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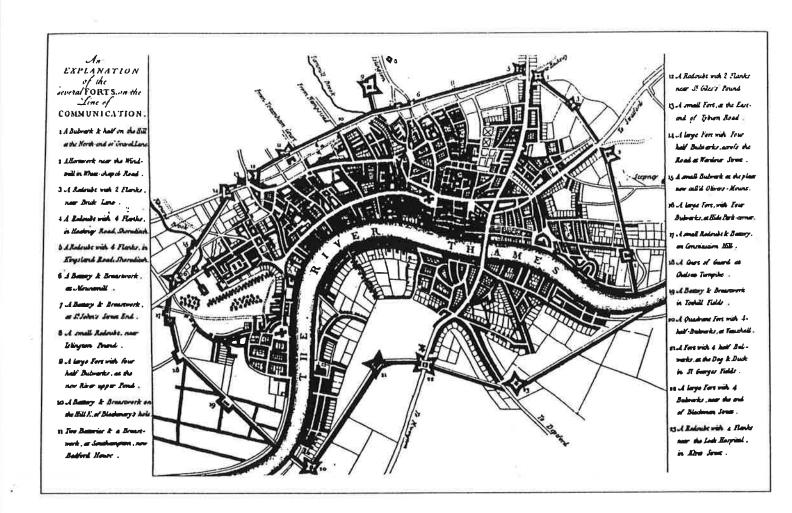
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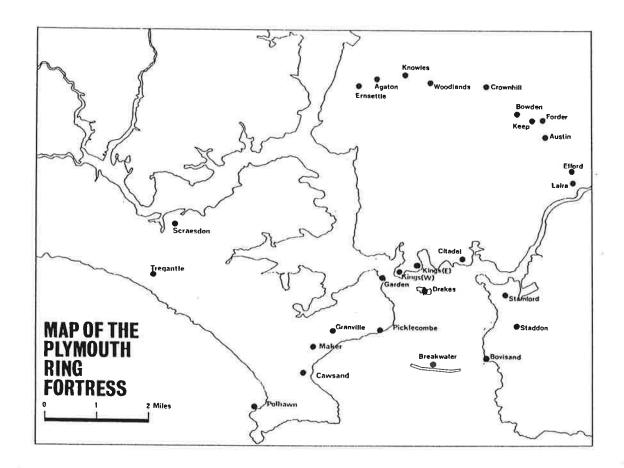
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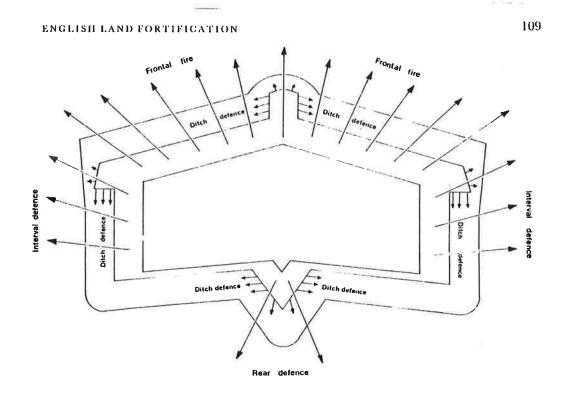
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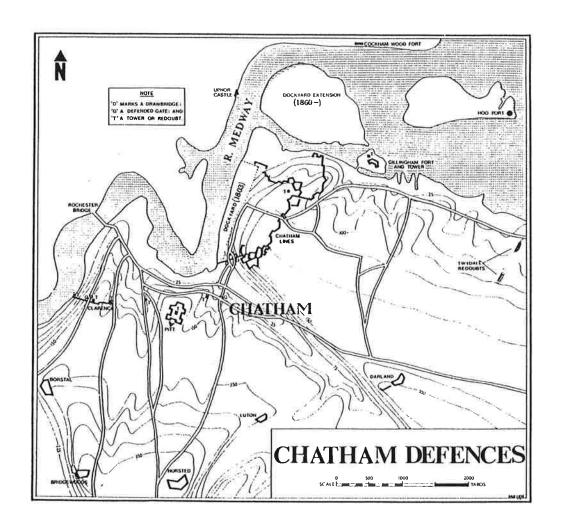
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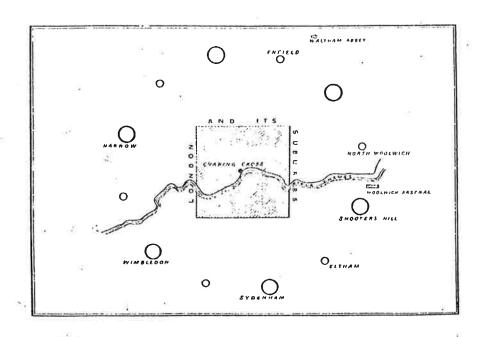
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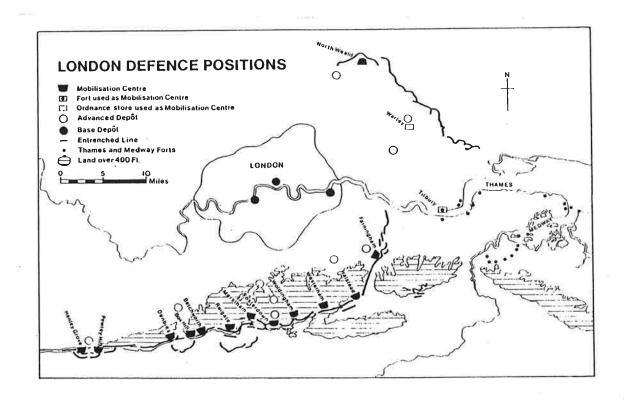
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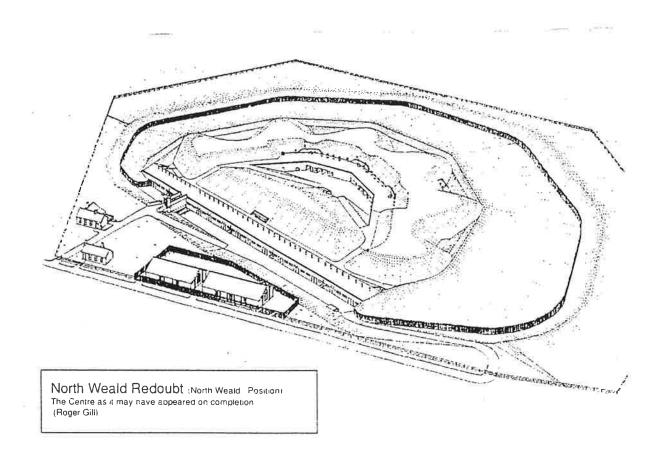


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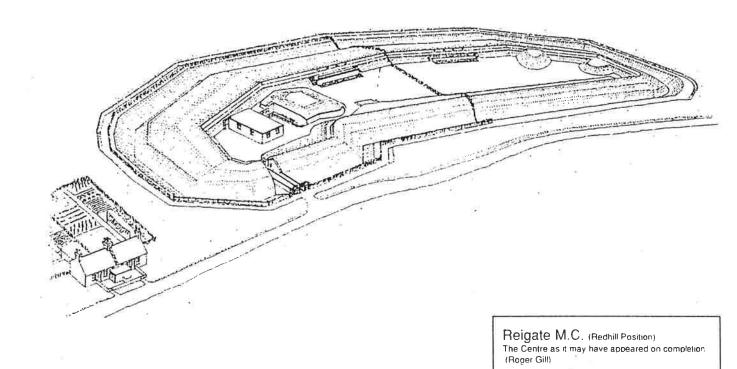


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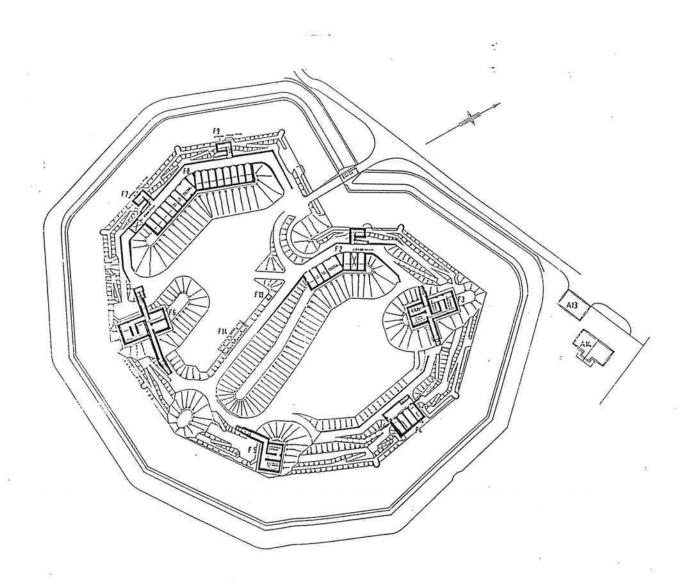


