

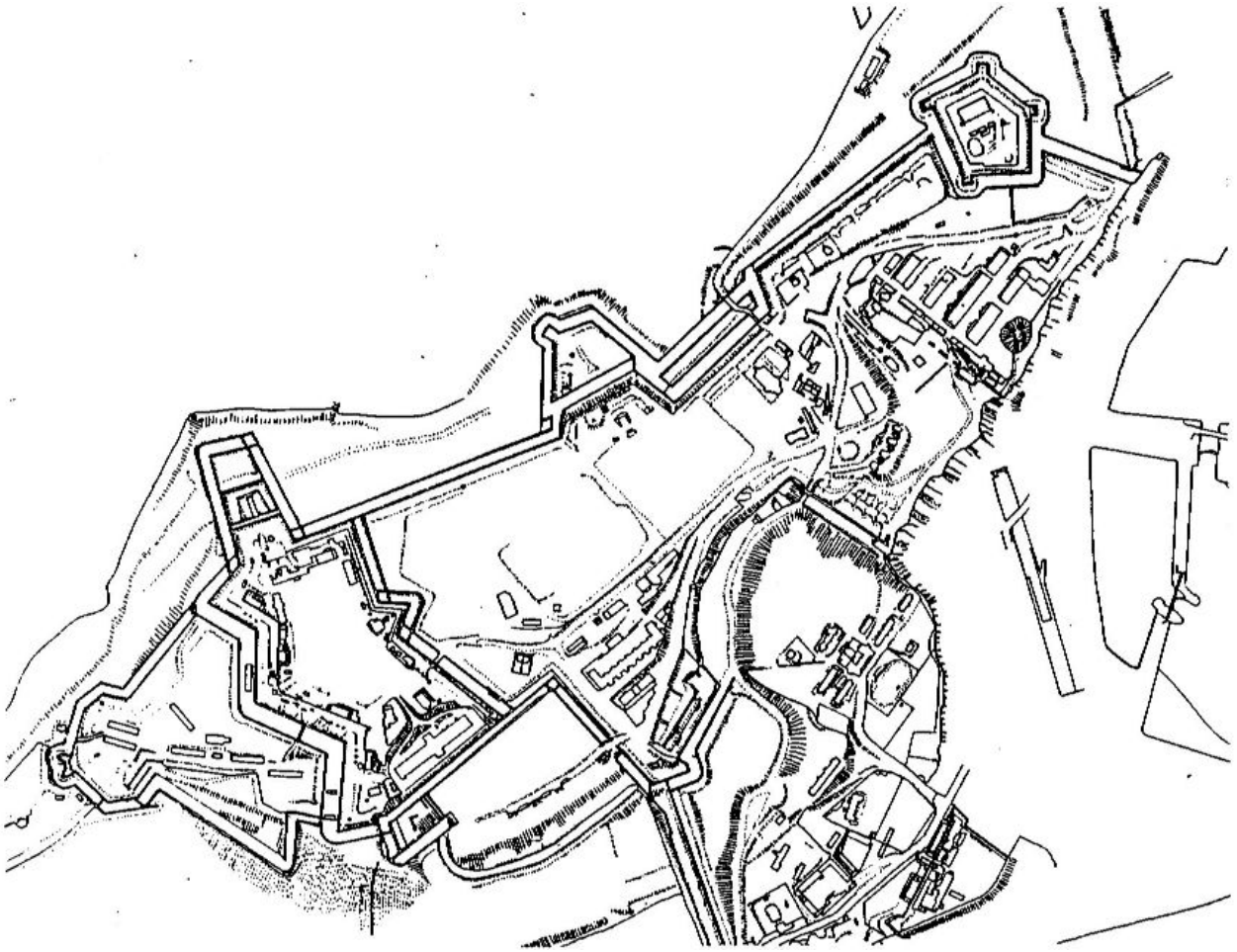
## Western Heights Defences

<b>Commenced</b>	c.1780 as field works	<b>Armament</b>	
<b>Completed</b>	February 1864		
<b>Cost</b>	£ Total not known		Originally for a total of 160 (approx) guns on ramparts and in caponiers, scarp and counterscarp galleries.
<b>Map Reference</b>	TR 305404 to TR 317411		<b>1892 Approved Armament</b> included
<b>Position</b>	Hills west of and overlooking		10-inch RMLs, 64pr RMLs, 7-inch RBLs, 40pr RBLs, 4-inch BL, 6.6-inch howitzers, 3pr QFs, 24pr carronades and a 9pr saluting battery.
<b>Type</b>	Dover Land front / Fortified line		
<b>Ditch</b>	Dry		
<b>Guns</b>	Approx. 160		
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>	85 officers, 2146 others, 16 horses		
<b>Present use</b>	Part H.M. Young Offender Institution, remainder derelict		
<b>History</b>	Army barracks, H.M. Prison, H.M. Borstal /Young Offender Inst.	<b>Caponiers</b>	Several
<b>Disposal</b>	Part sold to Dover Corporation 1960s.	<b>Counterscarp galleries</b>	Some at The Citadel
<b>Condition</b>	Y.O. Institution maintained: remainder derelict and deteriorating.	<b>Haxo casemates</b>	None
<b>Access</b>	White Cliffs Countryside Project keep footpaths clear and signposted.	<b>Moncrieff Pits</b>	None
<b>Sources</b>	Burridge, 'Guide to the Western Heights Defences'		

### History and Description

The field works of c.1780 eventually expanded into a fortified line approximately 1.5 kilometres (almost 1 mile) with three separate self-defensible works and approximately 8 kilometres (5 miles) of ditches. The works were left incomplete when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo in 1815. In 1850, in worsening international tensions, work began on their completion, and this work was adopted by the 1859 Royal Commission and completed by 1867. It consists of three major portions, from east to west, Drop Redoubt, North Centre Bastion with Detached Bastion and Western Outworks. Other gun batteries were added later in the 19 century, North Lines Right Battery, Citadel Battery, South front Battery and St. Martin's Battery.

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Looking West from Drop Redoubt

