

# NEWHAVEN FORT

## ARDAGH'S CHALLENGE

**Hello** - My name is John Charles Ardagh.

I designed and built the fort at Newhaven.

Use this booklet to explore my fort and discover as much as you can about its history.

The answers to the questions are all around you.

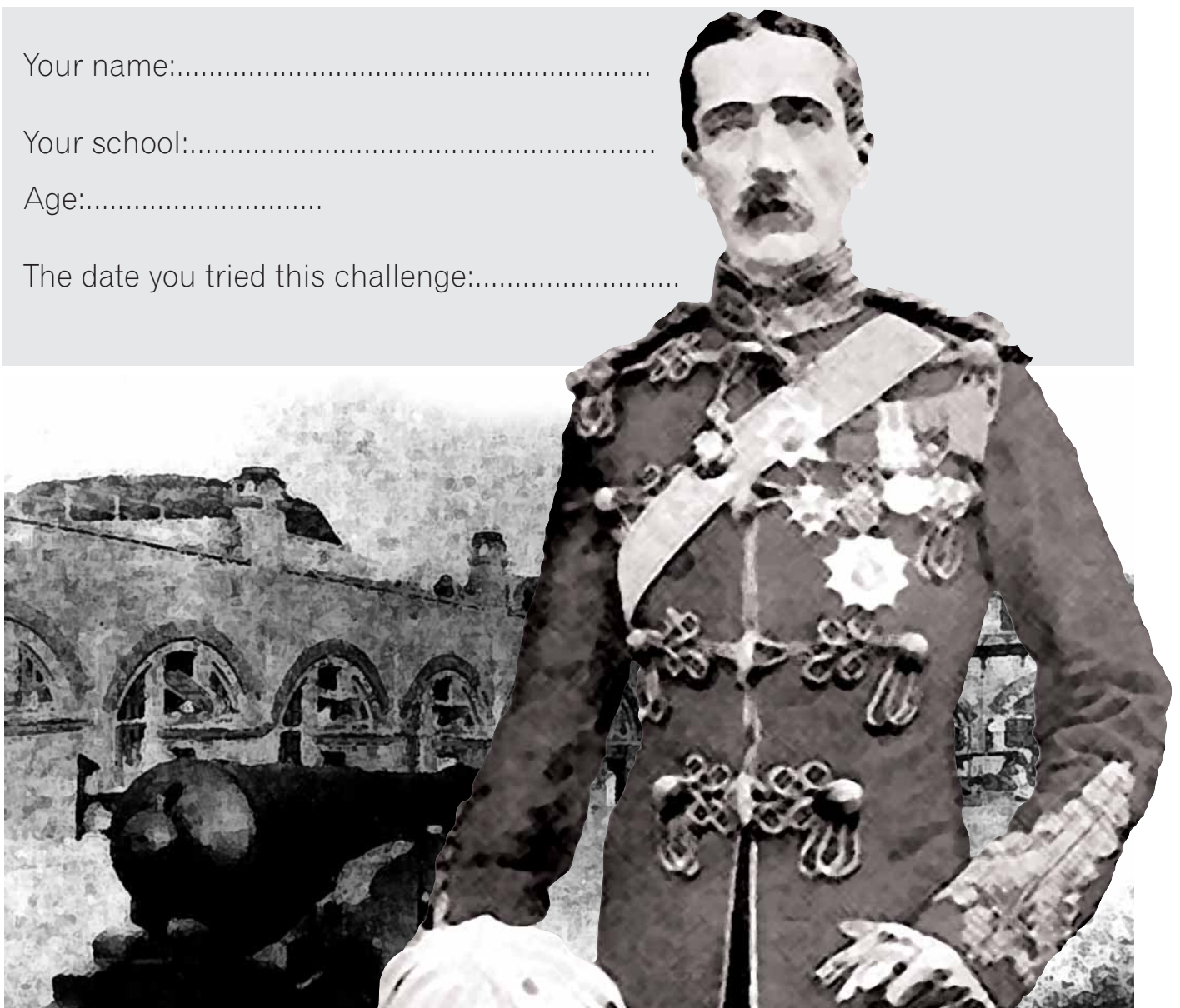
**Just how good a historian are you?**

Your name:.....

Your school:.....

Age:.....

The date you tried this challenge:.....



# 1 How old is the Fort?

There are clues all around you that help you to work out how old the fort is.



**STAND** in the Parade Ground opposite the Mess Hall.

*Find the object near you that holds water and write down the date on it.*

*The date is.....*

# 2 A soldier's life in the Fort

*During the day, what time was 'Reveille'.....*

*What was a 'Barrack Rat'.....*

*'Drill' and 'Best' were two types of.....*



**LOOK** at the soldier's equipment on the bed in the *Life in the Fort* exhibition. Imagine cleaning all this!

*Make a list of the objects you can identify.*

*On the bed I can see:*

The sergeant-major in this room looks quite fierce. *Write down 2 things he says to you.*



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### 3 Defending the Fort was important

▶ **GO** to the display room *The Fort and Newhaven*.

