

# Home Front 1914-18



## THE FIRST WORLD WAR HOME FRONT 1914-18

Can you identify this type of First World War building or site?

Clue...



By Land: Site Type - auxilliary hospital

Clue:-

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Clue:- Everywhere more hospital beds were needed, even army camps provided them for soldiers getting better and nearly ready to rejoin their units.

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Can you identify this type of First World War building or site?

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By Land: Site Type - accommodation hut.

Clue:-

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Clue:- Soldiers were provided with places to live.

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Can you identify this type of First World War building or site?

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By Land: Site Type - parade ground.

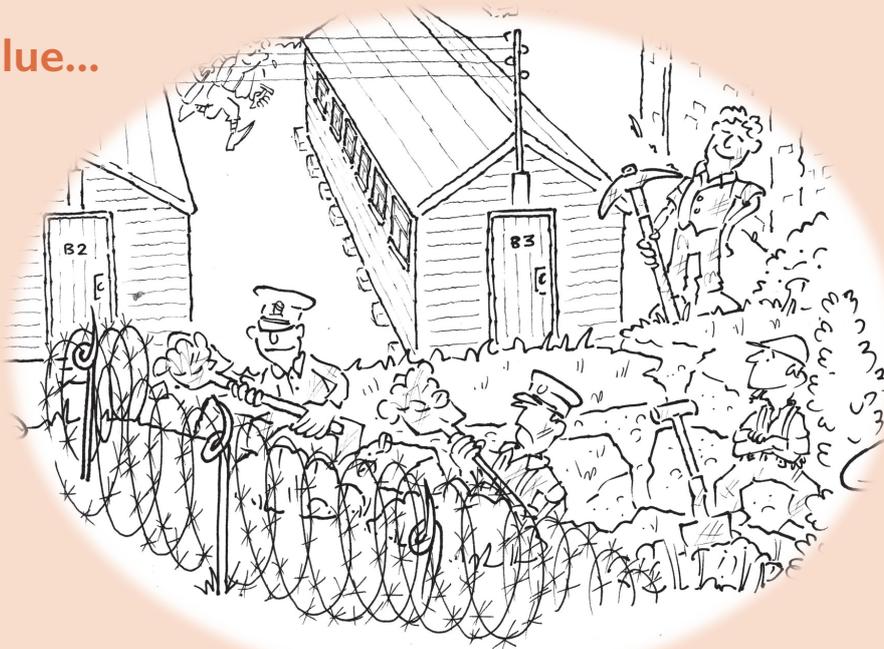
Clue:-  
P \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_

Clue:- The parade ground was the place the soldiers assembled for drill, and church services.

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By Land: Site Type - training area.

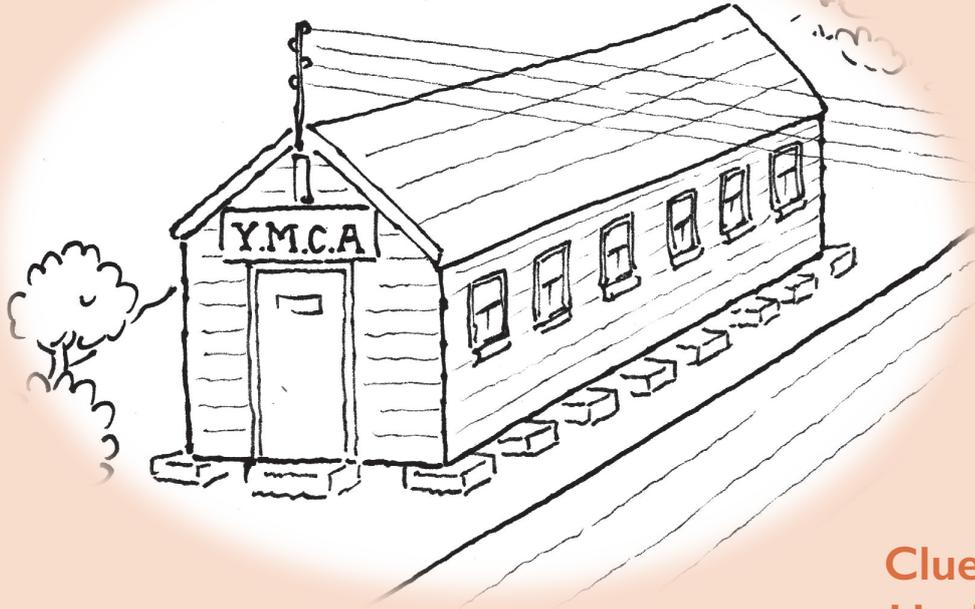
Clue:-  
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Clue:- Soldiers had to practice digging trenches.

