from inside the boundary fence.
11. Ditto.
12. Anti-tank blocks on the western side of the railway embankment with steps leading up to the security hut.
13. Anti-tank block on the inner side of the security fence on the western side of the railway embankment.
14. Anti-tank blocks on the inner side of the security fence on the eastern side of the railway embankment.
15. Western entrance to tunnel under railway embankment.
16. Ditto.
17. Tunnel interior looking west.

*Site 'B'*

*Traces of an air raid shelter behind the boundary wall on the eastern side of the Gillingham Gate*

18. Eastern entrance showing scarline of roof and buttresses
19. Looking west, scarline of roof, buttresses and shelter traverses
20. Looking east: shelter traverse in the foreground.
21. Central entrance with traverses and buttresses.
22. Central entrance with scarline of roof, traces of roof over entrance, buttresses and traverse.
23. Buttress looking west from central entrance.
24. Western half of the shelter.
25. Scarline of roof, buttresses and traverse, looking west.
26. Western entrance.
27. Ventilation aperture near western entrance.
28. Shelter looking east.
29. Blockings of eastern and central entrances in boundary wall seen from Wharf Road.
30. Blocking of eastern entrance in Wharf Road.
31. Blocked central entrance and ventilation apertures in Wharf Road.
32. Blocked western entrance in Wharf Road.
33. Wall repair to the west of this.

*Site 'C'*

*Railway signal at the side of the Dockyard railway 80 m north of the Gillingham Gate*

34. Lamp and filters at the top of the signal.
35. Signal viewed from the east.

36. Signal viewed from the west.

*Site 'D'*

*Traces of an air raid shelter in front of the inner boundary wall on the western side of the Gillingham Gate*

37. Looking west - scarline of shelter roof and whitewashed interior wall.
38. Ditto.
39. Looking north - scarline of roof.
40. Looking east - scarline of shelter roof and whitewashed interior wall.
41. Looking west - scarline of roof.
42. Scarline of roof and western end of the shelter.
43. Scarline of eastern end of the shelter.
44. Buttresses against eastern boundary wall.
45. Ditto.
46. Ditto.
47. Outside of eastern boundary wall showing two blocked entrances.

*Site 'E'*

*Small pillbox behind the outer boundary wall 100 m SW of the Gillingham Gate*

48. Pillbox from the west, with the boundary wall on the right.
49. Ditto.
50. Pillbox from the east, showing concrete door.
51. Ditto.
52. Detail of concrete door.
53. Top of door.



- 54. Loophole on southern side of the pillbox.
- 55. Loophole on western side of the pillbox.
- 56. Interior wall slots viewed through doorway.

*Site 'F'*

*Exterior of gateway through dockyard wall to Victualling Depot*

- 57. Ditto sub-title.

*Site 'G'*

*Site of Victualling Depot*

- 58a. View looking NE across cleared area.
- 58b Ditto.
- 58c View east over cleared area.
- 58d View north across cleared area.

*Site 'H'*

*Road obstacle 30 m east of the former Gunnery School*

- 59. Front of the obstacle.
- 60. Ditto.
- 61. Rear of obstacle
- 62. Ditto.
- 63. Side view of obstacle from the south
- 64. Recesses for the obstacle.
- 65. Interior side elevation.
- 66. Recess for obstacle.
- 67. Iron pipe protruding from rear of northern of the obstacle blocks.

*Site 'I'*

*The elevated section of the Lower East Road where it curves immediately to the east of the former gymnasium*

68. Railing on the western side of the road, looking SE.
69. Railing on the western side of the road, looking west, with the gymnasium in the background.
70. Railing on the western side of the road.
71. Ditto.
72. Top of the railing on the western side of the road.
73. Railing on the eastern side of the road.
74. Parapet wall on the eastern side of the road.
75. Short road tunnel under the road, viewed from the east.
76. Looking north.
77. West side of road viewed from the Parade next to the gymnasium.
78. Tunnel under the road viewed from the Parade.

