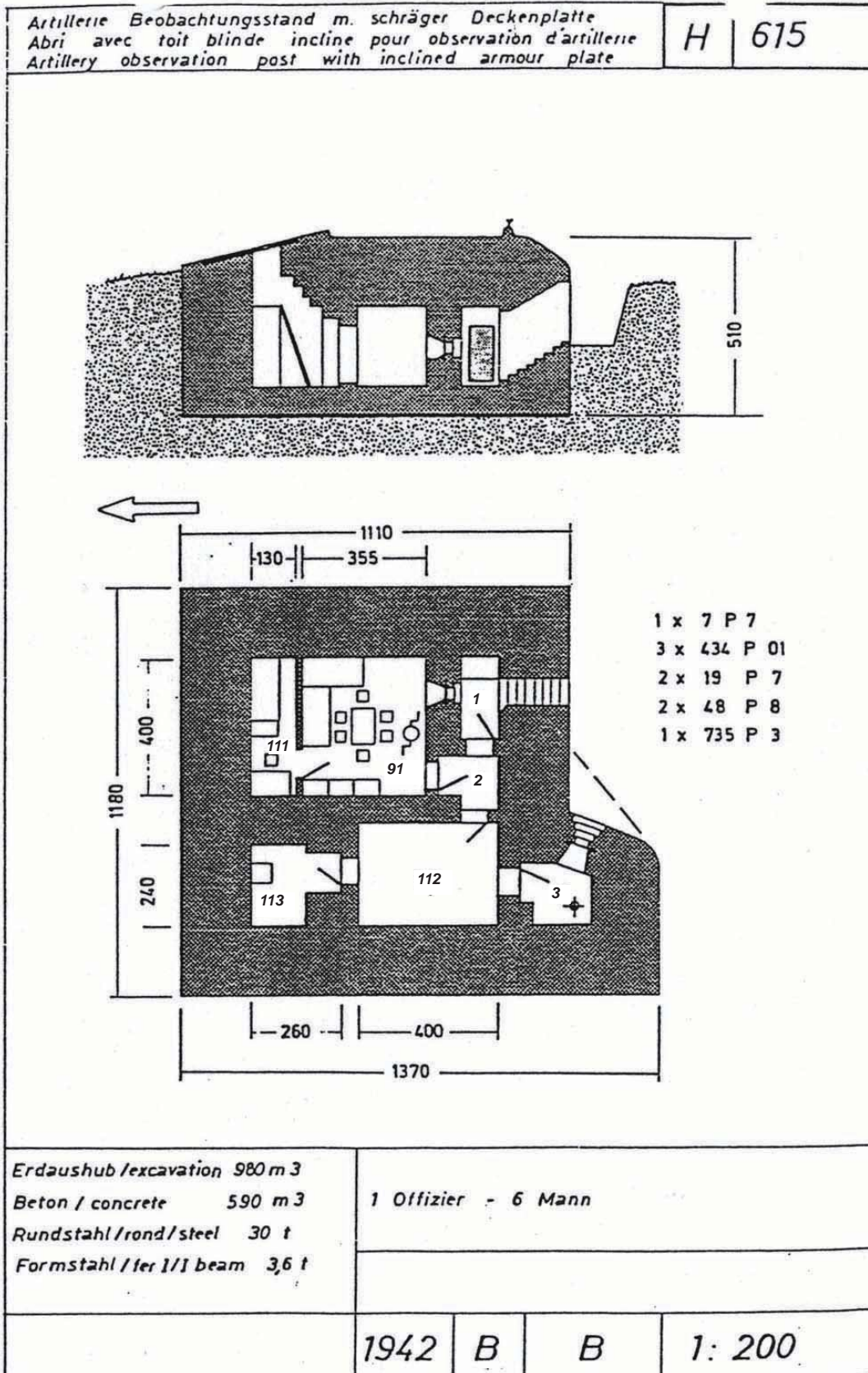


# R 615 ARTILLERY OBSERVATION POST

[WITH SLOPING ARMoured PLATE]

590 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete

Plans made IV / 1942

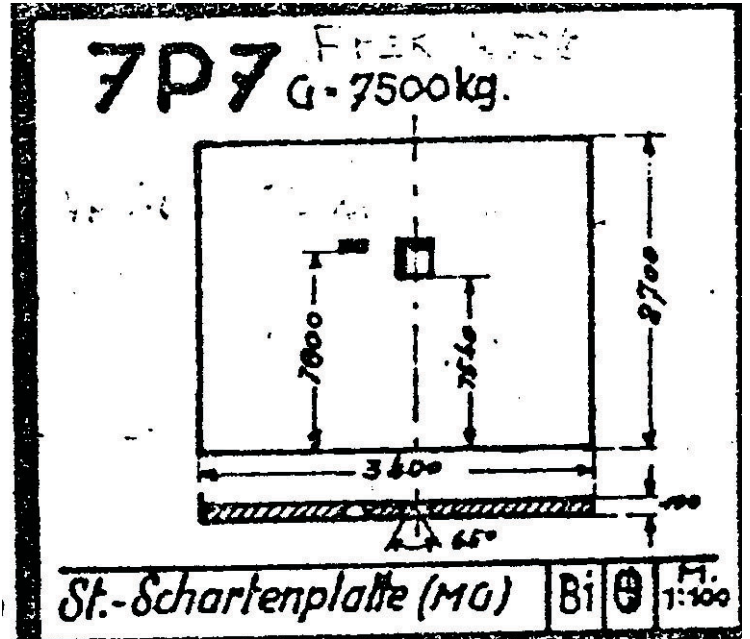


# BUNKER

This bunker is a so called "Regelbau", means made as a standardized building, and with 2m thick walls and roof. To build this type 590m<sup>3</sup> of reinforced concrete were needed. The R 615 belongs to a series of standard design bunkers developed by the german fortress engineers for the so-called Atlantikwall.