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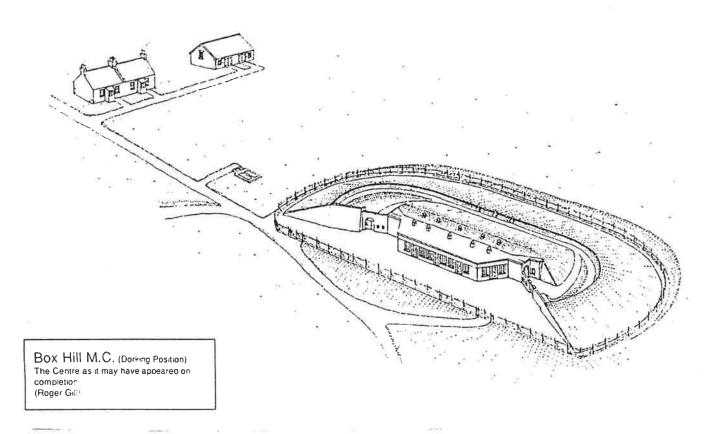


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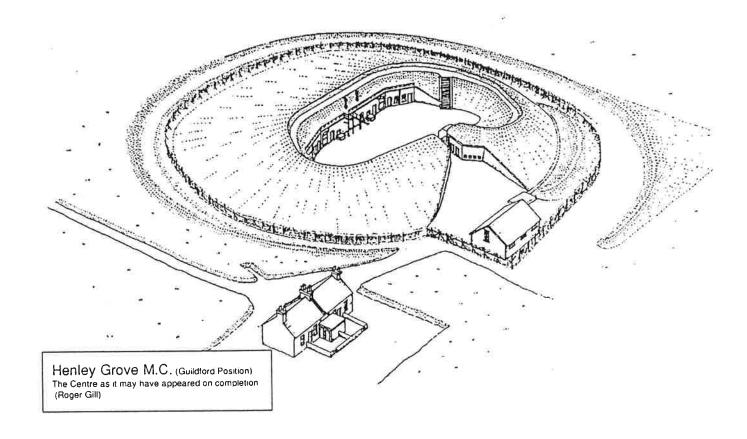
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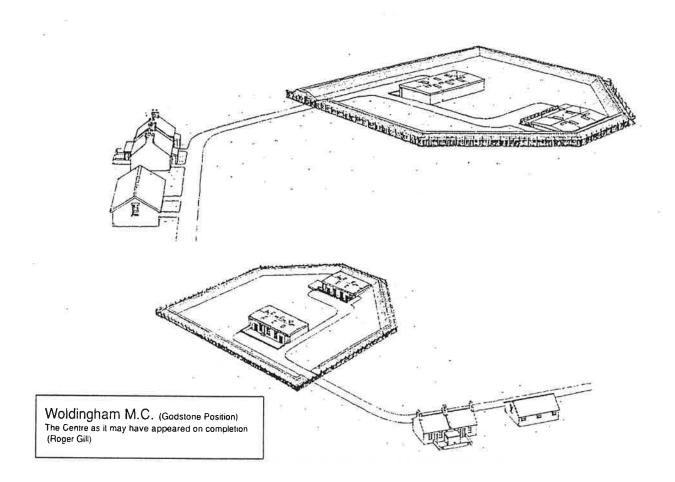
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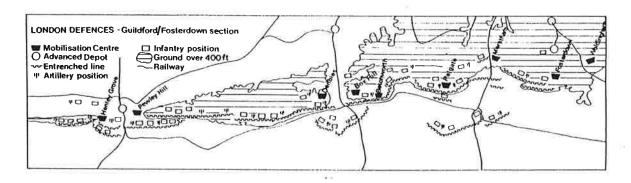


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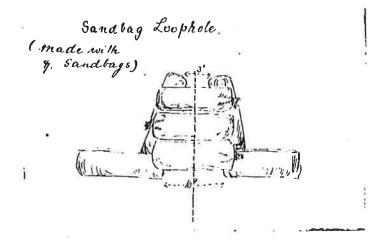


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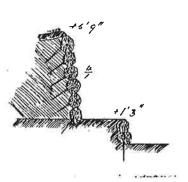
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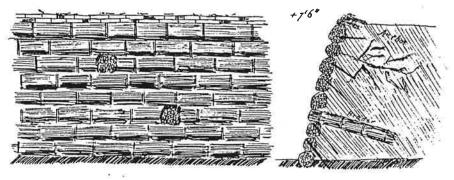
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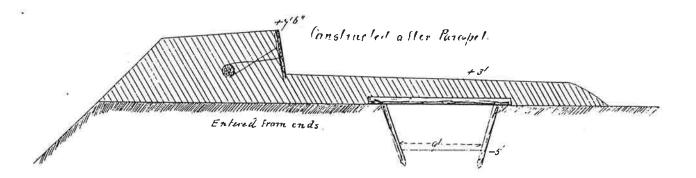


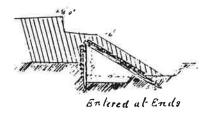


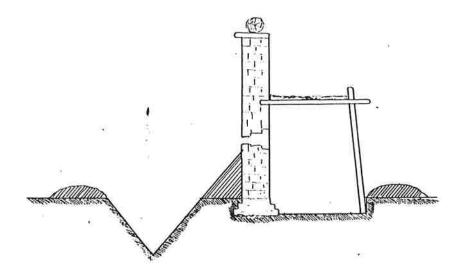


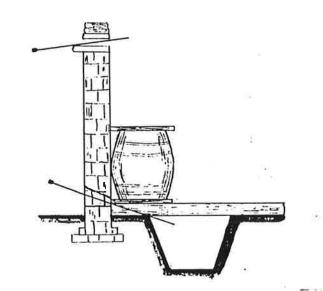


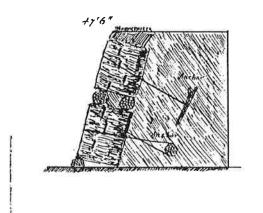
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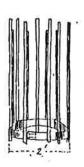


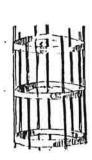




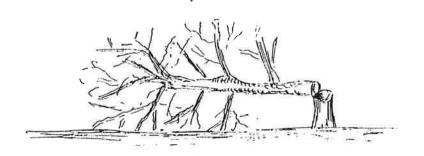


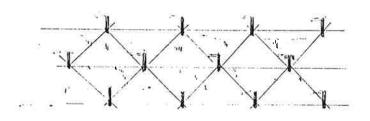




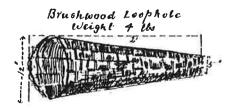








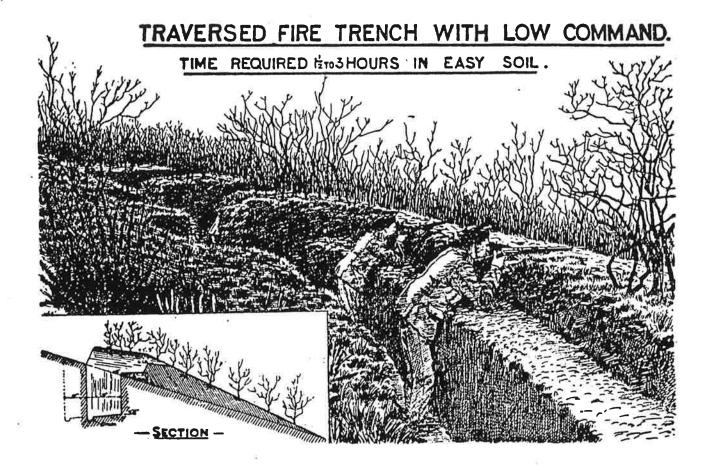




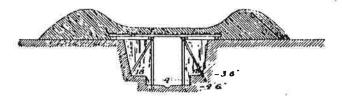
"Loophole" made of wood low bedded in Crest of a Parapet



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- HASTY REDOUBT.BLINDAGE IN REAR OF FIRE TRENCH.

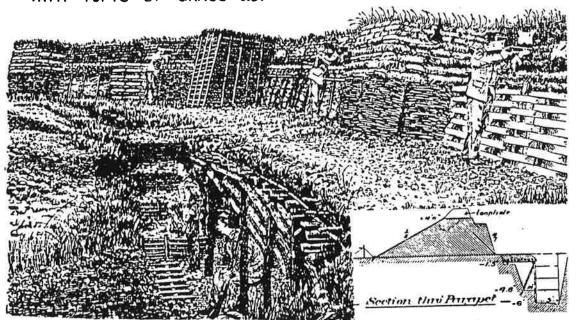


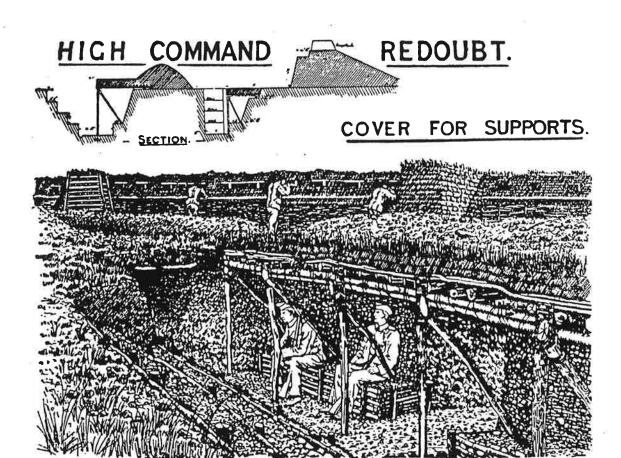
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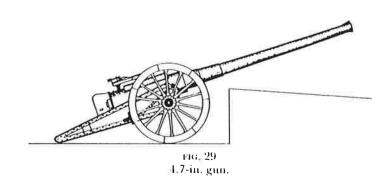
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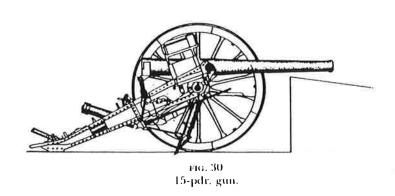
WITH TRAVERSES, COVER, & OVERHEAD COVER.
LOOPHOLES BLINDED IN CANVAS ON INSIDE TO PREVENT THEM
SHOWING AGAINST THE SKY, & SHOULD BE SCREENED ON OUTSIDE
WITH TUFTS OF CRASS &C.





