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Fig. 2. HENTOR, KISTVAEN "A."
View, looking N. 38° W.

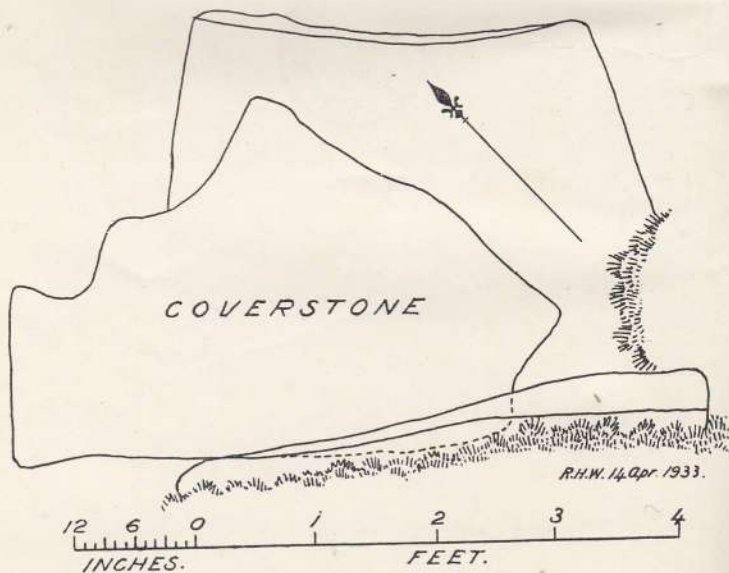


Fig. 3. PLAN OF KISTVAEN "A."

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KISTVAENS IN PLYM VALLEY, *Shavercombe*.

I continue the description of certain recently discovered kistvaens at *Shavercombe*, in the Plym Valley.

I will first deal with a ruined kist discovered by Mr. Button on the slopes of Hentor, in the position marked "A" on the plan here inserted (Fig. 1). The geographical data are

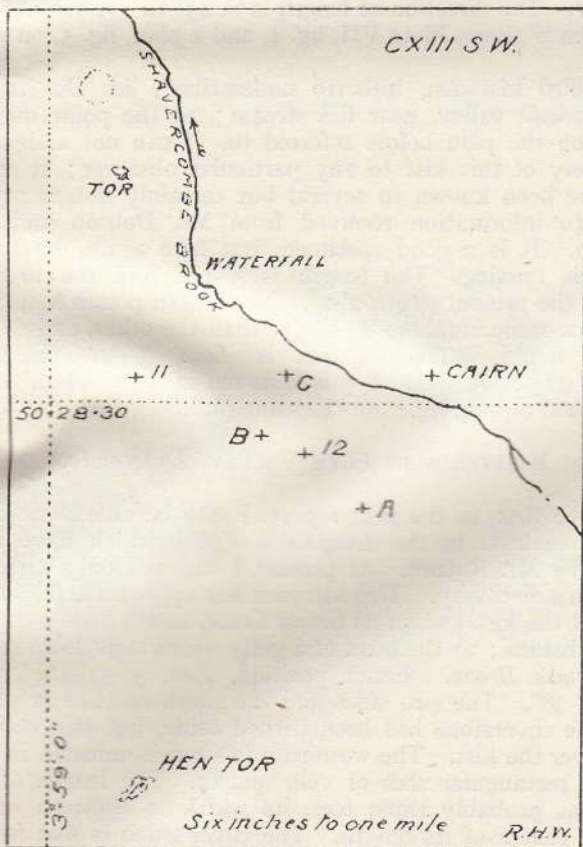


FIG. 1. KISTVAENS IN SHAVERCOMBE, marked by crosses, II-12. See previous reports.

Lon. $3^{\circ}-58'-38''$ and *Lat.* $50^{\circ}-28'-25\frac{1}{4}''$. The western side-stone is still set, but leaning; the eastern side-stone has fallen outward; and the coverstone lies between the two. The original dimensions of this kistvaen are not ascertainable, but the length did not exceed three feet. The direction of length is S. 53° E. A view of this kistvaen is given, Plate VI, fig. 2, and a plan, fig. 3 on the same plate.