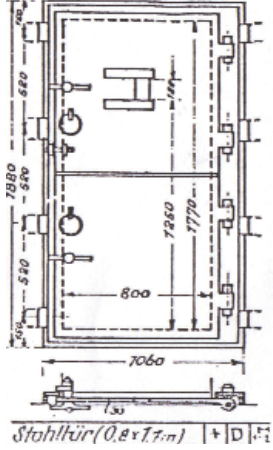
Also premanufactured steelparts were used in this bunkertype:

- 1 \* 7P7 ( as cover for the observation room)
- 3 \* 434P01 ( steel entrance doors )
- 2 \* 19P7 ( inner steel dors )
- 2 \* 48P8 ( entrance defence and close defence position )

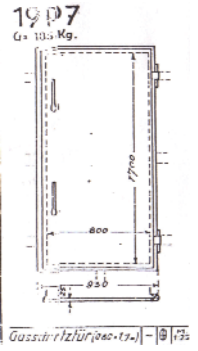


Steelplate 7P7 from outside

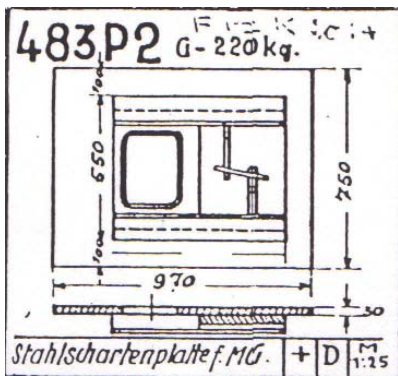
434P01.  
G-640kg.



Steeldoor type 434P01



Steeldoor type  
19P7



Steelplate 483P2



Entrance area to the R 615

## FUNCTION

The bunker was staffed with 1 officer and 6 soldiers. The function was to watch and guide the fire of artillery. From this bunker the fire of two batteries in the area was guided. Its location could overlook the eastern and northern entrance to Bergen. The observation room itself is covered by a standard steelplate 7P7 (originally designed for machine gun protection in bunkers). Via the hole in the steelplate observation is possible with a binocular, a so-called "Scherenfernrohr". In this way the observing soldier is protected against an air raid attack. The other rooms are protected by a roof of 2 m of reinforced concrete. The bunker can be entered via a gasprotection floor. Passing by the crewroom access to the closeby defence room and a small floor in front of the observation room is possible.



Observation room inside



7P7 steelplate inside



Entrance area of a R 120 in France  
- different bunkertype with same task - artillery observation - here a steel-turret is used for observation



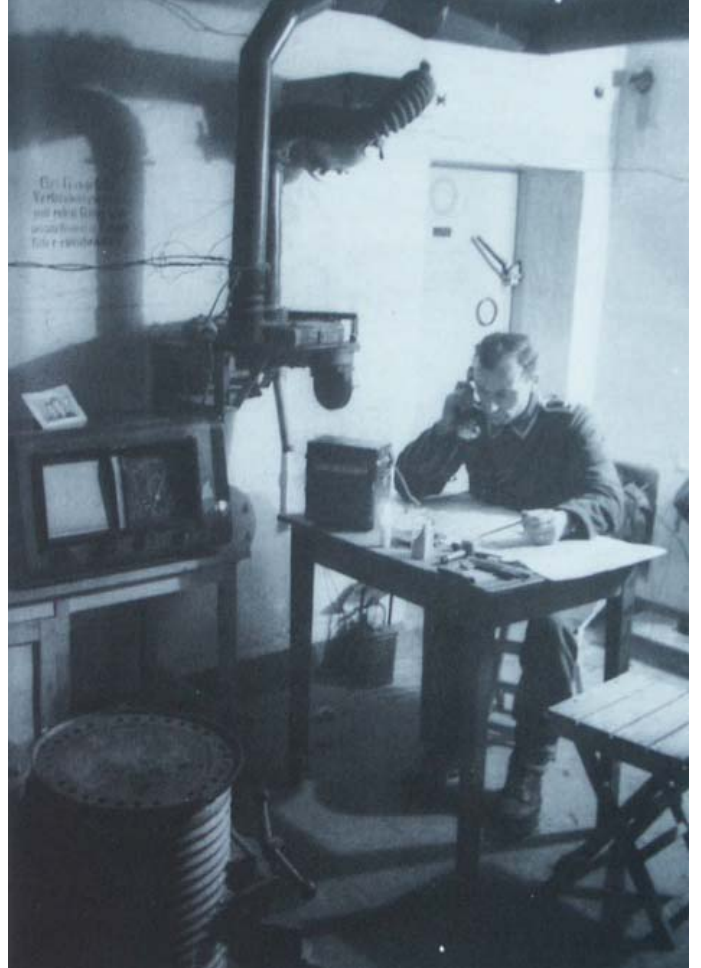
Entrance area of a R 143 in France - again different bunkertype with same task - artillery observation - here a steel-turret is used for observation, the entrance to the left lead to a Tobruk (MG-position)

## PRESERVATION

For different purposes different bunkertypes have been developed. Some types are wide-spread and can be found everywhere along the whole Atlantikwall from Norway to the Spanish-french border . The R 615 in Bergen is the only one of this type known along the whole Atlantikwall. It's concrete structure and the steelplate are completely intact. So this one is unique and absolutely worth being preserved.



Observation with a "Scherenfernrohr"



Inside a crew-room