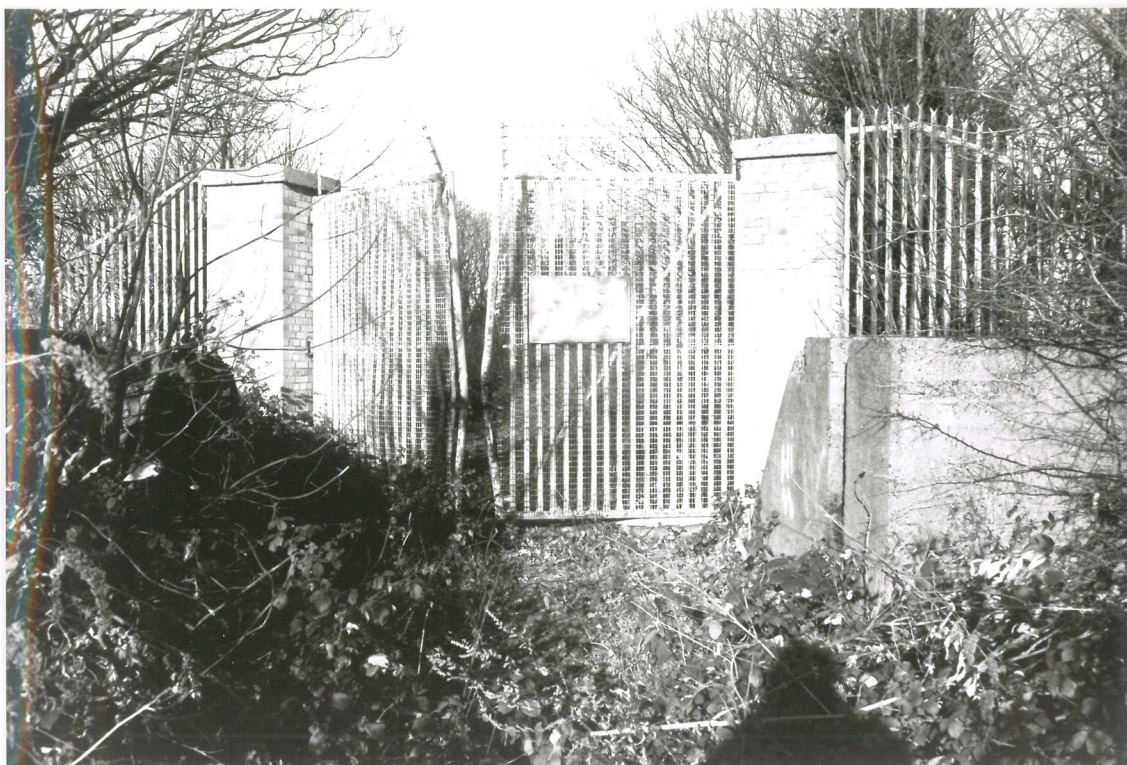
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Rail obstacle and  
anti-tank blocks  
150m east of the  
Gillingham Gate



