

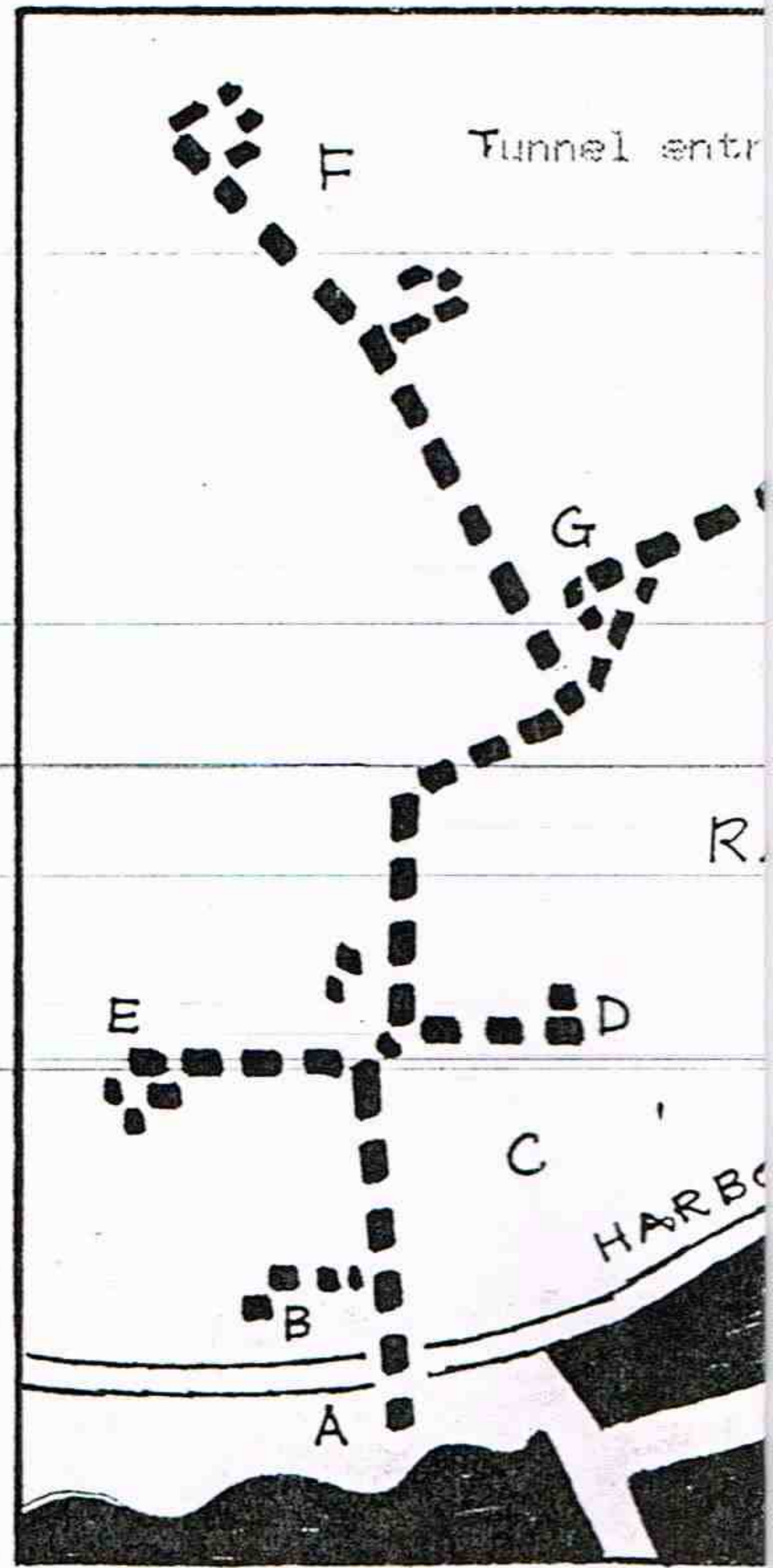