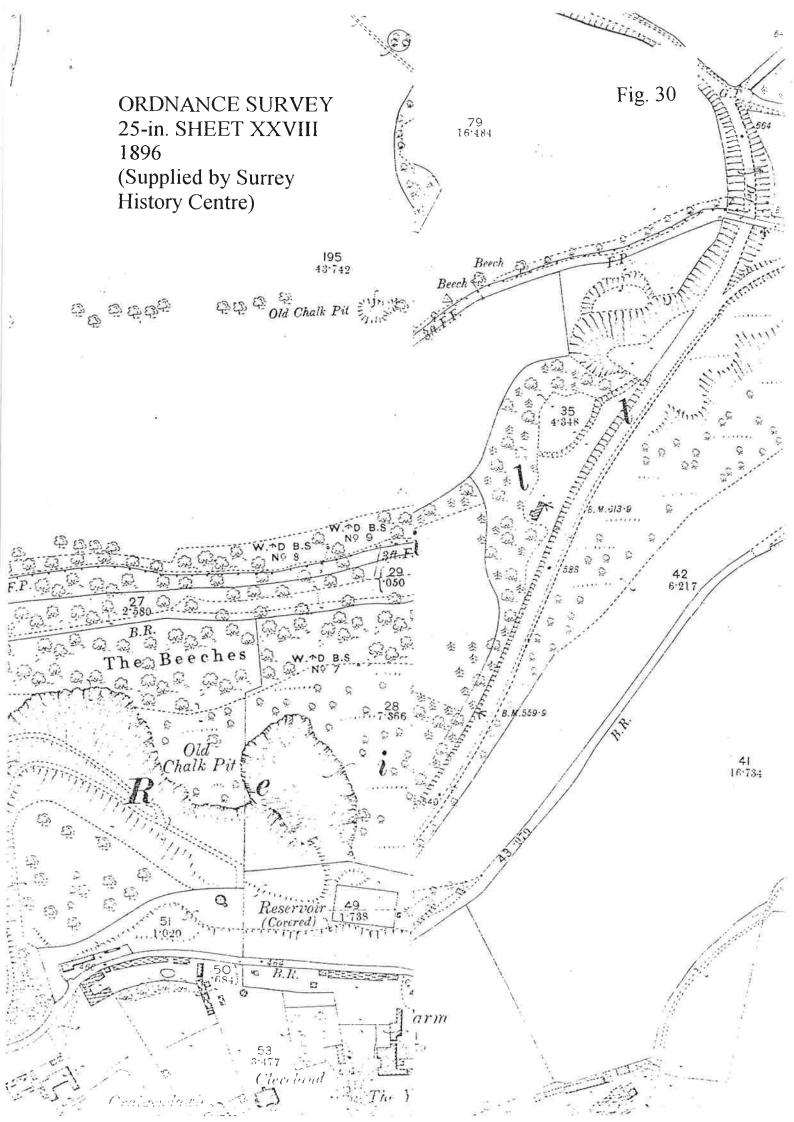
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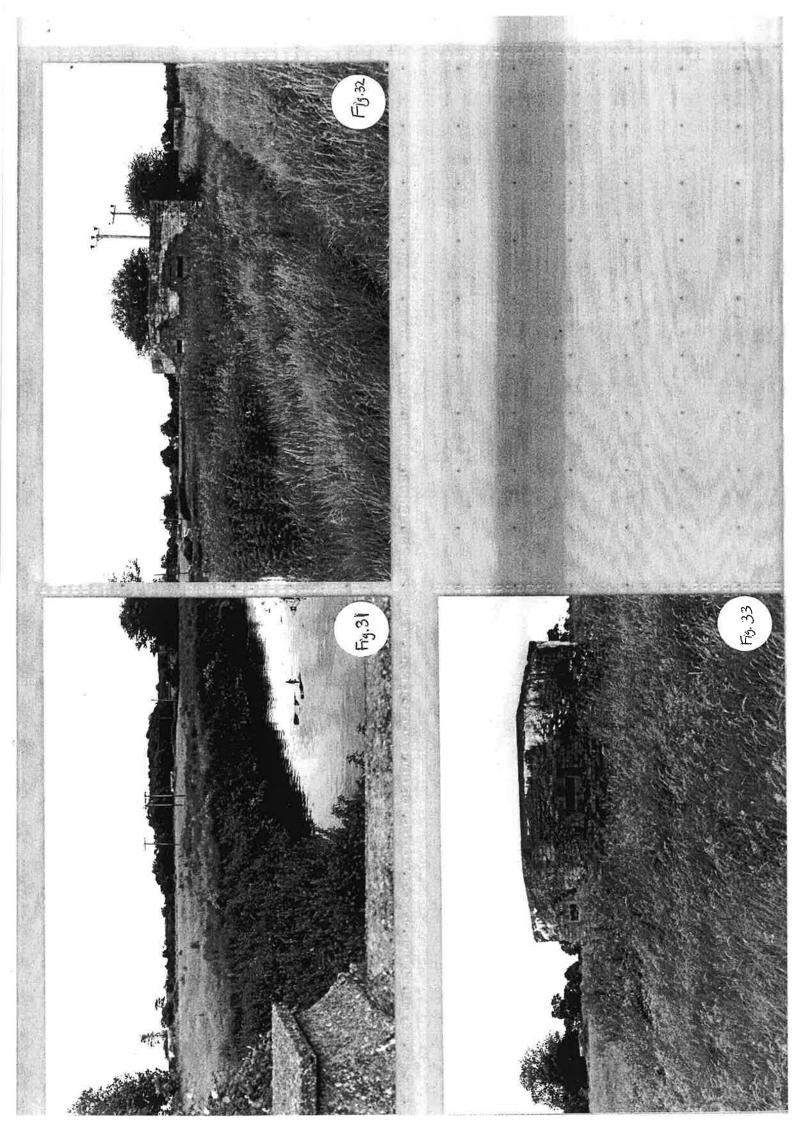
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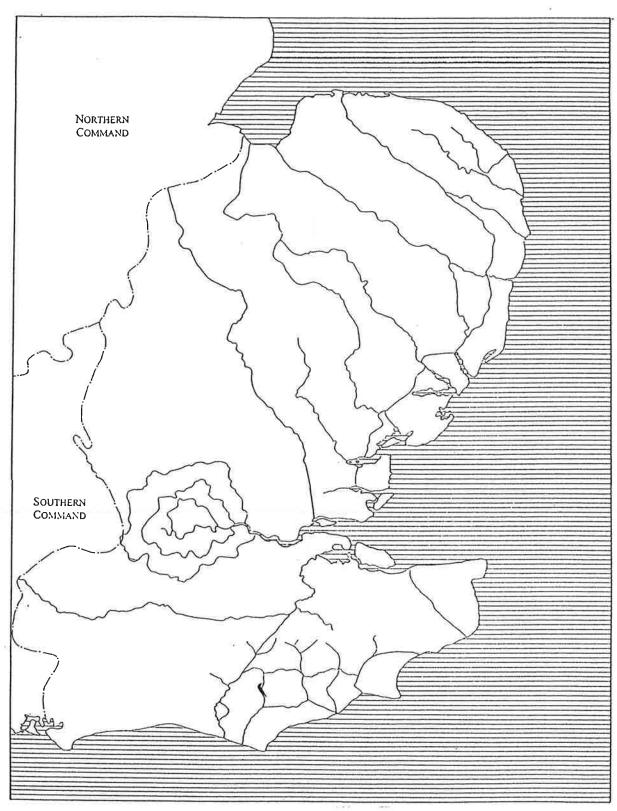
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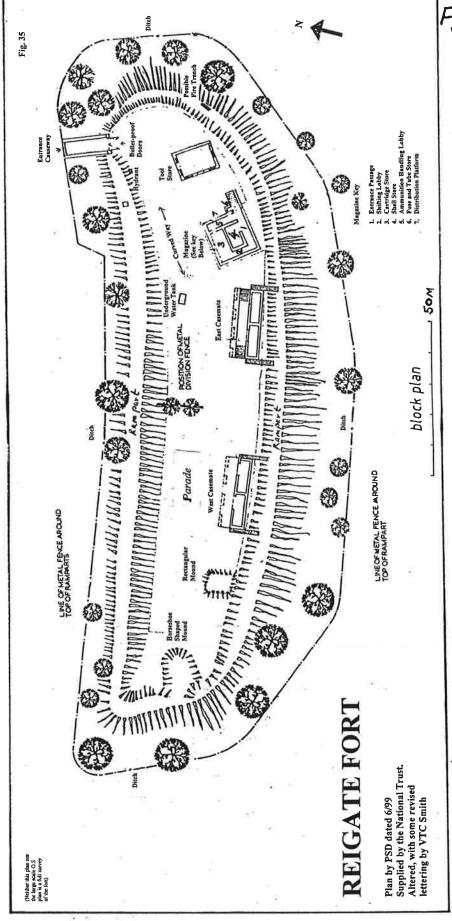
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THE LONDON DEFENCE LINES AND OUTLYING ANTI-INVASION DEFENCES IN 1941 (Published in CBA 20th Century Fortifications in England Vol. II
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PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RAMPART, DITCH AND ENTRANCE