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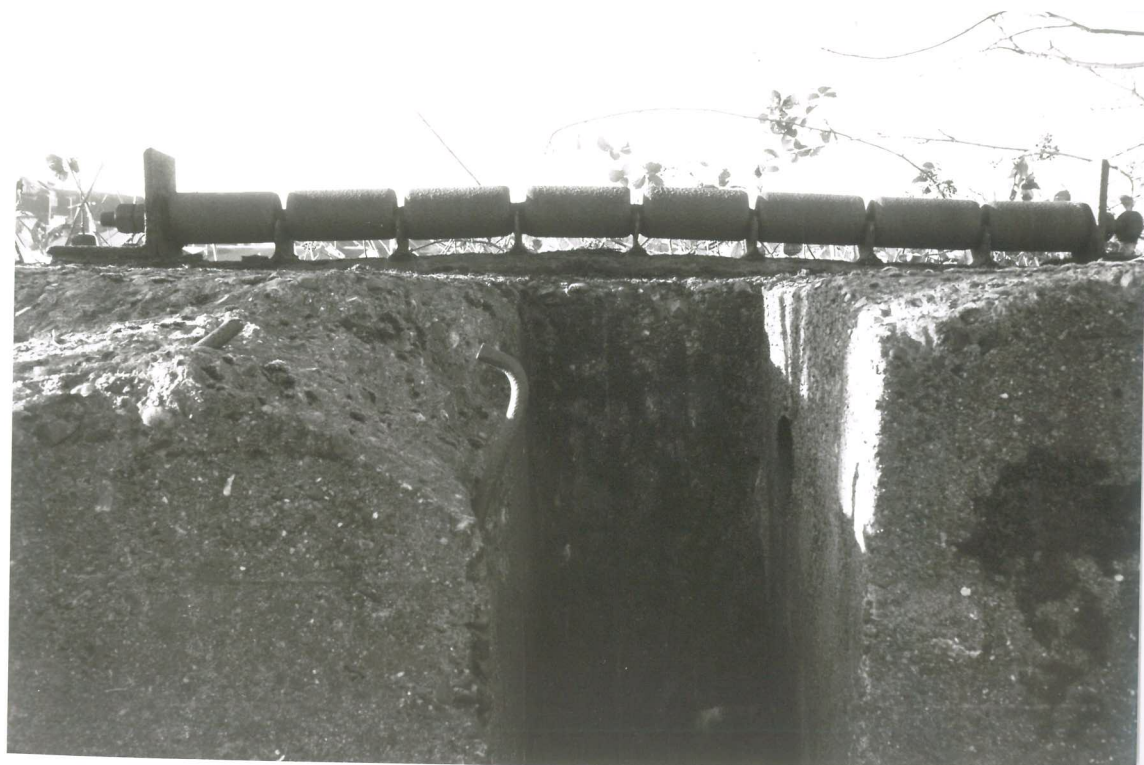
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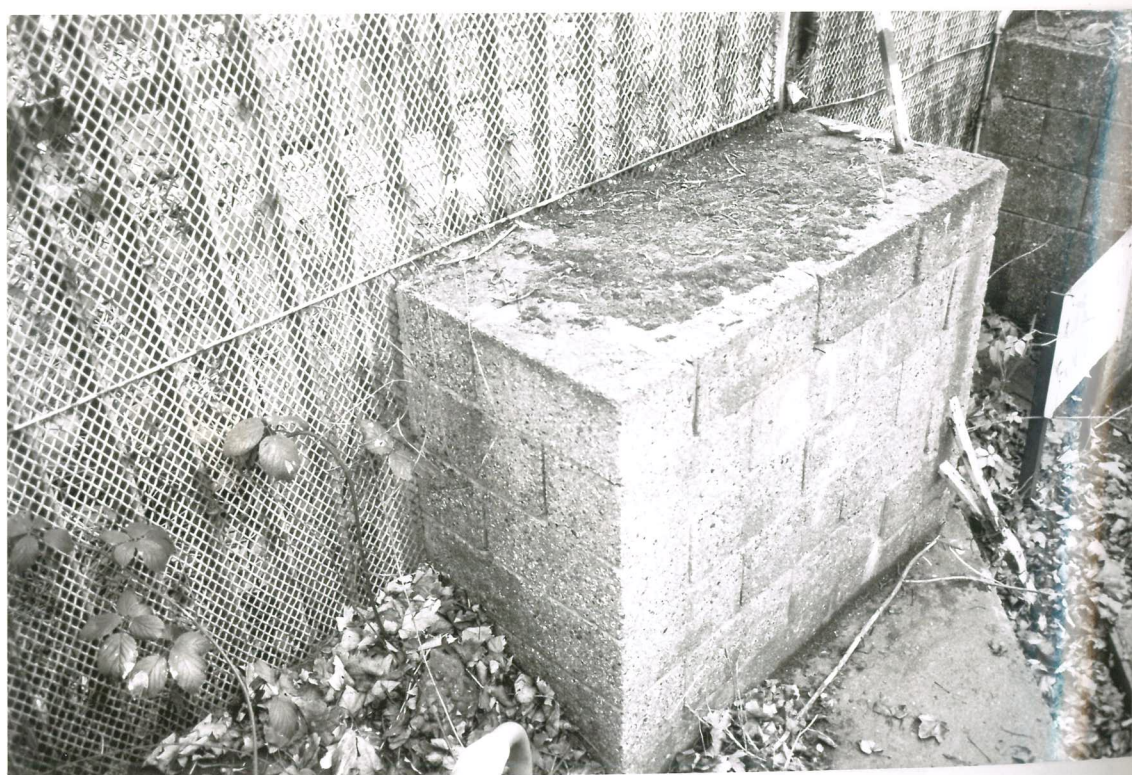


