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The First World War

England's Home Front Legacy

#### **Outline**

•Brief background to the investigation of the archaeology of the First World War.

•An introduction to the range of sites, landscapes and buildings created by the war.

# New Technologies









#### First World War – adapted sites

Coastal defences

Barracks

Drill Halls

Hospitals

Country houses

Dockyards, ports

Industrial sites

The countryside –agriculture



#### First World War – new locations

Camps – Training, PoW

Fieldworks – practice trenches, defence works

National Factories

Air war

Airfields

Anti-aircraft sites, sound mirrors, guns

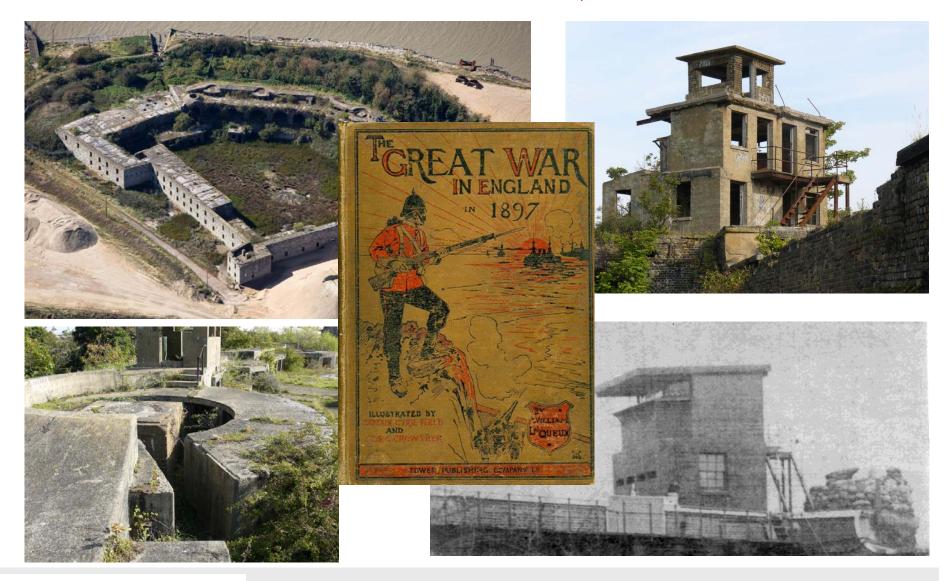
Airship & Balloon sites

Military communications/intelligence

The war at sea



# Coastal Defences – Cliffe Fort, Kent



# Coastal Defences – Spurn Point



# Shorncliffe, Kent

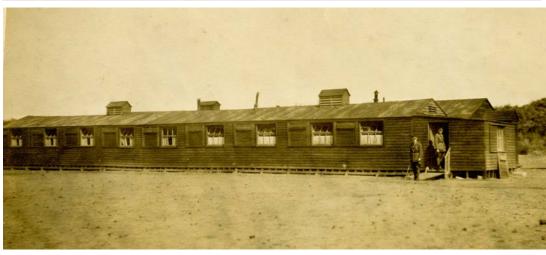




# Camps









# Ripon



# Prisoner of War Camps



# **Canadians Training**



[Canadian War Records.

CANADIANS IN TRAINING: A PLATOON ATTACK.