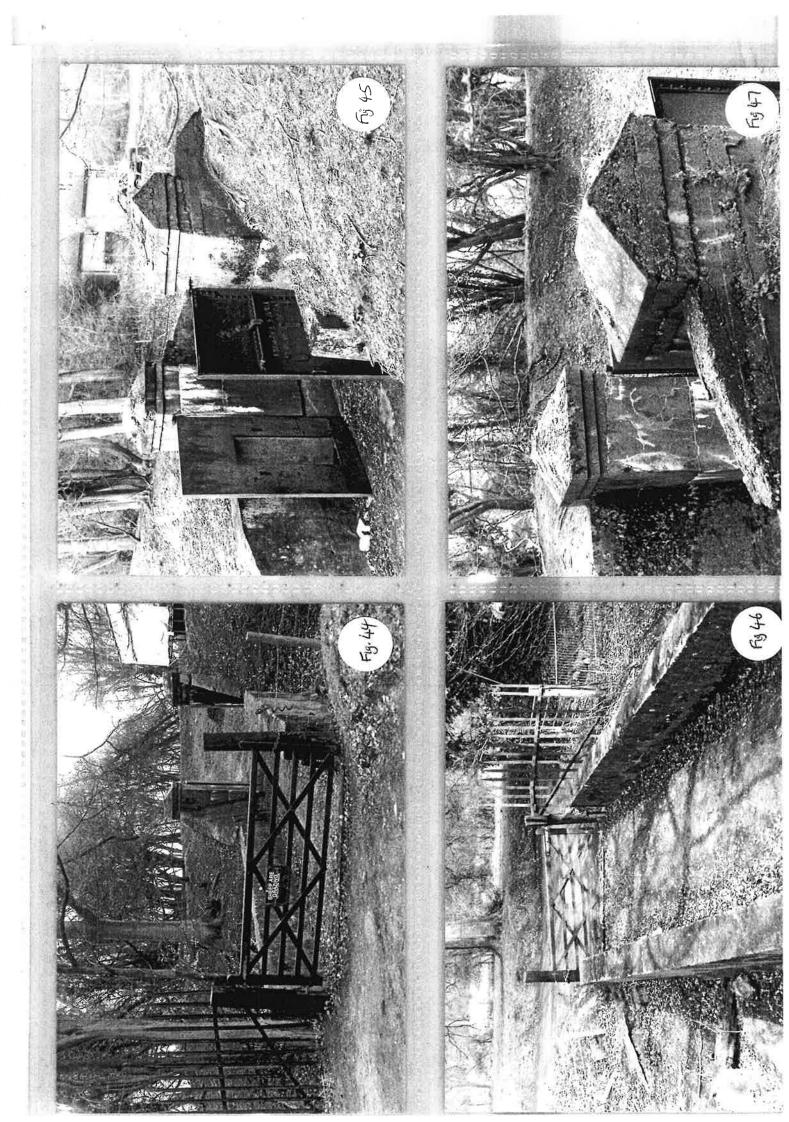
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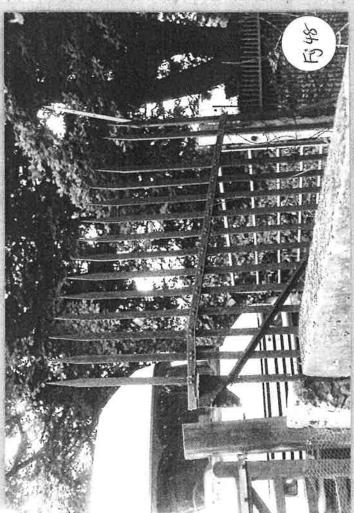
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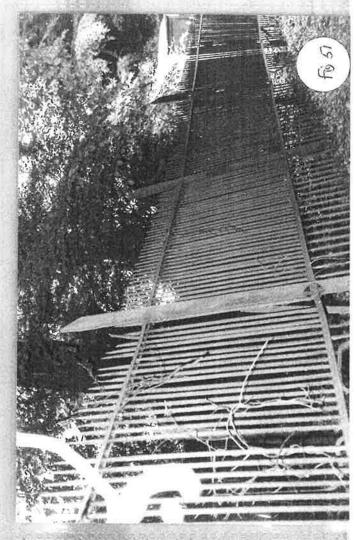




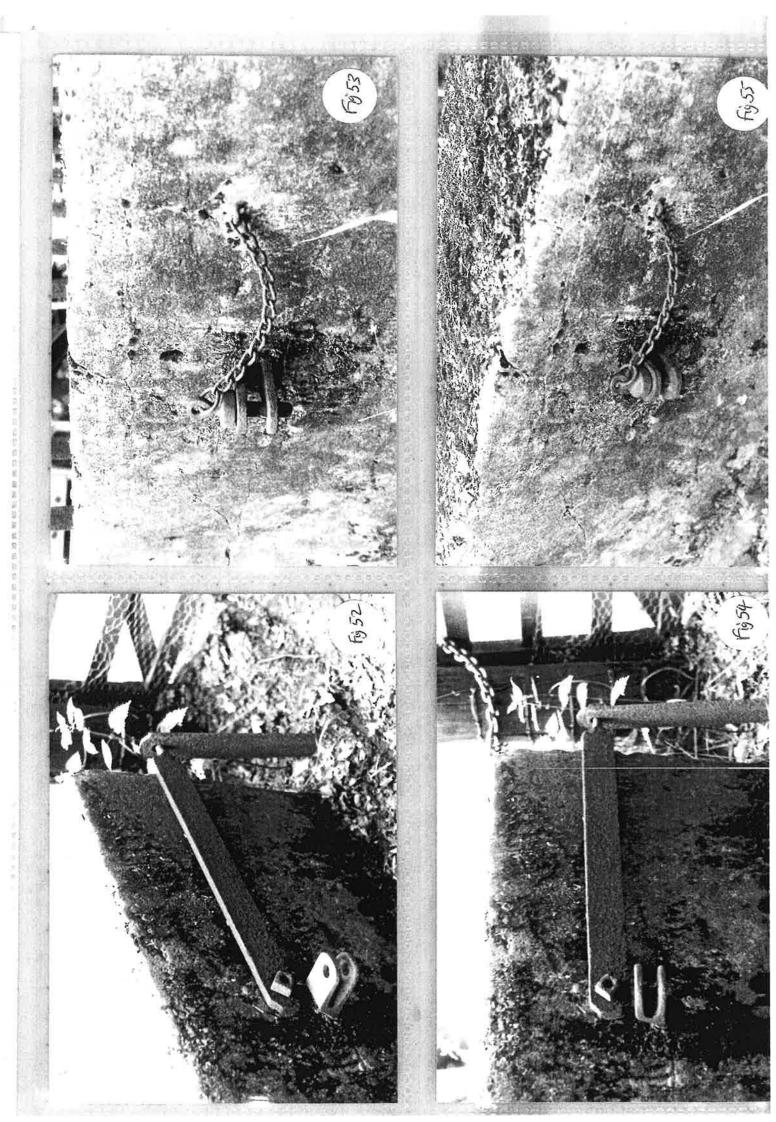


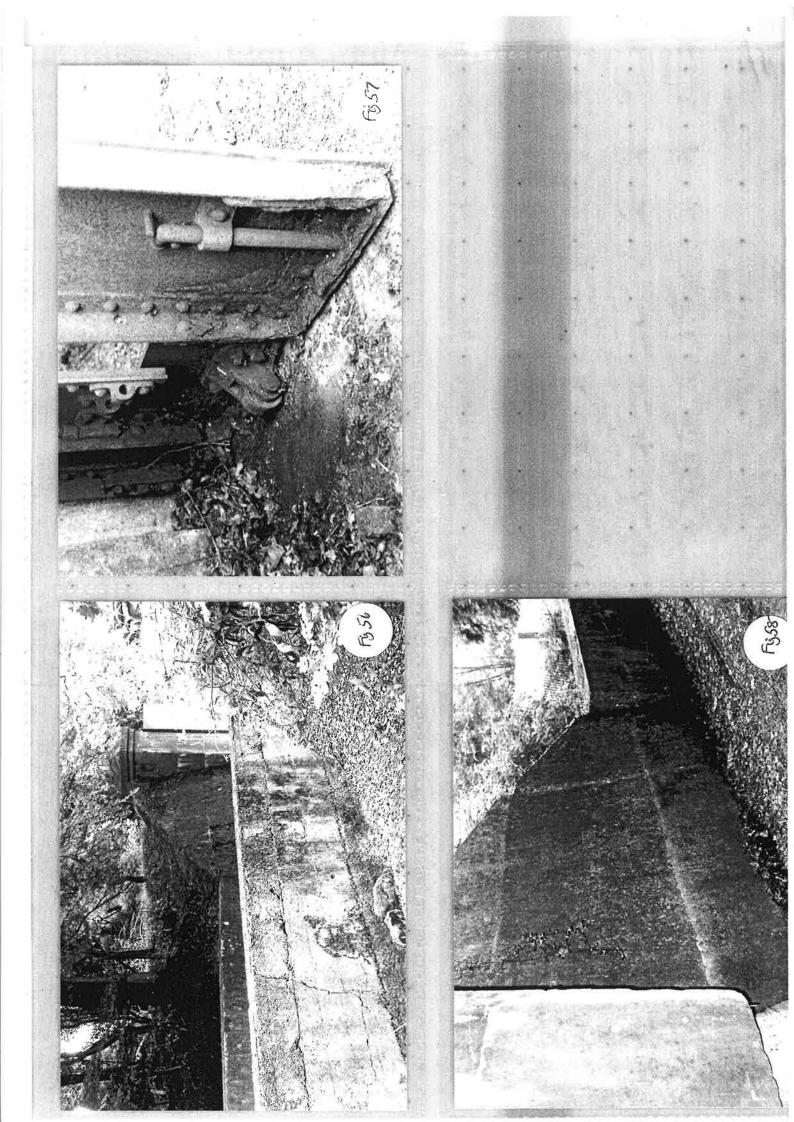












DRAWINGS OF OUTER ENTRANCE GATES AND INNER BULLET-PROOF DOORS c. 1898

(Public Record Office WO78/4333)