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## Site 'B'

Traces of an air-raid shelter  
behind the boundary wall  
on the eastern side of the  
Gillingham Gate





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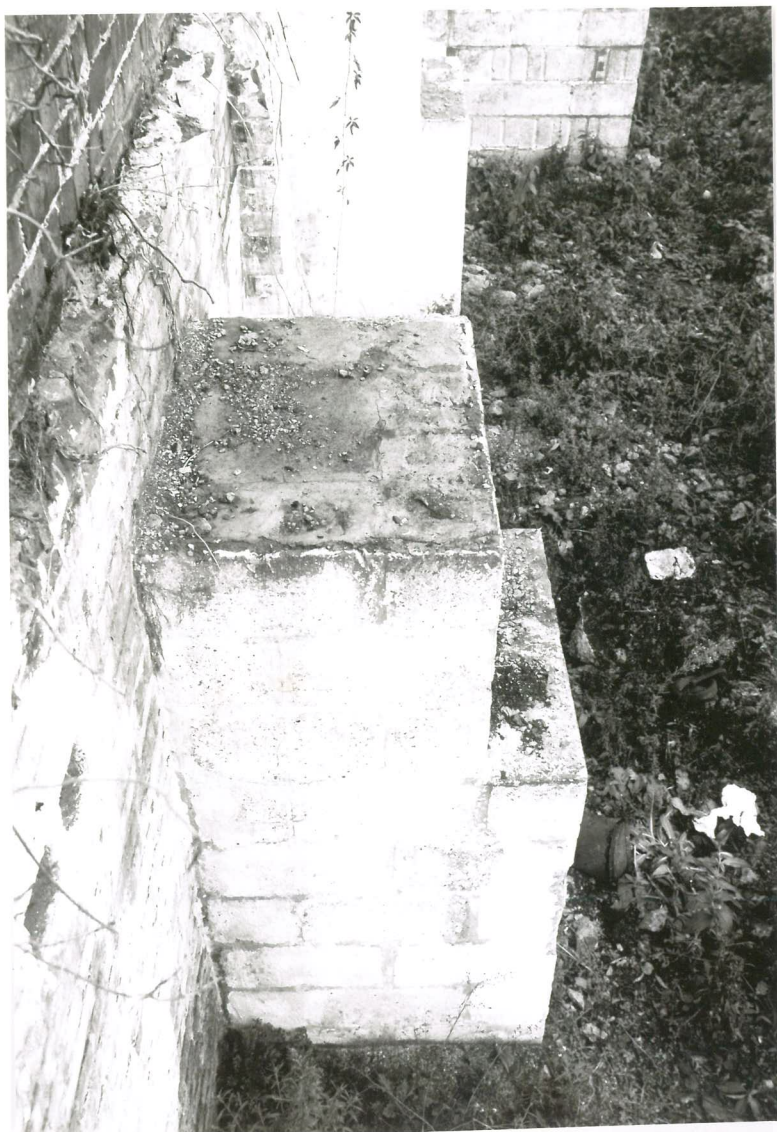