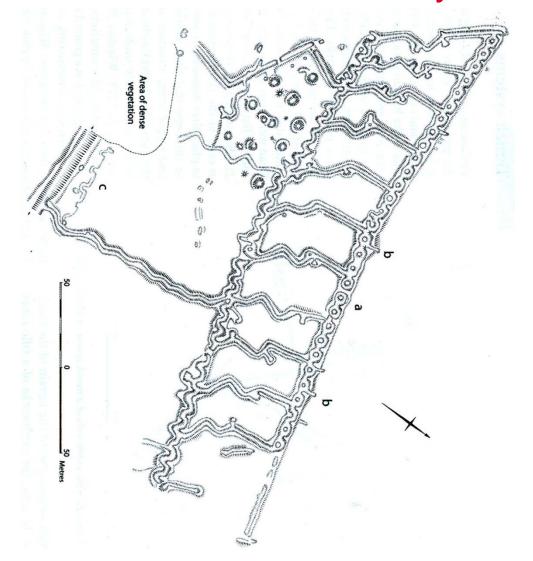


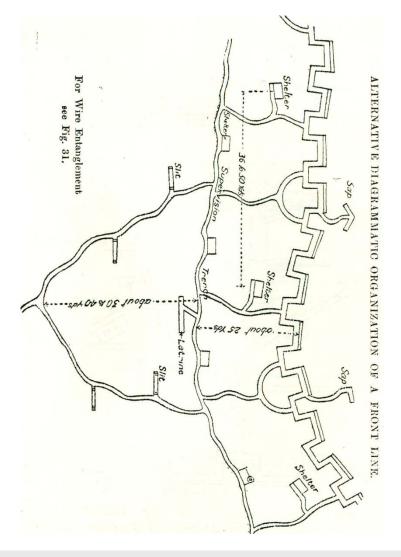
# Beacon Hill, Salisbury Plain





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#### A War of Production





# F.G.Powder Hotchkiss base Fuze Mark IV Cordite M.D.Charge Igniter (R.F.G.2)

#### 6 Pdr Cordite Shell Mk VIII

Shell/projectile – steel

Disruptive charge - High Explosive

Fuze – brass

Cartridge case – brass

Propellant – Low Explosive

Igniter cap – brass

Sensitive initiatory explosives

### Cunards Shellworks, Bootle



Bedford Lemere Collection. BL24001/037.