The kistvaen which Mr. Button and I found is marked "B" on the plan above referred to; it is near the southern fence of the former *Hen Tor Newtake*, in *Lon.* $3^{\circ}-58'-45''$, and *Lat.* $50^{\circ}-28'-28\frac{1}{2}''$. It is in perfect condition, except that the coverstone is missing. The mean length is $2'-5''$, and the mean width $1'-3''$. The present depth is $9''$, but excavation would no doubt show that the real depth is considerably greater. The direction of length is S. 43° E. A view of this kistvaen is given, Plate VII, fig. 4, and a plan, fig. 5, on same plate.

A third kistvaen, hitherto undescribed, lies also in the *Shavercombe* valley, near the stream; at the point marked "C" on the plan before referred to. I can not assign the discovery of this kist to any particular observer; it seems to have been known to several but certainly not to myself prior to information received from Mr. Dobson and Mr. Button. It is a good specimen, but here again the coverstone is missing. The length is $3'-4\frac{1}{2}''$, and the breadth $1'-9\frac{1}{2}''$, the present depth $2'-1''$. The length points S. 44° E. One side-stone is markedly longer than the other, as is sometimes found. The location is *Lon.* $3^{\circ}-58'-43\frac{1}{4}''$, *Lat.* $50^{\circ}-28'-31\frac{1}{4}''$. A view of this kistvaen is given, Plate VIII, fig. 6, and a plan, fig. 7 on the same plate.

KISTVAENS IN PLYM VALLEY, *Langcombe*.

I hope that, in the next report, I may be able to describe the three kists in the *Langcombe Valley* which have been found by Mr. Button. At present I can deal only with Mr. Dobson's discovery. This kistvaen lies approximately south-west of the kist known as *Grims Grave*, and a little over 590 yards distant; at the head of a gully which runs down to the *Langcombe Brook*. Exact position, *Lon.* $3^{\circ}-57'-42\frac{1}{2}''$, *Lat.* $50^{\circ} 28' 38''$. The two sides and the south end are in place, and the coverstone has been turned aside, but still rests in part over the kist. The western side-stone is unusual, in that it is a rectangular slab of vein quartz. The length of the kist was probably three feet, its width is eighteen inches at the centre of its length. The cover-stone is five feet in length, with a greatest width of just over three feet. The present depth is thirteen inches, but the actual depth of the



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 Fig. 4. HENTOR, KISTVAEN "B."
 View, looking S. 26° E.

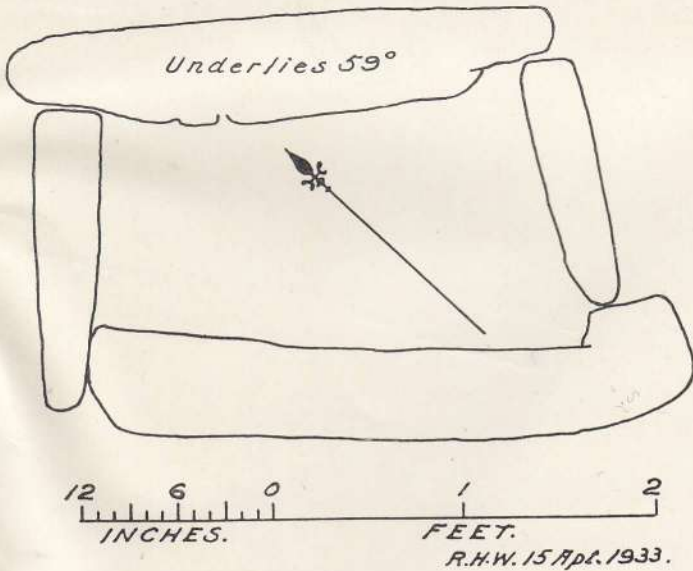


Fig. 5. PLAN OF KISTVAEN "B."



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Fig. 6. SHAVERCOMBE, KISTVAEN "C."
View, looking N. 18° W.