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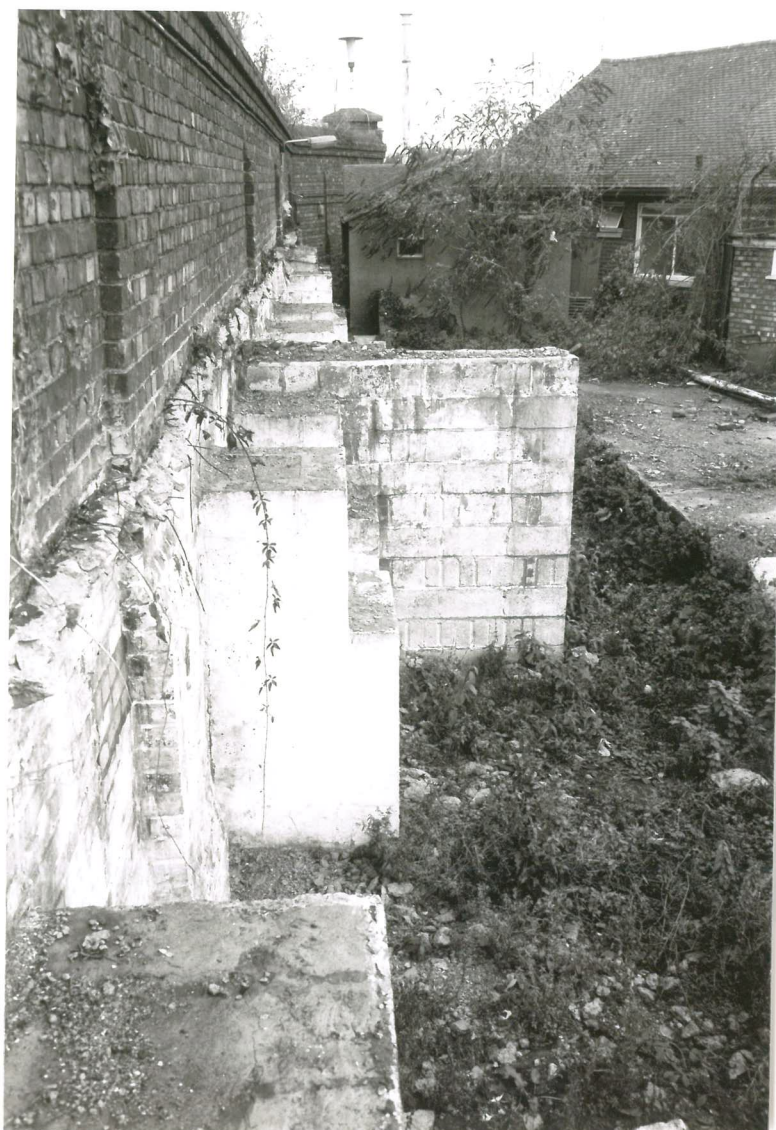


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Site 'C'

Railway signal  
at the side of the  
Dockyard Railway  
80m north of the  
Gillingham Gate





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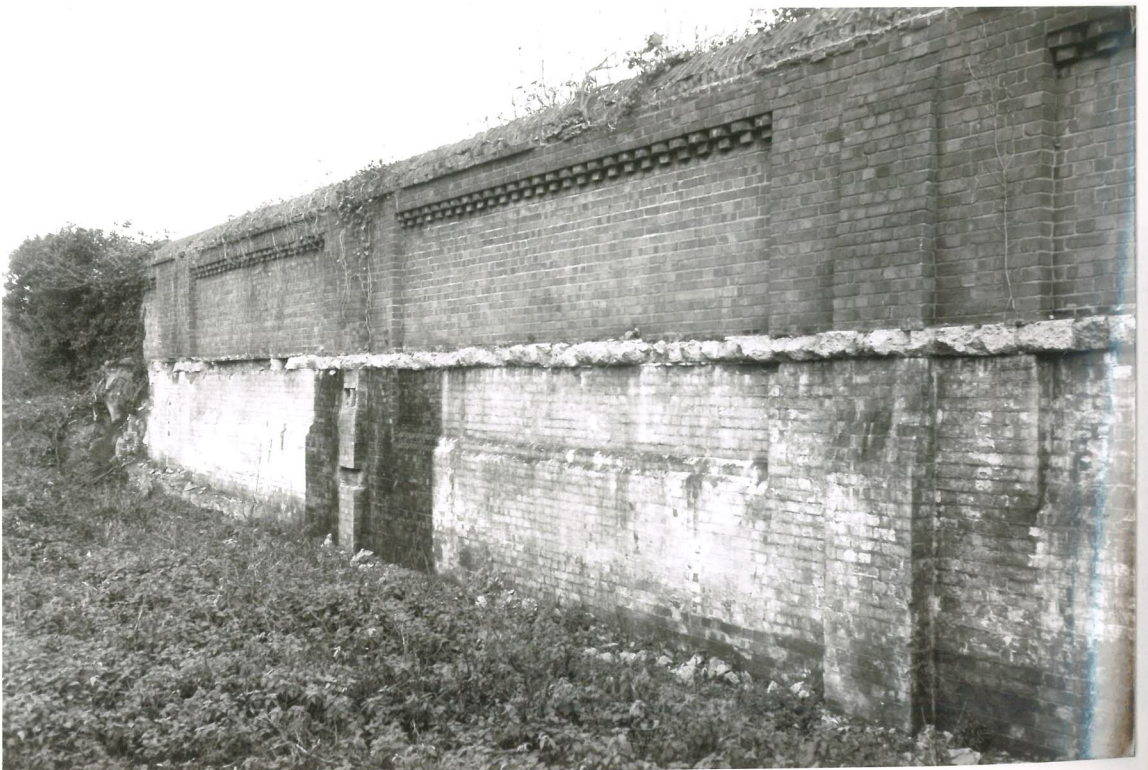
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Traces of an air-raid shelter  
in front of the inner boundary wall  
on the western side of the  
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Site 'E'