# The workshop of the world



# Waltham Abbey, Essex



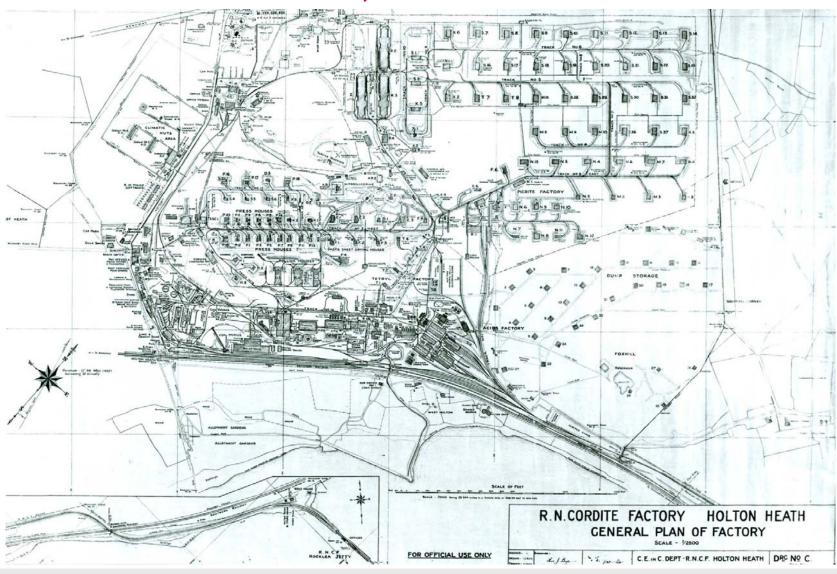




# Cliffe Explosives Works, Medway



### RNCF Holton Heath, Dorset

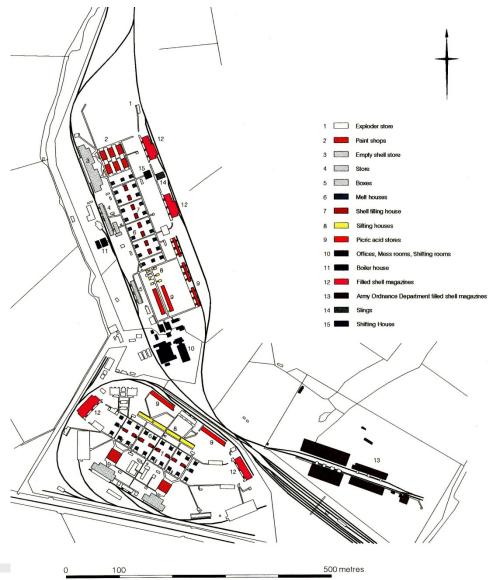




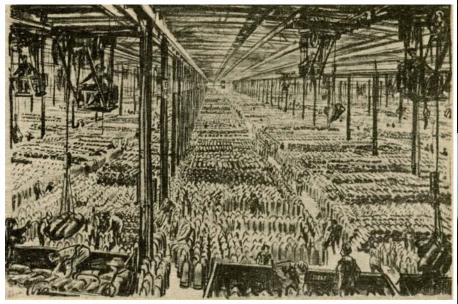
# NFF Banbury, Northamptonshire



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# NFF Chilwell, Nottingham







# **Coventry Ordnance Works**



# Waring & Gillow's Lancaster



Bedford Lemere Collection. BL23741/030



## NMGF Branston, Burton on Trent



### Welfare







## **Gretna Munitions Workers Housing**







# Newcastle under Lyme



#### Airfields

Home Defence

Training Depot Stations

Landing Grounds

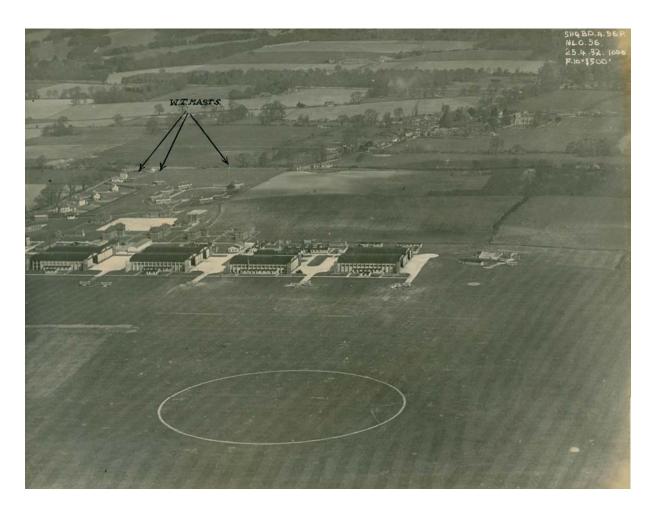
Seaplane Stations

Aircraft Acceptance Parks

Aircraft Repair Sections

Aircraft Repair Depots

#### **Airfields**



- I Officer's Mess & Quarters
- 2 Regimental Buildings
- 3 Technical
- 4 Women's Hostel

### Duxford









#### Hangar types



General Service Shed, Old Sarum

- I Side opening Shed
- 2 Aeroplane twin Shed
- 3 Bessoneau Hangar
- 4 General Service Shed
- 5 Admiralty Seaplane Shed
- 6 Running Shed
- 7 Handley-Page Sheds