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By Land: Site Type - recreation hut.

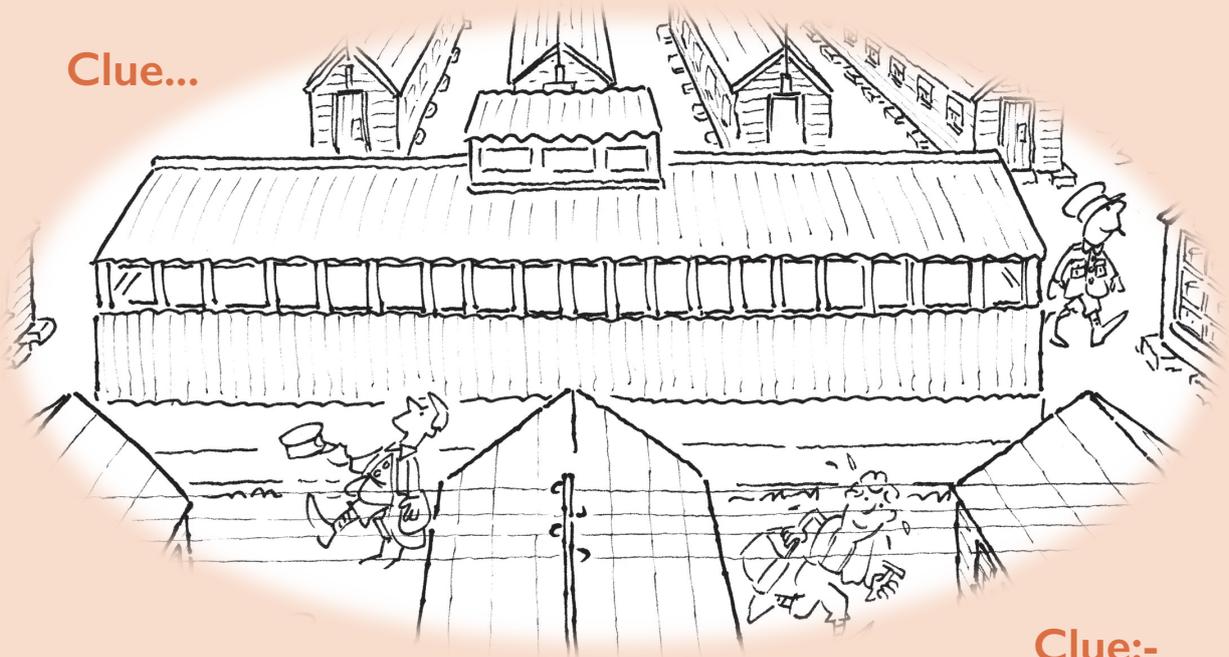
Clue:-  
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Clue:- Soldiers were provided with places to relax.

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By Land: Site Type - ablution block.

Clue:-  
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Clue:- Toilets and showers were provided for soldiers in long washing huts called ablution blocks. These buildings were set at right angles to the accommodation huts.