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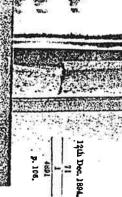
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Rectangular space occupied

for transport in boats

Mark VII.*

Three wagons (which will be known as Mark VII.*) have been issued for service, which differ in some minor details (chiefly in having a cast-iron pipe box), and in the various loose parts not being interchangeable with those of the Mark VIII. pattern.



sealed to govern future manufacture. A drawing of the above-mentioned Mark VIII. wagon has been

gon is generally similar to the Mark VII. (§ 5632), bu

The lashing rope hooks are stronger.

2. The bale hoops are about 9 inches higher.

ervice pattern keys with chain. the top of the upper belster. 5. The bolsters are of increased size. ger and stouter, and its head fits into a bearing plate added The main pin connecting the fore carriage to the body is The tailboards are fastened by means of the ordinary

onger, to afford additional strength. rther apart to receive it. 9. The hinge strap on front of the wagon box are 3 inches 8. Plates are added to the end of the hind bolster to prevent The pole is { inch thicker and wider, the futchels being set

11. The wagon seat is secured by flut split keys:

All projecting ends of bolsters are bevelled off.

12. The stays for the floating raves have the leather strap

olted through the step plates.

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Minimum space iu which wagon can turn

With one grease and lashing, 40-ft.

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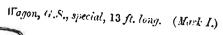
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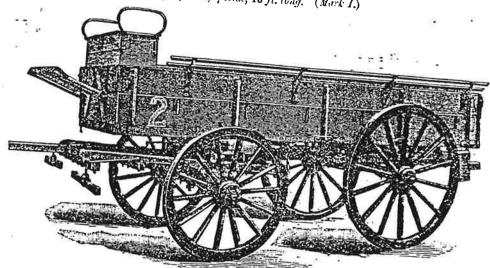
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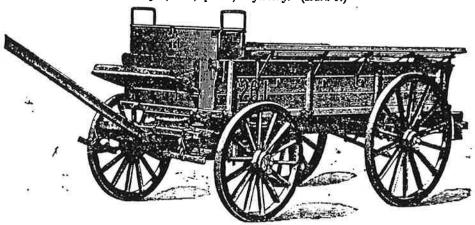




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Wagon, G.S., special, 12 ft. long. (Mark I.)



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Royal Army Medical Corps.

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of the body is fitted with seats along the sides, arranged to fold gained from the front of the wagon, over the driver's seat, the back safety of the patients. Sockets are fixed to the sides for supporting rifles, and there are two straps attached to the back rails for the are attached to the back rails and under the seats for carrying staples for the bale hoops, and standards for the back rail. be raised and pushed close up to the tail-board in guides fixed along rail of which can be folded up out of the way. he bottom for that purpose. sliding step to the back of the wagon, which, when not in use, can pwards when not in use, to make room for two stretchers. lamp brackets. The sides are fitted with ventilators, The remaining part Fittings

bands, and a small tackle is fitted just above it to facilitate lifting To elded at is strapped to the underside when not in use. wooden ladder to assist the patients in mounting is carried carrying 10 gallons, is secured under the rear by iron A water cask,

The splinter bar is arranged to allow a vertical play to the pole; and spiral "draw springs," through which the loops for the swingleit into position when required.

trees pass, are fixed at the rear of the bar.

These are intended to

ease the strain of draught upon the horses, particularly at starting, The fore wheels are 3 feet 9 inches diameter, the hind 4 feet The wheels have wooden naves and phosphor-bronze pipes.

The tires are 2\frace inches wide.

is secured to the lever (b) at (d), and connects a similar block which end of which is furnished with a wood block (c); an iron cross bar icts on the "near" wheel. and wheels. The wagon is fitted with a brake, which acts on the front of the nd wheels. It is applied by the driver by means of a hand lever which is connected by an iron rod to a brake lever (b), the lower A rack (e) keeps the brake on when it

use, they are packed beneath the seats. ockers beneath the front seat, a drag shoe, and a 3-lb. grease tin.
The stretchers used are of the Service pattern, and, when not in lie wagon is fitted with bale hoops and a canvas cover, a leather the driver, cranked the Service pattern, and, when guard irons, a driver's seat, two

Rectangular space occupied in boats Minimum space in which the wagon can **Tonnage** : į. 11.08

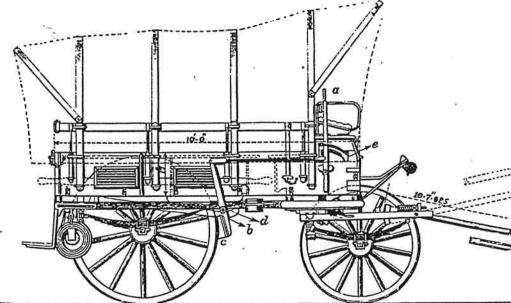
This wagon is constructed to accommodate twelve men seated, or MARK V AMBULANCE WAGON.

which reduces the strain on the body in travelling, and admits two men on stretchers and four seater arge front wheels being used, so as to minimise the pull on the It is fitted with a perch, and a "Jacob's" lock fore-carriage,

driving. It is also fitted with a pole and swingletrees for long-rein

with seats to accommodate two men. The front part of the wagon body is partitioned off, and provided ith seats to accommodate two men. Entrance to this part is

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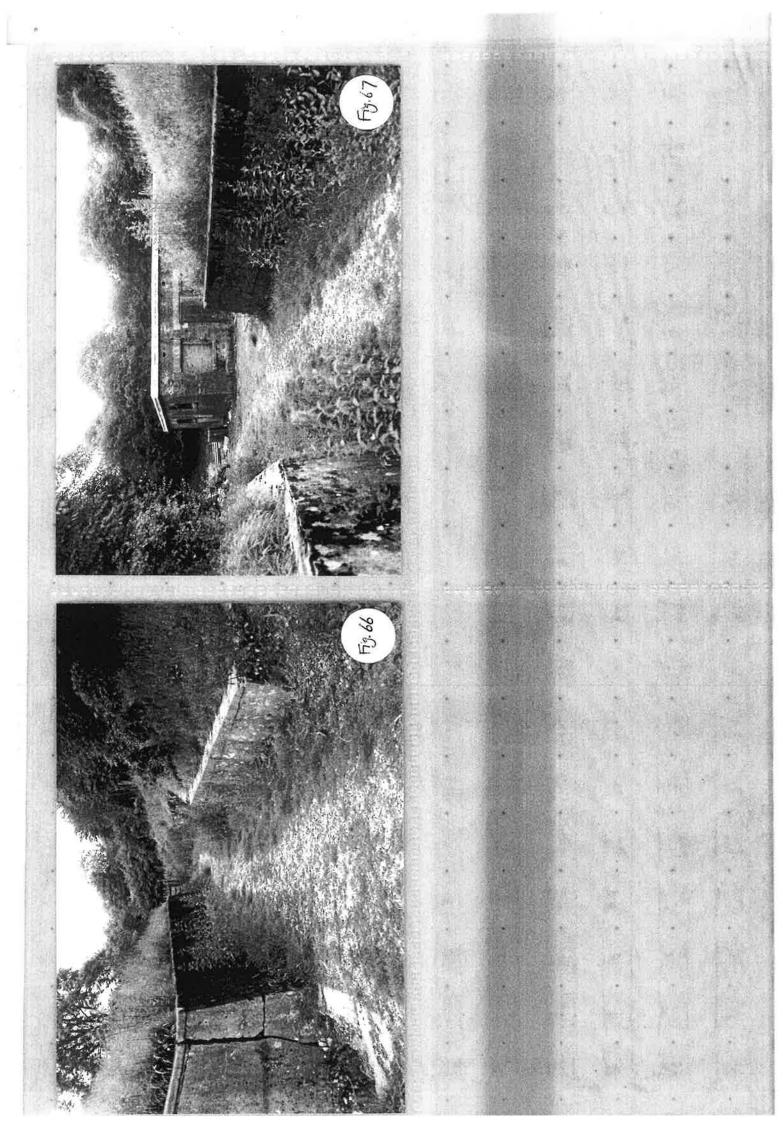


-AMBULANCE WAGON (MARK Fig. 79.