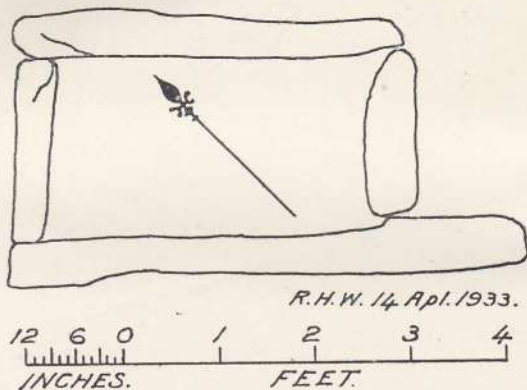


Fig. 7. PLAN OF KISTVAEN "C."

kist is undoubtedly greater. The direction of length is S. 52° E. The kist stands in a mound of sixteen feet diameter. A view of this kistvaen is given, Plate IX, fig. 8, and a plan, fig. 9 on same plate.

KISTVAEN IN MEAVY VALLEY, *Outcombe, Deancombe.*

Mr. William Manning, of Yellowmead, Sheepstor, reported to me this past spring a kistvaen in *Outcombe* (or Outham) *Newtake*, in the *Deancombe Valley*. The position is Lon. $3^{\circ}-59'-33\frac{1}{2}"$, Lat. $50^{\circ}-29'-46\frac{1}{4}"$. Three sides of this kist still stand, the fourth side and the cover-stone are missing. It would appear that the kist was very nearly square when perfect, approximately $27" \times 27"$; the present depth is $21"$. The form of the kist gives rise to a difficulty, one can not say in which direction the length lay. It may present an exception to the general rule, and be directed S. 10° W., or it may conform to rule and point S. 80° E.

(A similar difficulty presents itself regarding a kist at *Fernworthy*, near the circle, that also is incomplete, and was evidently nearly a square on plan when perfect, and the direction of length may have been either S. 68° E., the most probable value, or possibly S. 22° W.).

I give a view of the *Outcombe* Kistvaen, Plate X fig. 10, and a plan, fig. 11 on same plate.

It will be noted that, of the four kistvaens above described which lie in the Plym Valley, the directions of length of all are in the S.E.-N.W. quadrants; while the kist in the Meavy Valley may very probably have been similarly directed.

Note.—All dimensions of kistvaens above stated are inside measurements.



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 Fig. 8. LANGCOMBE, KISTVAEN, S.W.
 From Grims Grave, view looking S. 36° E.

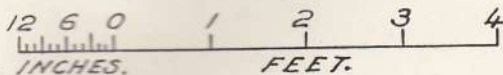
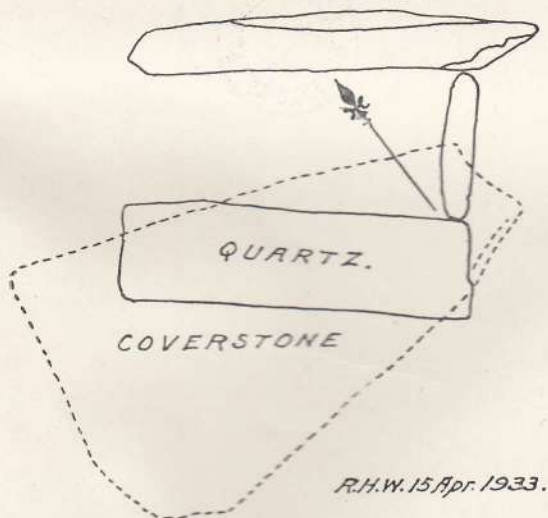


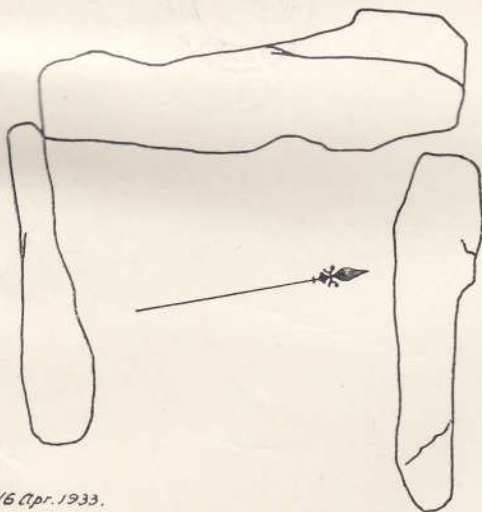
Fig. 9. PLAN OF KISTVAEN S.W. OF GRIMS GRAVE.

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Fig. 10. OUTCOMBE KISTVAEN.
View, looking N. 71° W.



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Fig. 11. PLAN OF OUTCOMBE KISTVAEN.

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