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Dover's Hidden Fortress

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First published by the Dover Society in 1996 this publication has stood the test of time. The idea for this booklet arose from a talk given by John Peverley at the Dover Society Annual General Meeting on 8th April 1991. John had informed the audience of his deep interest and involvement in the Western Heights

Napoleonic fortifications and their preservation.

The heights, first fortified in 1779, mainly in the form of simple earthworks along with cannons and were considered essential for this country's defence against Napoleon Bonaparte. In the end the Western Heights were to become the largest and strongest fortifications in the country.

Professionally researched, all aspects of the fortifications are covered in some detail including the Grand Shaft, Drop Redoubt, Citadel, the Bastions and the 'bomb proof' South Front Barracks. The numerous facts covered are illustrated throughout the booklet and include photographs of many parts that have since been demolished.

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