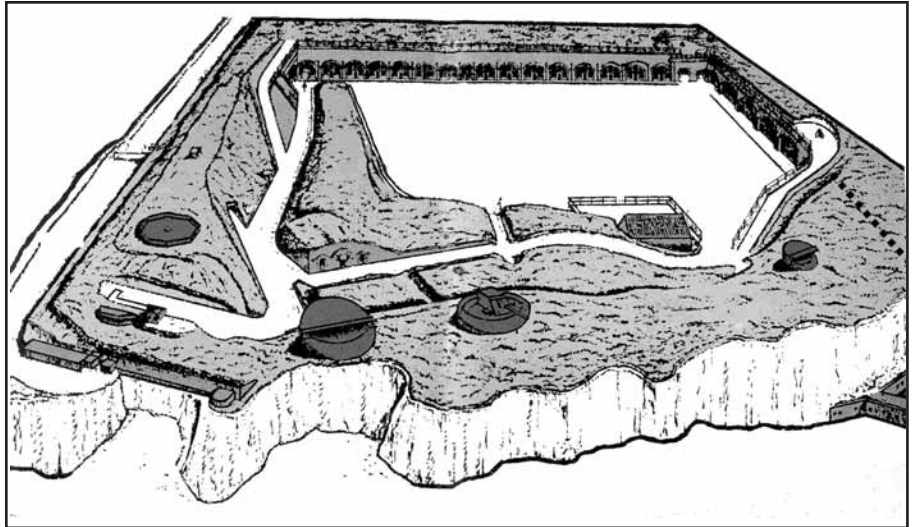
Find the model of the Fort

*How many cannon can you see on the model?*

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*Mark the location of the cannon on the plan.*

Now is the time to explore underground.



▶ **GO** down the steps to the Eastern Magazine.

Find the steps that lead down to the Caponier. *WALK down the steps and count them.*

*There are..... steps*

*How many windows can you find in the Caponier? There are.....windows*

*Why do you think that most of the windows are so small?.....*

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Find the poster 'Rules for entering and leaving a clean area.'

*Why was it dangerous for clean area shoes to collect grit?.....*

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Shells for the guns were prepared and stored down here.

*How many shells can you count in the storeroom?*

*There are.....shells.*

### 4 Preparing for attack

▶ **GO** to the Grand Magazine.

Gunpowder was handled here.

Candles were placed behind the glass. *Access to them was via the*

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*How many barrels of gunpowder were held in the Grand Magazine?.....*

*Where was the gunpowder taken for loading into shells?.....*

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# 5 The Second World War

▶ **GO** to the *Sussex Land, Sea, Air* exhibition.

During the Second World War V1 'flying bombs' landed in Sussex. *On the photograph circle the parts of a V1 that you can find in this exhibition.*



During the Second World War a raid was launched against the French Port of Dieppe.

▶ Canadian soldiers were involved in this. They sailed from Newhaven for the raid. Very few returned alive. **GO** to the Parade Ground and *find the date of the Dieppe raid (look near the Guard Room).*

*The date was.....*

D Day was the day on which British and American troops and their allies landed on the French coast and started the defeat of the German army.

▶ **GO** to the D Day exhibition and fill in the missing information.

*D Day took place on the.....(day) of.....(month) in the year.....*

# 6 War in the 20th Century

The job of the Royal Observer Corps was to 'look out' for enemy attacks.

▶ **GO** to the *ROC Second World War* exhibition. *What is the motto of the ROC? (clue - look for a badge).*

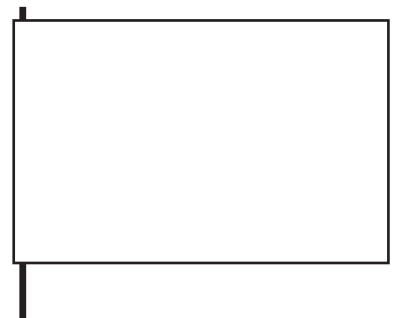
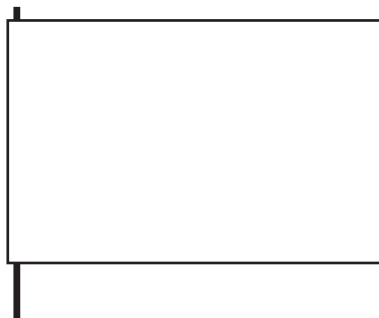
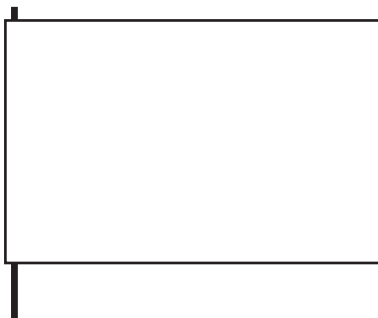
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▶ **GO** to the ROC Nuclear Defence exhibit. *What is the Security State today?*

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▶ **GO** to the Parade Ground.

Find the flags of three different countries and make a sketch of them below.



*Name the 3 countries that these flags belong to:*

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*Why do you think the flags of these countries are flying here?*

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