Pillbox behind the  
outer boundary wall  
100 m SW of the  
Gillingham Gate





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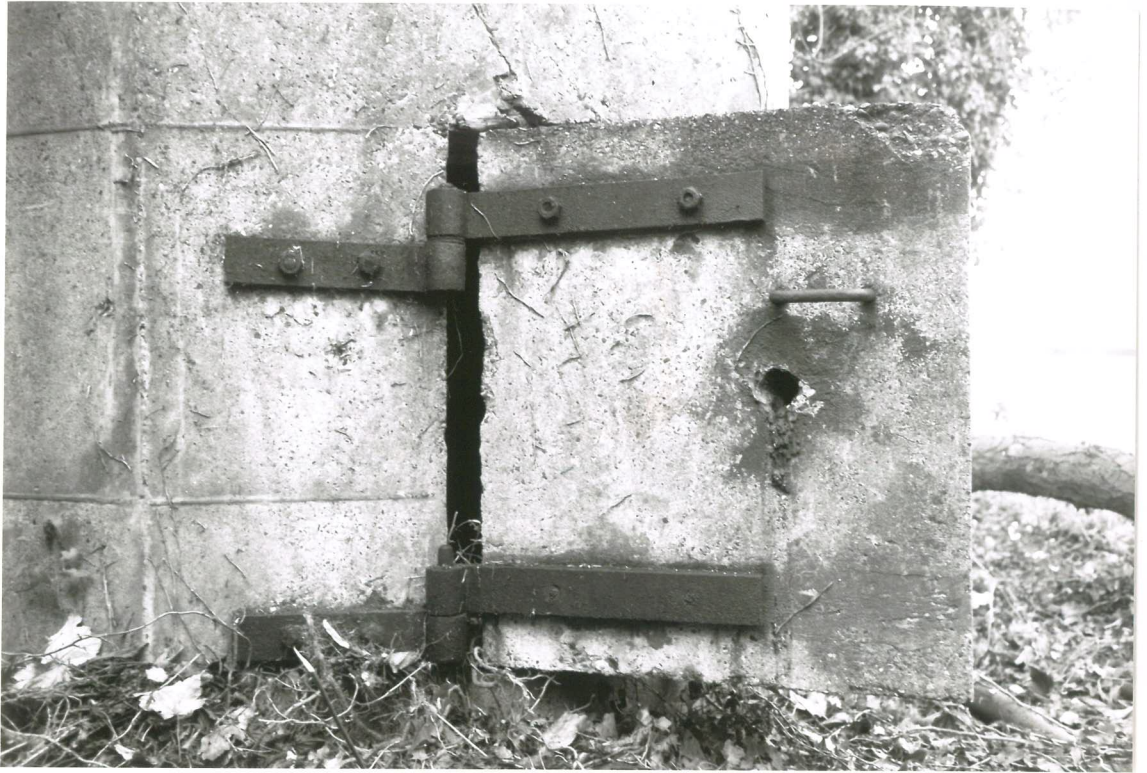