### Pulham, Norfolk, Airship station





# Lodge Hill, Chatteden, Kent



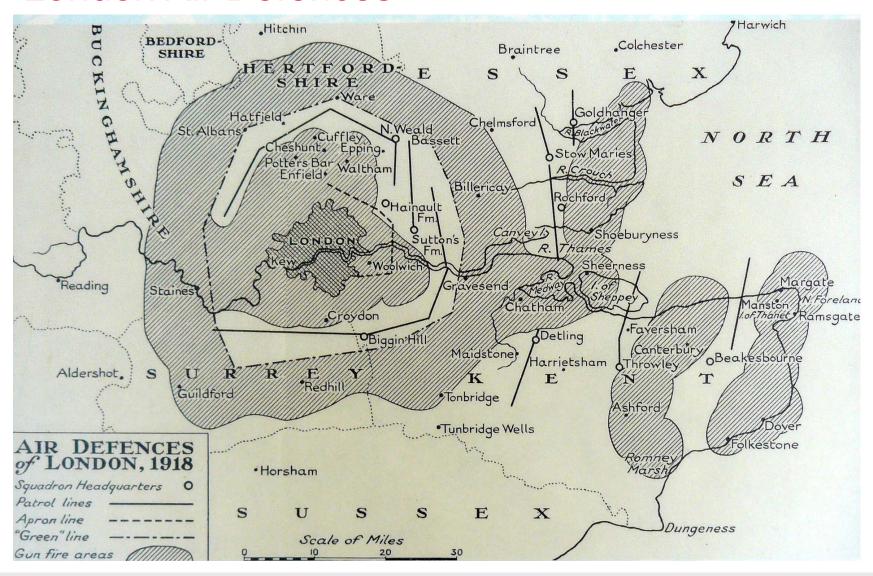
#### Air Raids





5-6-17

#### **London Air Defences**





#### Hainault, Essex, Home Defence Aerodrome





#### Stow Maries, Essex, Home Defence Aerodrome

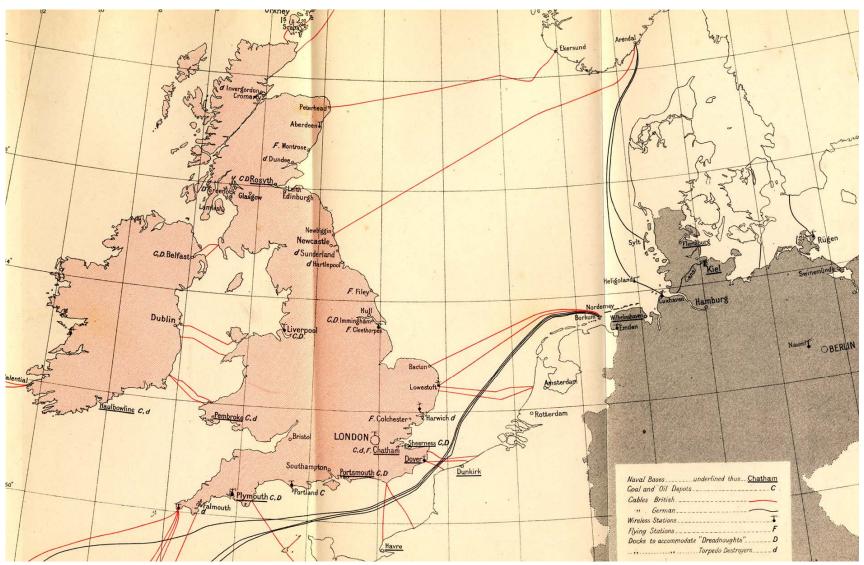








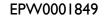
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# Military Communications

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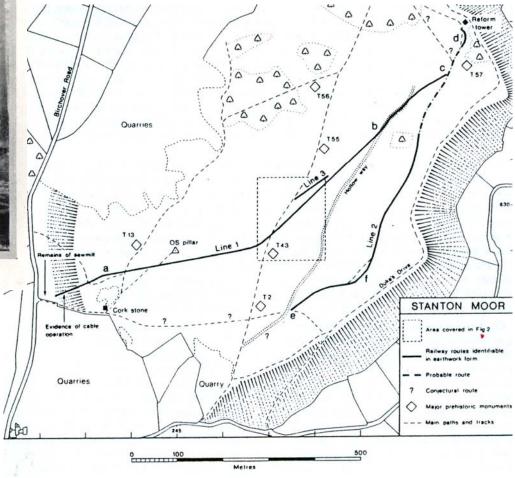
Flamborough Head



#### The Land



CANADIAN FORESTERS AT WORK IN ENGLAND.



#### The War at Sea



### Aftermath – T Ward, Rainham, Essex, 1921



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