

A SELECTION OF DEFINITIONS FROM THE HISTORIC ENGLAND FIRST WORLD WAR THESAURUS

The full list of Site Types can be found here-
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Ablution Block

A building housing toilets and washing facilities.

Accommodation Hut

A hut used for the accommodation of members of the armed forces.

Active Air Defence Site

A site equipped for active air defence against an airborne enemy assault.

Air Defence Site

A site equipped for passive or active defence against an airborne enemy assault.

Aircraft Hangar

A site, building or structure used to store aircraft.

Airfield

Aircraft landing ground.

Airship

An aircraft lifted by gas bags, containing hydrogen or helium, but propelled by engines.

Anti Aircraft Battery

A site containing one or more artillery pieces and/or rocket launchers for firing at enemy aircraft.

Army Camp

A site, including barracks and ancillary buildings used for the accommodation of soldiers.

Auxiliary Hospital

A building temporarily requisitioned for use as a hospital. Auxiliary hospitals treated the less seriously wounded and were less strict than military hospitals, although they remained under military control.

Barbed wire entanglement

One or more coils of barbed wire intended to impede the advance of hostile troops.

Barracks

A building used to house members of the armed forces.

Barrage Balloon Site

A site where a single large balloon was attached by fine wire cables to the ground to form an aerial obstruction to attacking aircraft.

Biplane

An aeroplane with two wings, placed one above the other either side of the fuselage.

Bomb Site

A site which has been bombed but there is no crater.

Bomb Crater

A depression in the ground caused by the explosion of a mine or bombshell.

Bomber

A large powerful aircraft, usually with two or more engines, designed to carry a payload of bombs.

Cinema

A building equipped with large screen and film projectors, where service personnel could watch films.

Depot

A building or site used as a storage and distribution centre.

Displaced Persons Camp

A camp where people who fled from danger or problem within their own country or international borders and who are in need of international protection are placed.

Domestic Site

Buildings used for the accommodation, welfare and recreation of servicemen.

Drill Hall

A building or site used for the exercise and training of military personnel.

Factory

A building or complex, housing powered machinery and employing a large workforce for manufacturing purposes.

Farm

A tract of land, often including a farmhouse and ancillary buildings, used for the purposes of cultivation, and rearing of livestock.

Hospital

A building used for the medical and surgical treatment of both civilians and military personnel.

Munitions Factory

A building or site used for the manufacture of weapons, ammunition and military supplies.

Parade Ground

A place where military personnel parade, practice marching, assemble or muster for a march or any other special purpose.

Pillbox

An often squat building with thick, loopholed walls and a flat roof, designed to accommodate a variety of weapons, usually strategically positioned to cover a vulnerable point in a defensive system.

Prisoner of War Camp

A prison site for the containment of servicemen captured in war.

Recreation Hut

A hut, usually built as part of a complex on a military base or airfield used for the recreation of military personnel.

Requisitioned Building

A building which has been temporarily taken over for use by the military or civilian authorities. During war time buildings were requisitioned for various purposes such as temporary hospitals or Headquarters.

Searchlight Battery

A site in which one or more searchlights were positioned to locate enemy aircraft or surface vessels for the benefit of batteries and night fighter aircraft.

Shell Factory

A works or factory where shells or projectiles were machined before they were dispatched to a filling factory to be filled with explosives.

Sound Mirror

An early warning structure built during and after WW1 along the south and east coasts of England. Sound detecting acoustic dishes could detect the sound of approaching enemy aircraft at a distance of 8 to 15 miles.

Tank Factory

A factory used for the manufacture of military tanks.

Training Area

A designated area of land, usually closed to the public, used for military exercises and training purposes.

Trench

A linear fieldwork dug as a means of concealment, protection or both.

Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital

A building temporarily requisitioned for use as an Auxiliary hospital, administered by members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment during the First World War.

War Production Factory

A factory or works which has been temporarily turned over to the manufacture of goods for the war effort.

Women's Land Army Hostel

A hostel used to accommodate members of the Women's Land Army who undertook essential agricultural work during the First and Second World Wars.

Zeppelin

A rigid frame type of airship pioneered by Count Zeppelin and used by the Germans in the First World War.