CURVED WAY TAKING THE ENTRANCE ROAD INTO THE PARADE

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THE RECTANGULAR MOUND, WATER TANK AND HYDRANT (Photographed by VTC Smith January 2000).

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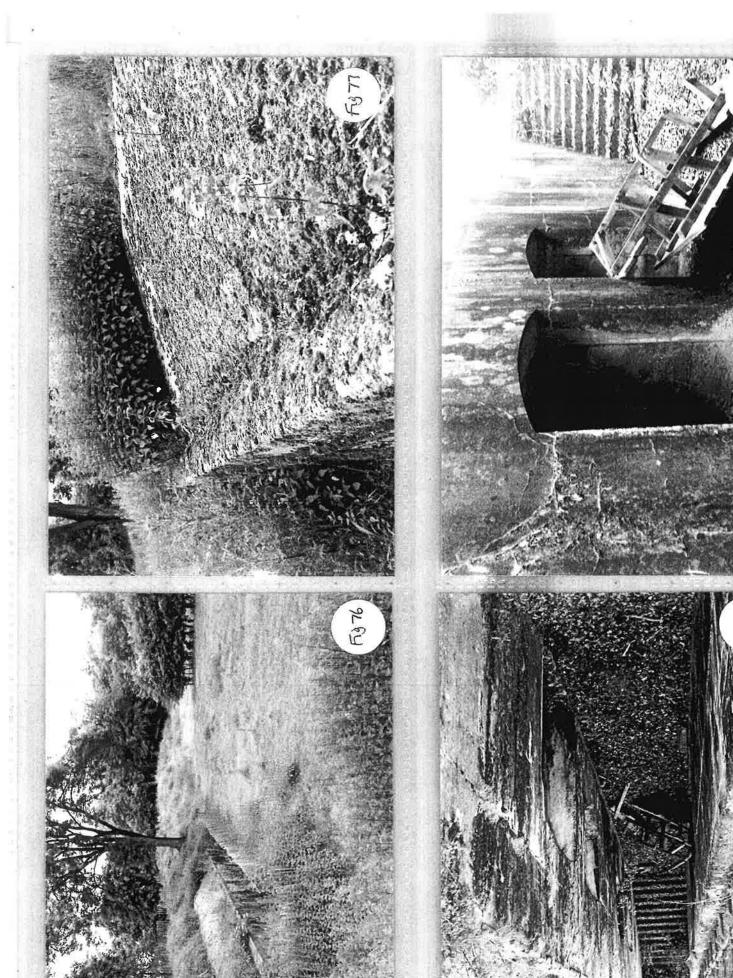
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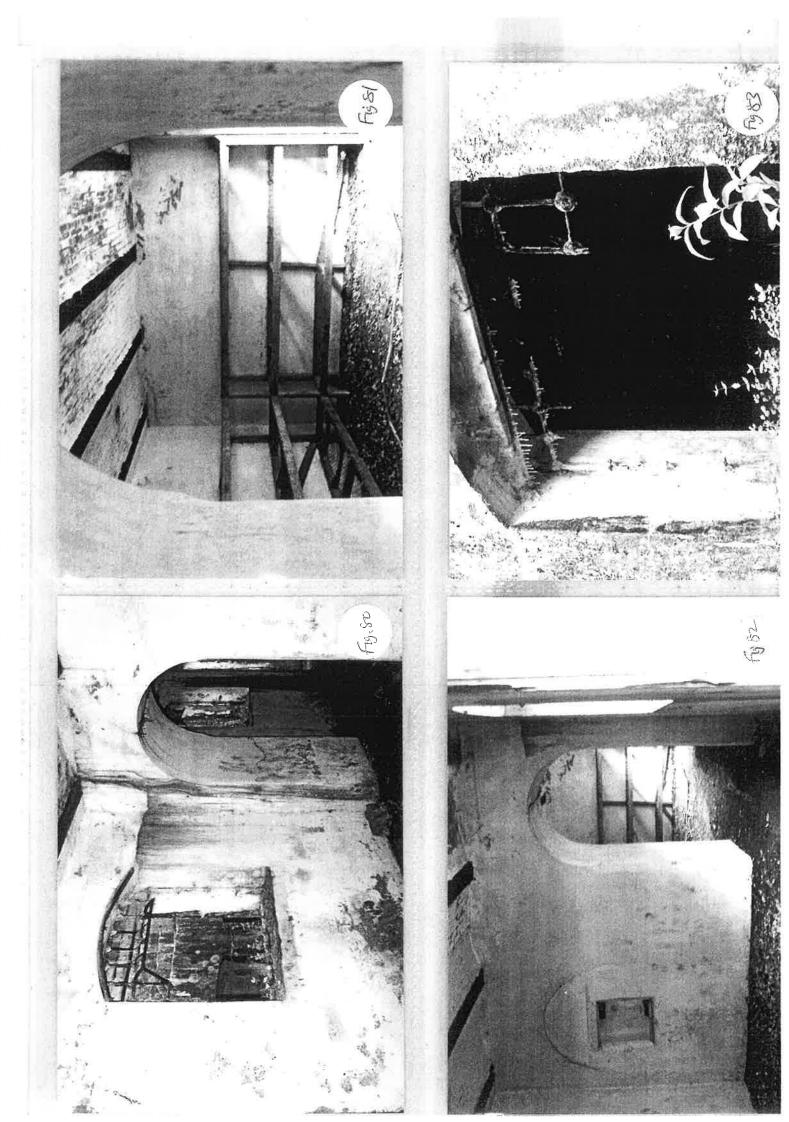


THE CASEMATES

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- Fig. 81 Bunk beds in western compartment. The Jack-arched Ceiling may be seen.
- Fig. 82 Eastern compartment of eastern casemate, looking Through into the western compartment. The blocked Archway and hatchway may be seen on the left.





THE TOOL STORE

(Photographed by VTC Smith July, 2000)

Fig. 84 SW Corner

Fig. 85 Ditto.

Fig. 86 Ditto

Fig. 87 NE corner

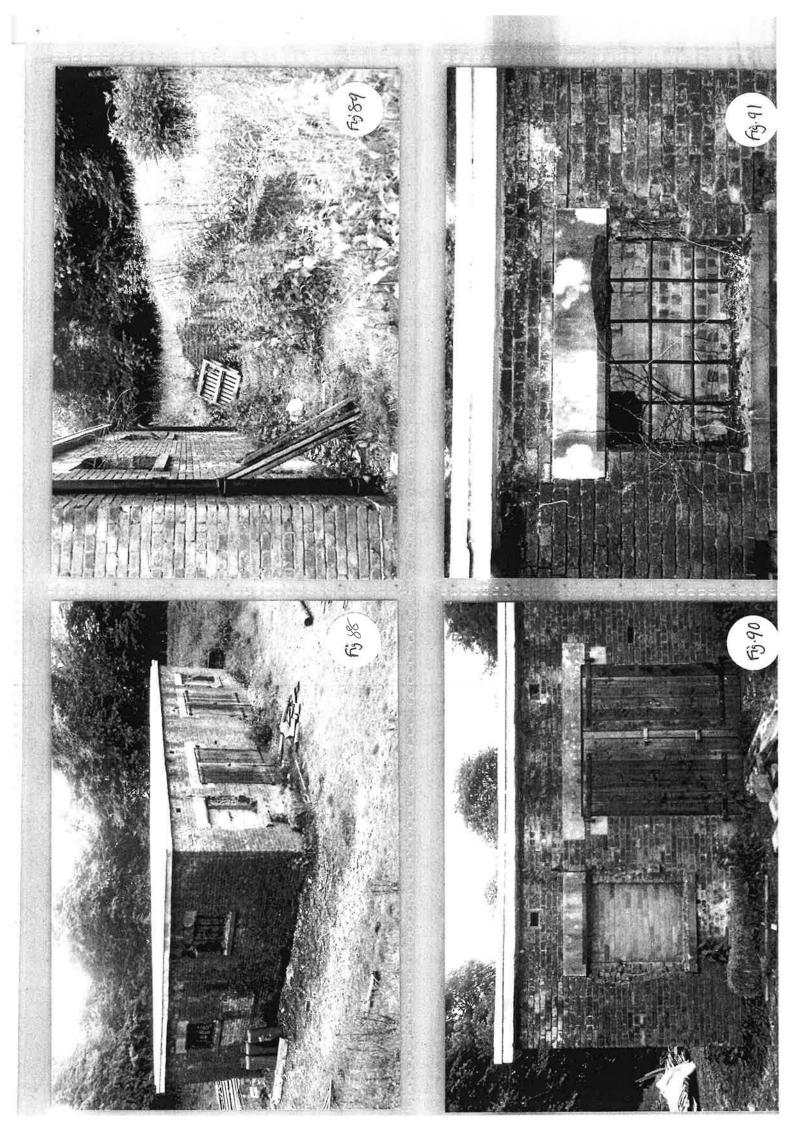
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Fig. 90 Western elevation