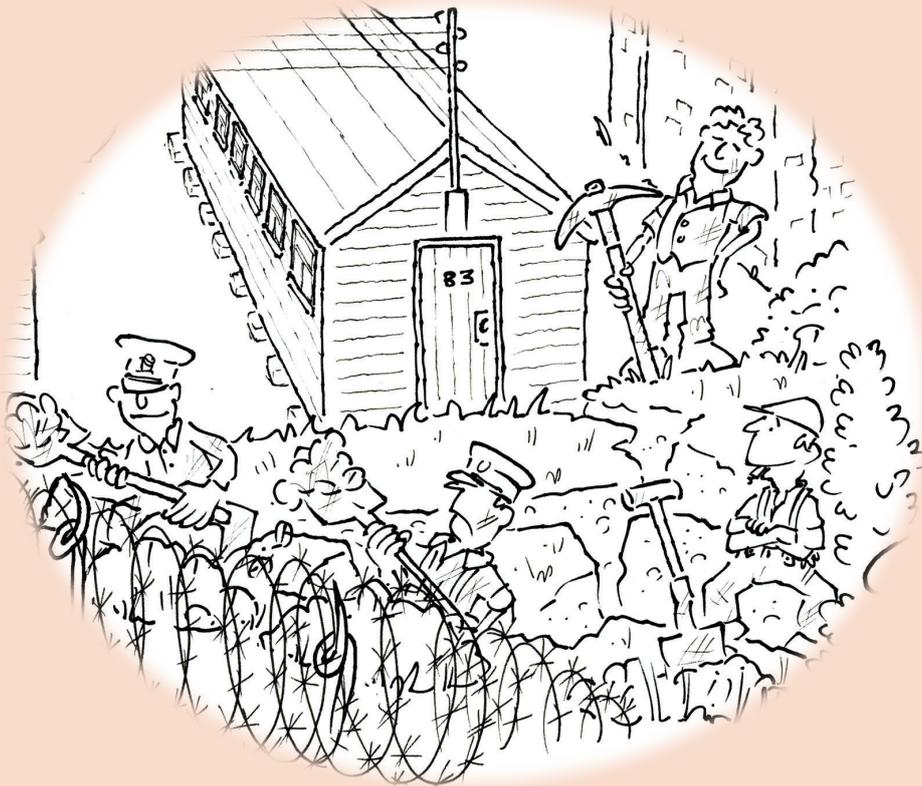
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**By Land: Army Camp**

**Soldiers exercising.**

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**By Land: Army Camp**

**Digging practice trenches.**

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Two soldiers polishing boots.

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Soldiers, in hospital but almost recovered.

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Two soldiers off to see a film.

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Soldiers in the front rank.

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Bostall Heath Camp  
accommodation huts.

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Chatham Parade Ground. © Chris Kolonko

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Clipstone Camp accommodation huts and ablutions block.

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**By Land: Army Camp**

2nd East Anglia Royal Engineers "trenching".

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**By Land: Army Camp**

Convalescent hospital. © Chris Kolonko

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Y. M. C. A. HUT, INTERIOR, SLEAFORD.

**By Land: Army Camp**

Sleaford Y.M.C.A. hut.

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# Joining the Army

Thousands of men left their jobs to join the army. All of them had to be provided with equipment, including uniforms, as well as food and somewhere to live and train.

The United Kingdom was like one big army camp. Large green spaces sprouted tents or huts to provide homes for the new soldiers. Some of the the camps had shops, cinemas and churches.

In camp, the new recruits started their day at 5:30am. They were awoken and called to duty with a bugle call, or 'Reveille'. At 6:30am the recruits would parade for an hour and a half to work on their fitness. Breakfast was served at 8am. The rest of the morning was spent drilling on the parade square and learning to march.

The men returned to drill after lunch, which was between 12:15pm and 2.00pm. At the end of the day, the men were allowed to use the leisure facilities such as the cinema and YMCA hut.

Once the recruits had learned to become soldiers, the training became more intensive and real. They had to dig practice trenches, and learn how to live and fight in them.



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