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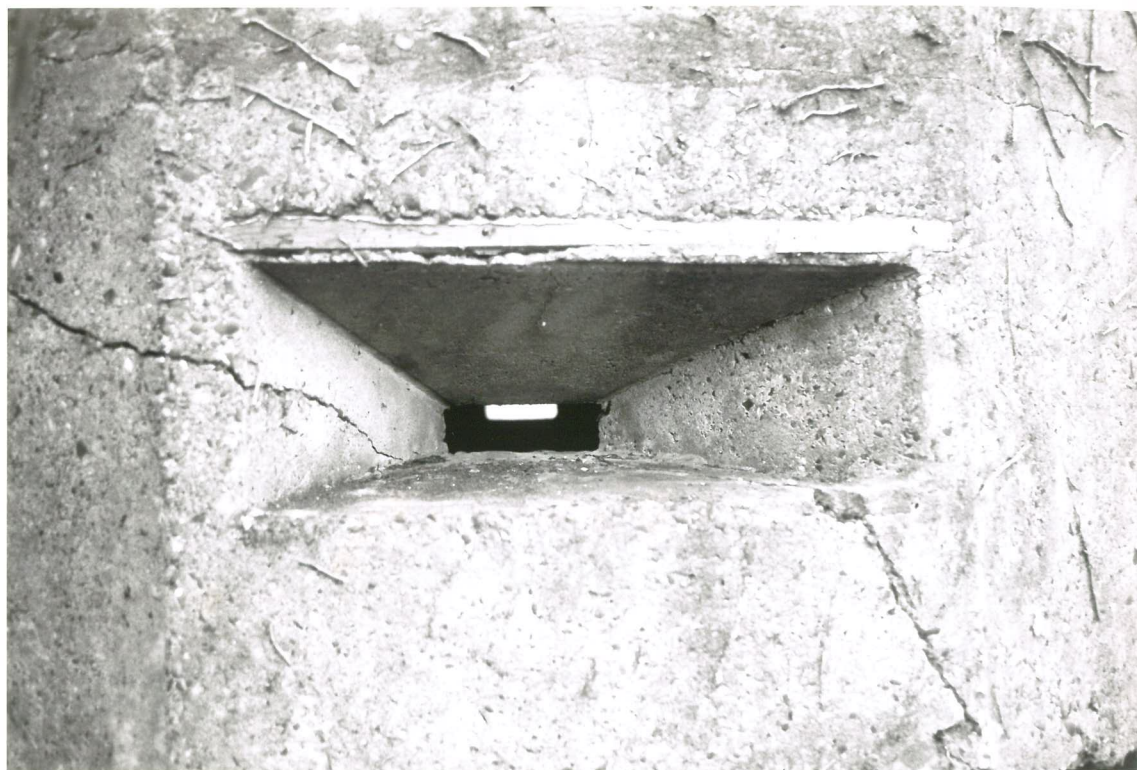


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Site 'F'

Exterior of the gate  
through the Dockyard wall  
to the Victualling Depot





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Site 'G'  
Site of Victualling Depot





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Site 'H'  
Road obstacle  
30m east of the former  
Gunnery School



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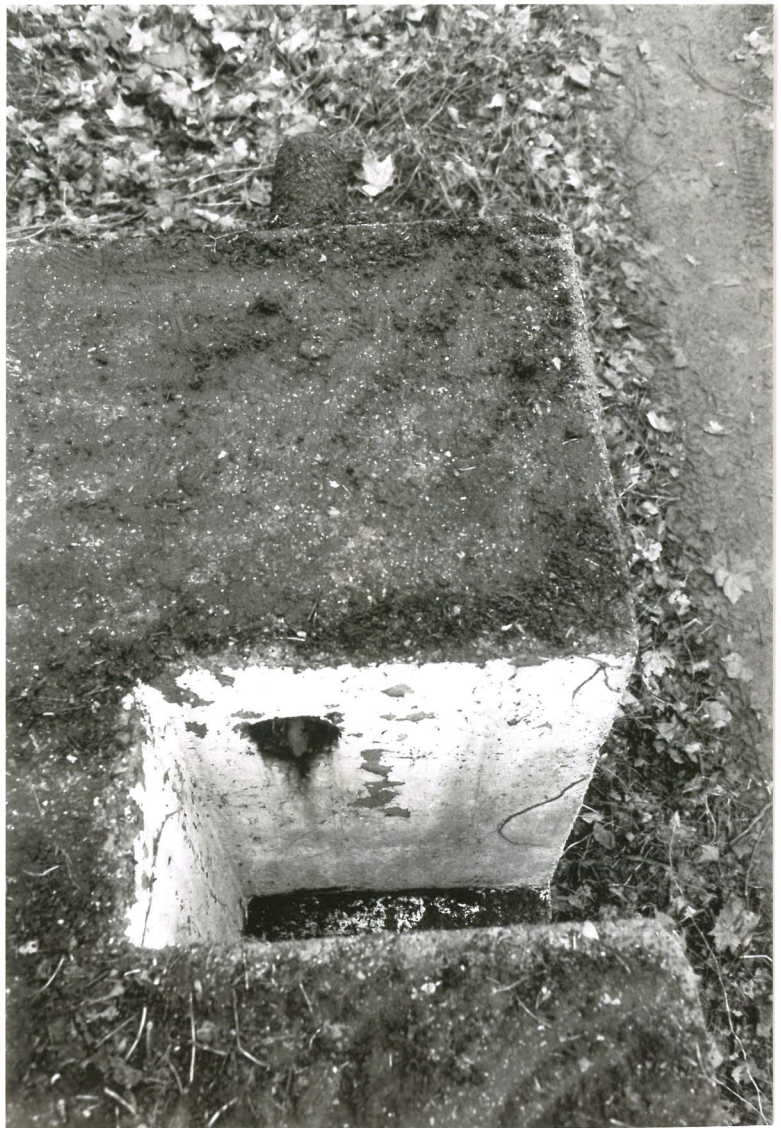