Fig. 91 Window in south elevation



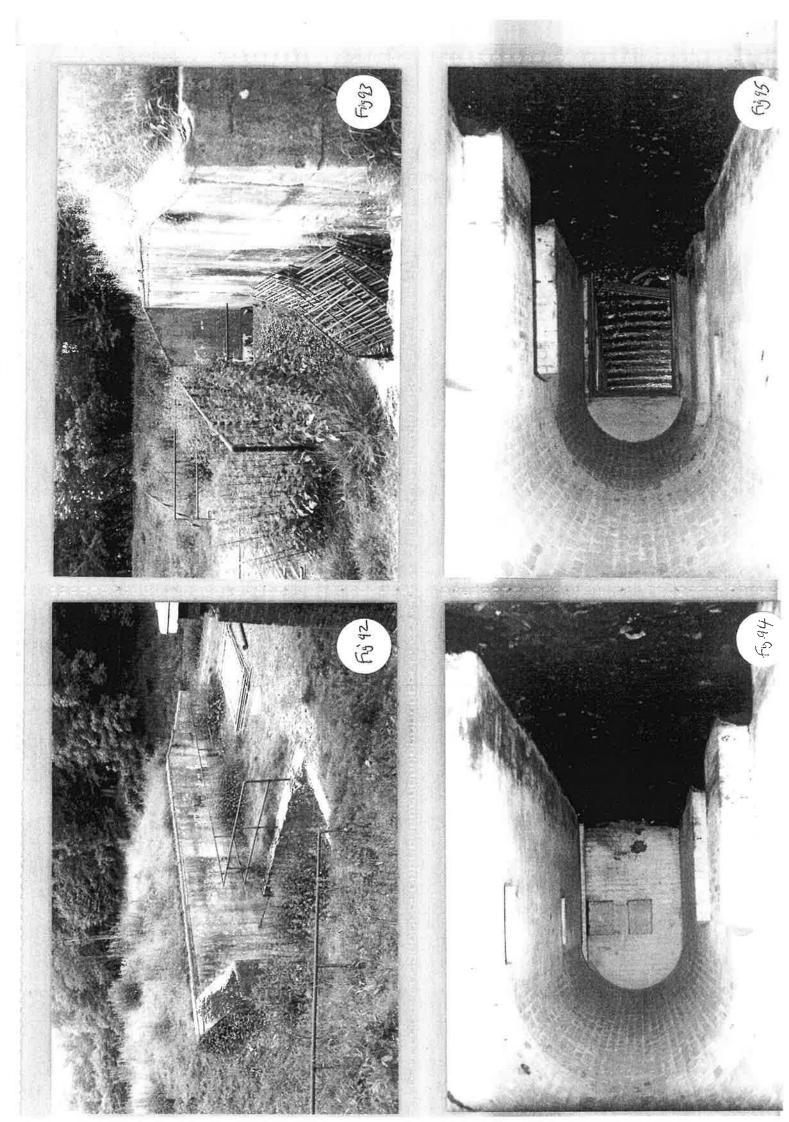


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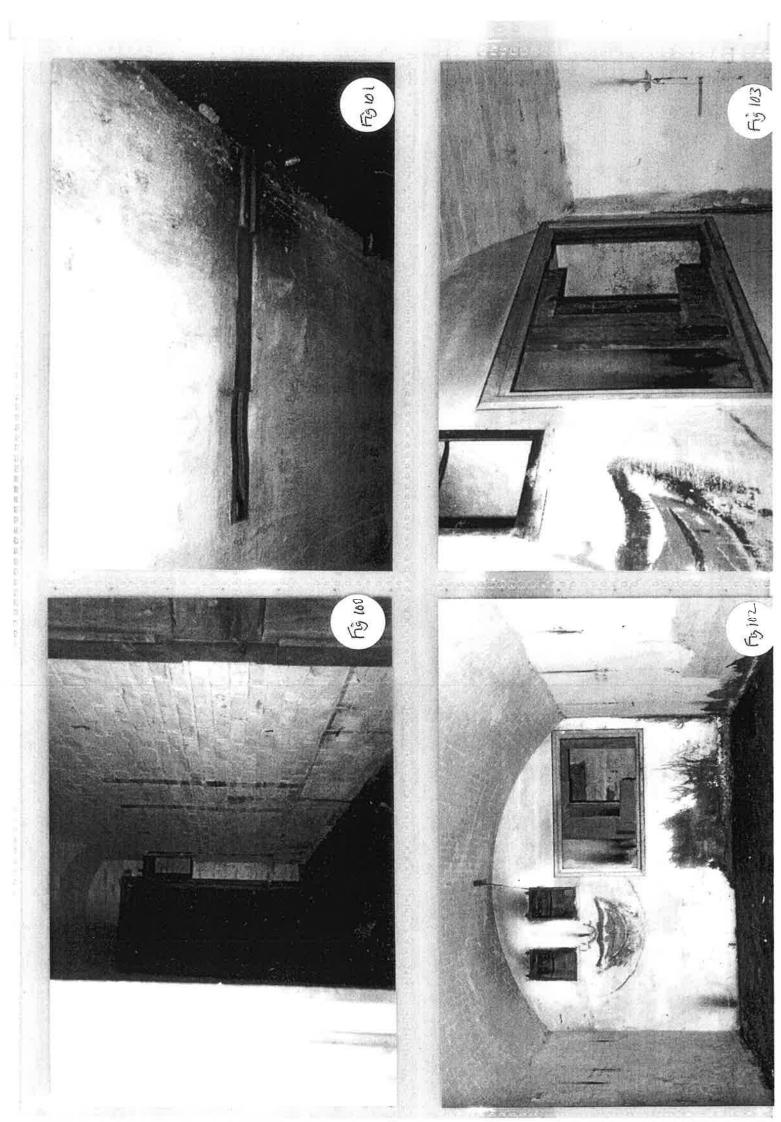
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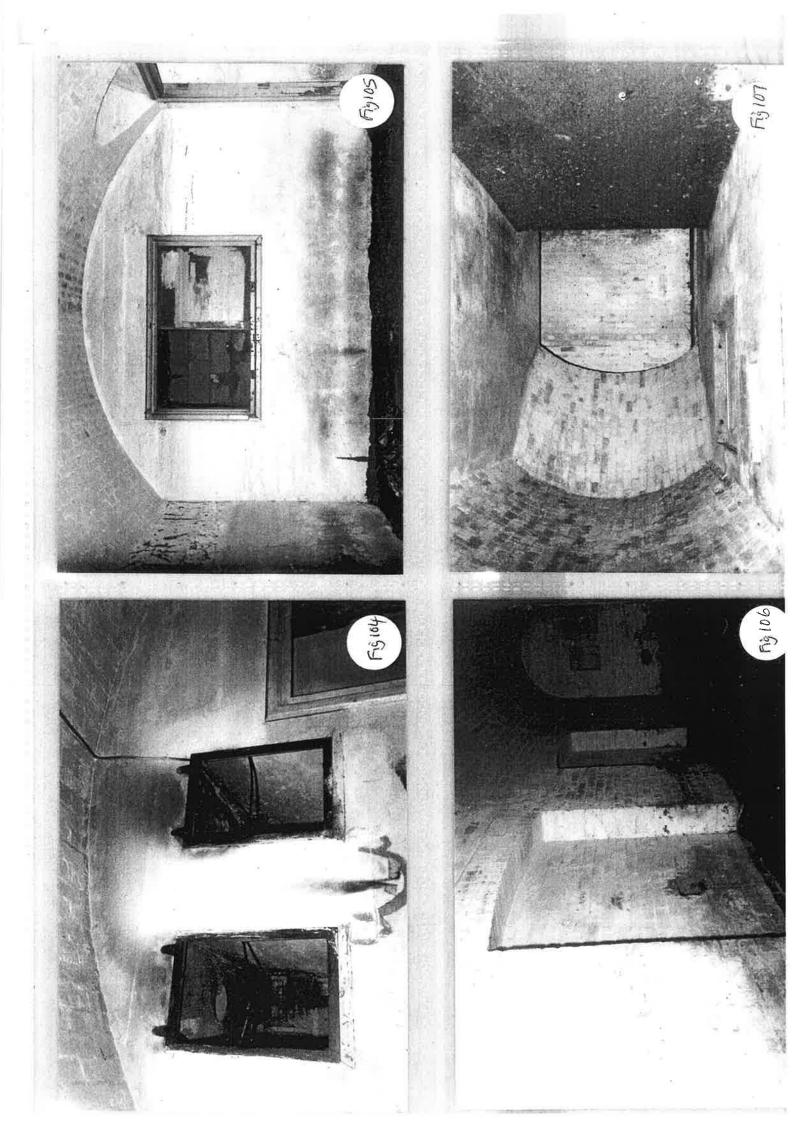
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 Lamps.
- Fig. 107 Floor of the ammunition handling lobby, looking south Towards the entrance passage.