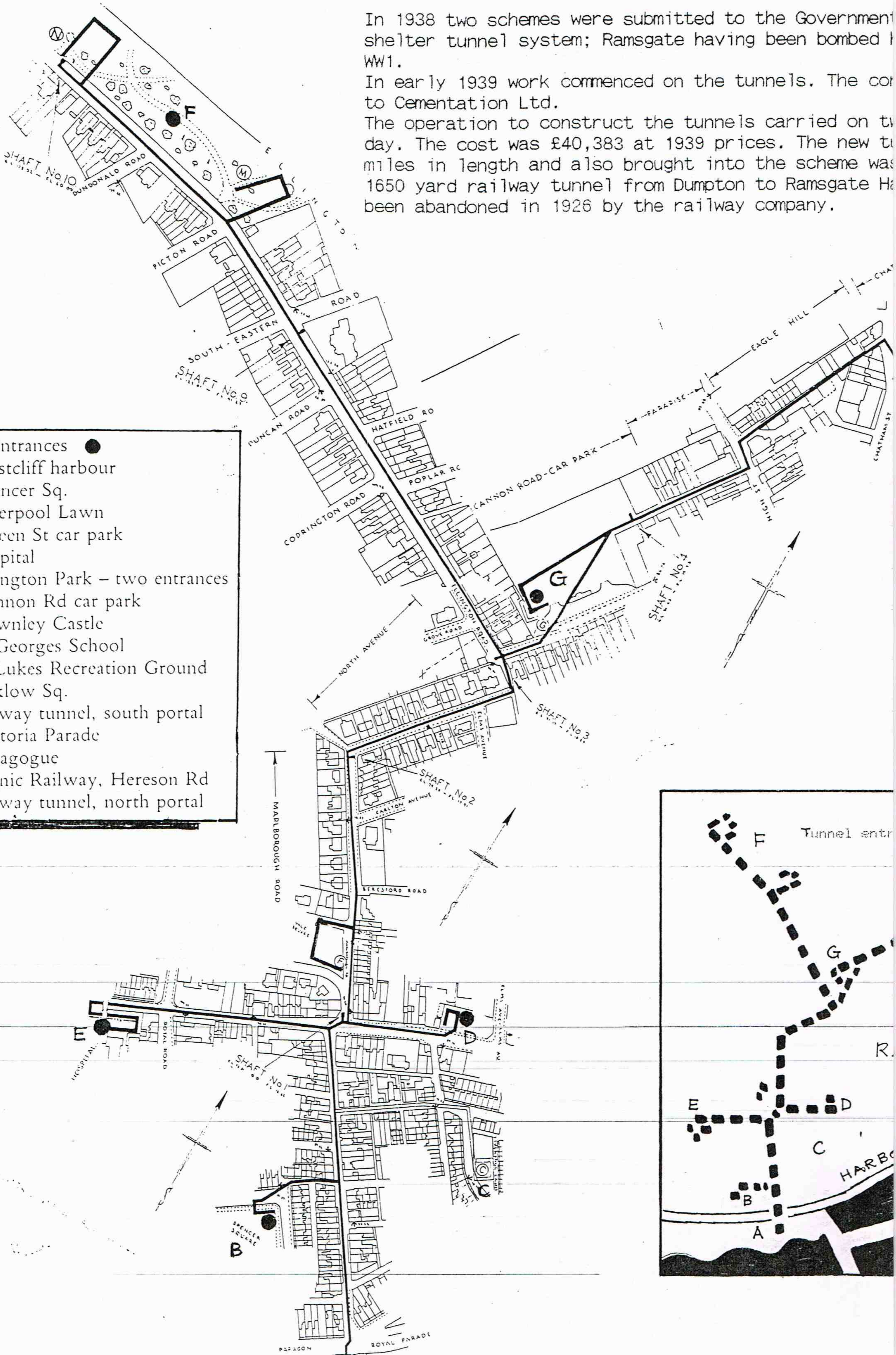
RAMSGATE TUNNEL SYSTEM