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The elevated section of  
the Lower East Road  
where it curves round  
immediately to the east  
of the former gymnasium



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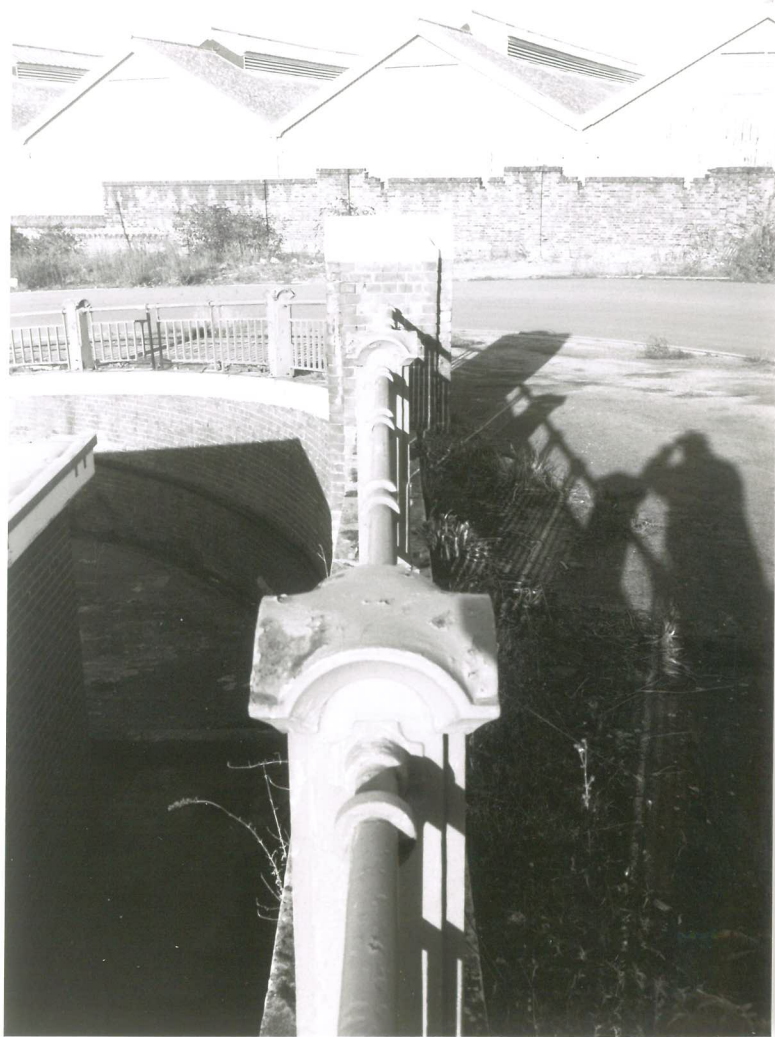




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