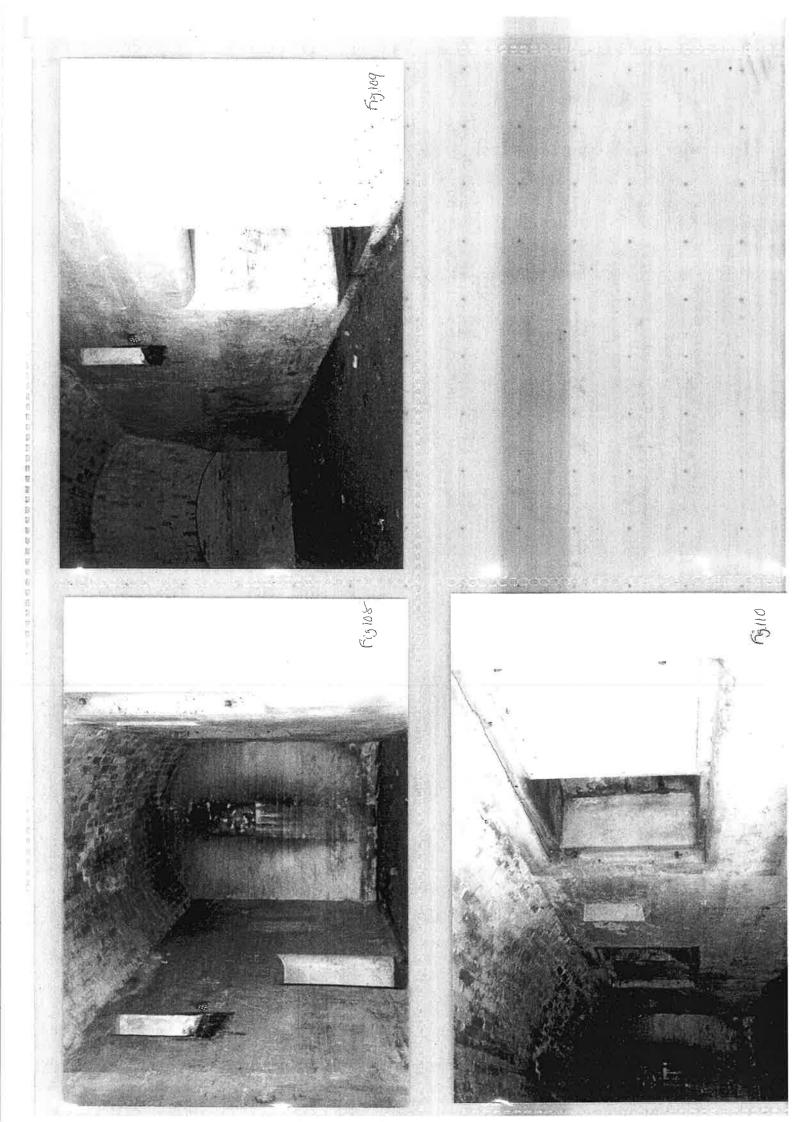
- Fig. 108 Ammunition handling lobby, looking north. The Cartridge hatch is on the left, together with a lamp recess Above and another recess in the end wall.
- Fig. 109 The issuing hatch into the ammunition handling lobby From the Shell store, with a lamp recess above.
- Fig. 110 Both issuing hatches into the ammunition handling Lobby.





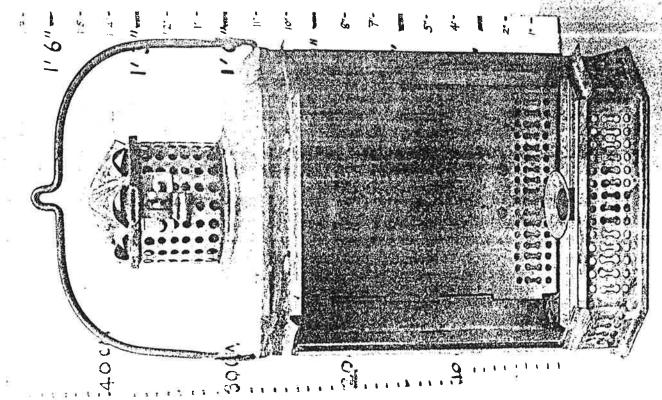


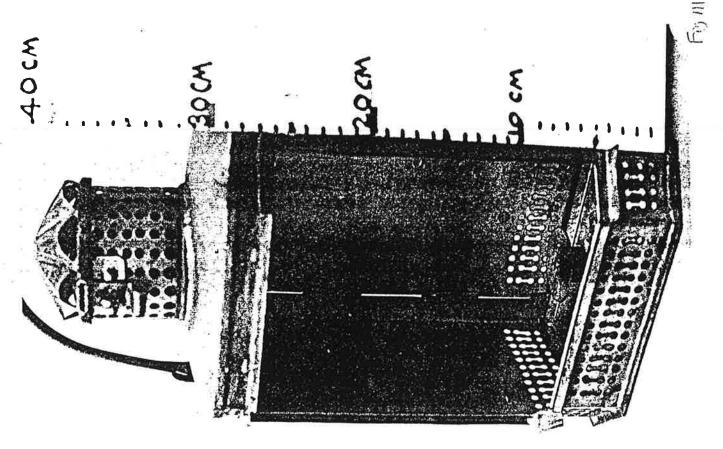


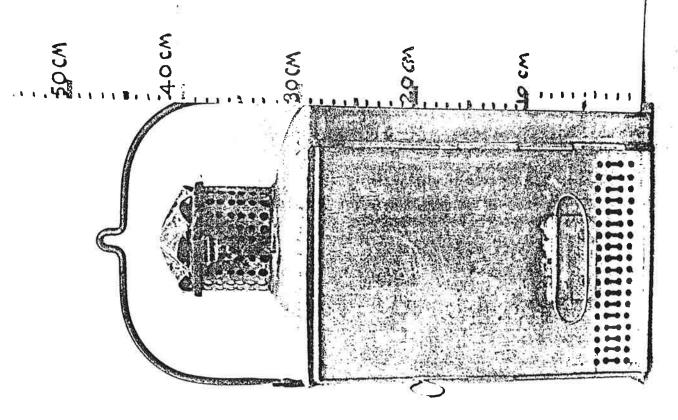


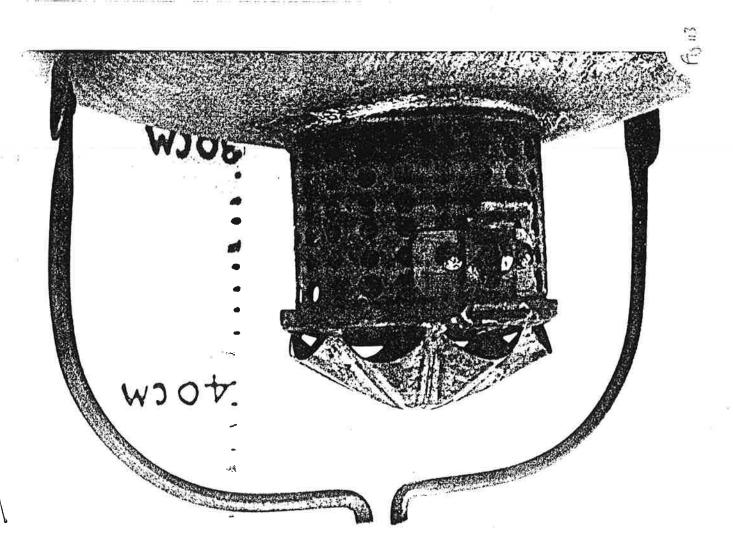
MAGAZINE LAMP

Copy of a magazine lamp of the type that might have been used in the magazine from 1901, replacing an earlier pattern. (Extracted from D. Wood and VTC Smith, *Fortbase*)









REPRODUCTION 1901 PARTITION LAND

EXAMPLE OF A WARNING NOTICE DISPLAYED IN MAGAZINES (Extracted from D. Wood and VTC Smith

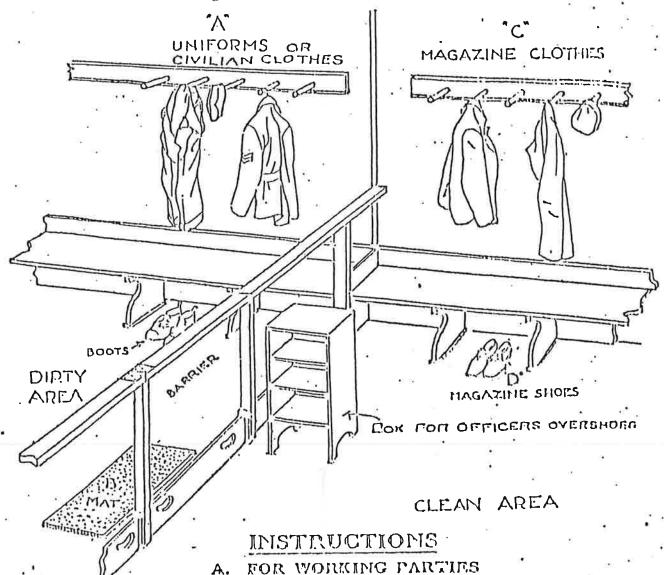
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A CLEAN AREA

(Referred to In A.P. 2608.

Fig. 115

A COPY OF THIS POSTER IS TO BE DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUSLY AT EACH ENTRANCE TO EVERY MAGAZINE AND LABORATORY



1. Wipe your books or shows on mat "B" and take them off.

2. Take off your uniform or outer garments and hang them on pegs "A."

3. Pass the barrier in your socks and underglothes and then put on the magazine clothes "C" and magazine shoes "D" and go to your work.

1. On leaving the clean area the order of the above directions

will be reversed.

B. ALL OTHER PERSONS

1. Turn down ends of trousers and brush them clean.

2. Wipe your boots or shoes as clean as possible on mat "B."

3. Place each foot in succession past the barrier into an overshoe gor golosh over your ordinary footwear.

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CARETAKERS QUARTERS

(Photographed by VTC Smith, July 2000)