In 1938 two schemes were submitted to the Government shelter tunnel system; Ramsgate having been bombed in WW1.

In early 1939 work commenced on the tunnels. The contractor was Cementation Ltd.

The operation to construct the tunnels carried on to the present day. The cost was £40,383 at 1939 prices. The new tunnels are 1.5 miles in length and also brought into the scheme was a 1650 yard railway tunnel from Dumpton to Ramsgate Harbour which has been abandoned in 1926 by the railway company.

- Key to Entrances ●
- A Westcliff harbour
 - B Spencer Sq.
 - C Liverpool Lawn
 - D Queen St car park
 - E hospital
 - F Ellington Park – two entrances
 - G Cannon Rd car park
 - H Townley Castle
 - I St Georges School
 - J St Lukes Recreation Ground
 - K Arklow Sq.
 - L railway tunnel, south portal
 - M Victoria Parade
 - N synagogue
 - O Scenic Railway, Hereson Rd
 - P railway tunnel, north portal

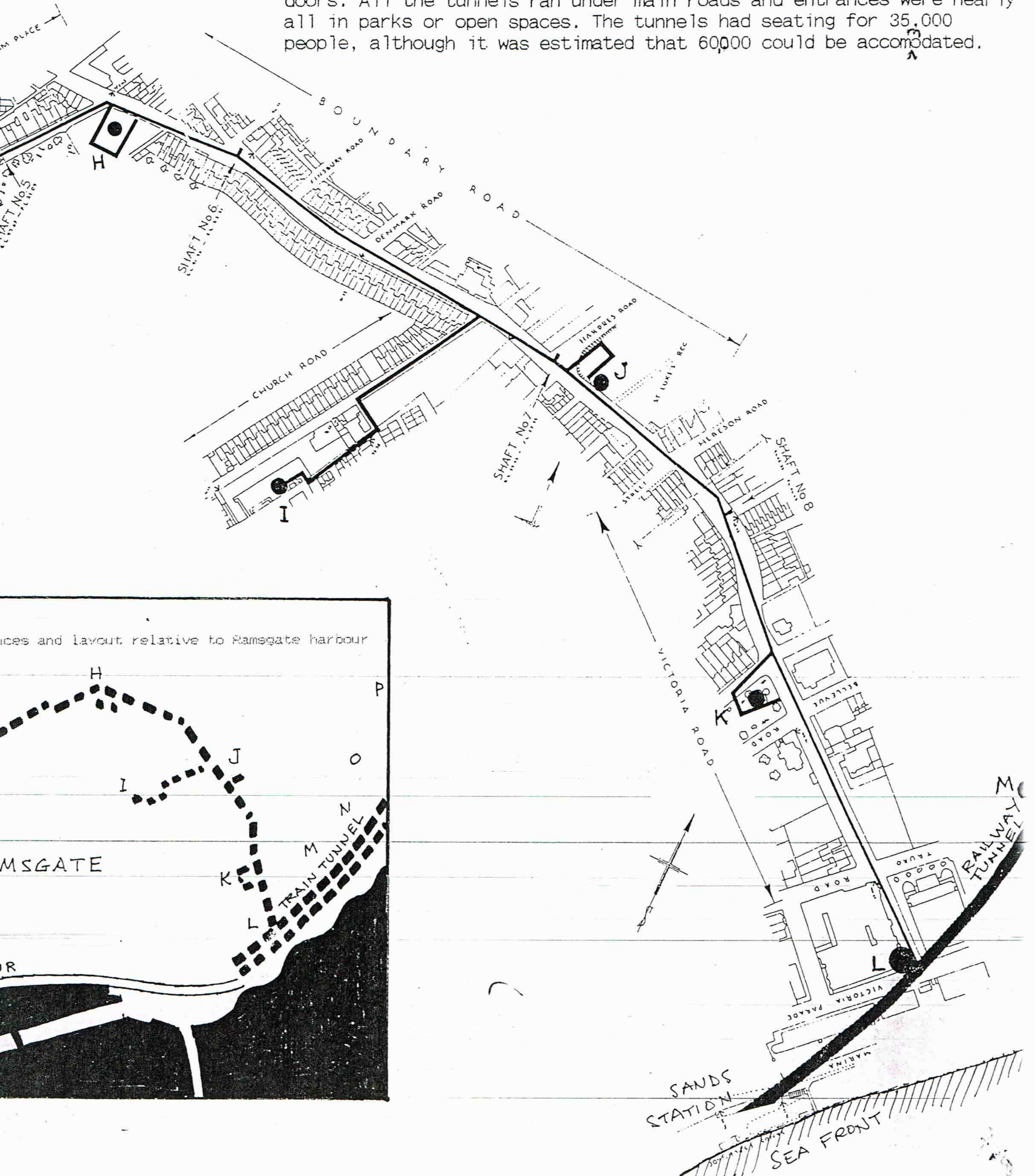


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The first tunnels completed were the Harbour and Queen Street tunnels; all were up to 70ft deep and in unlined chalk except entrance tunnels which were brick and concrete lined. The tunnels were equipped with toilets at every eighty ft. and first aid posts every 1000 ft. A spur was constructed up to Ramsgate General Hospital. Each of the sixteen entrances were equipped with steel gas-proof doors. All the tunnels ran under main roads and entrances were nearly all in parks or open spaces. The tunnels had seating for 35,000 people, although it was estimated that 60,000 could be accommodated.



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