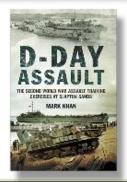


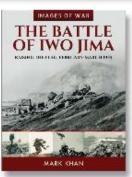
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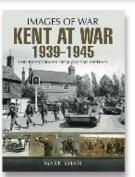
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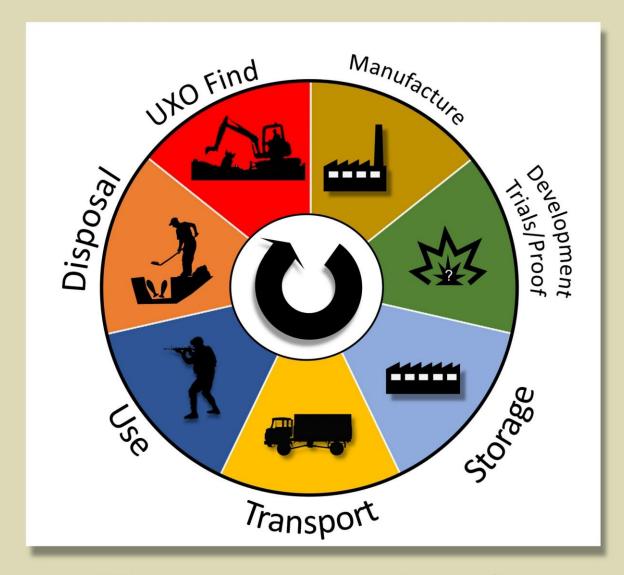


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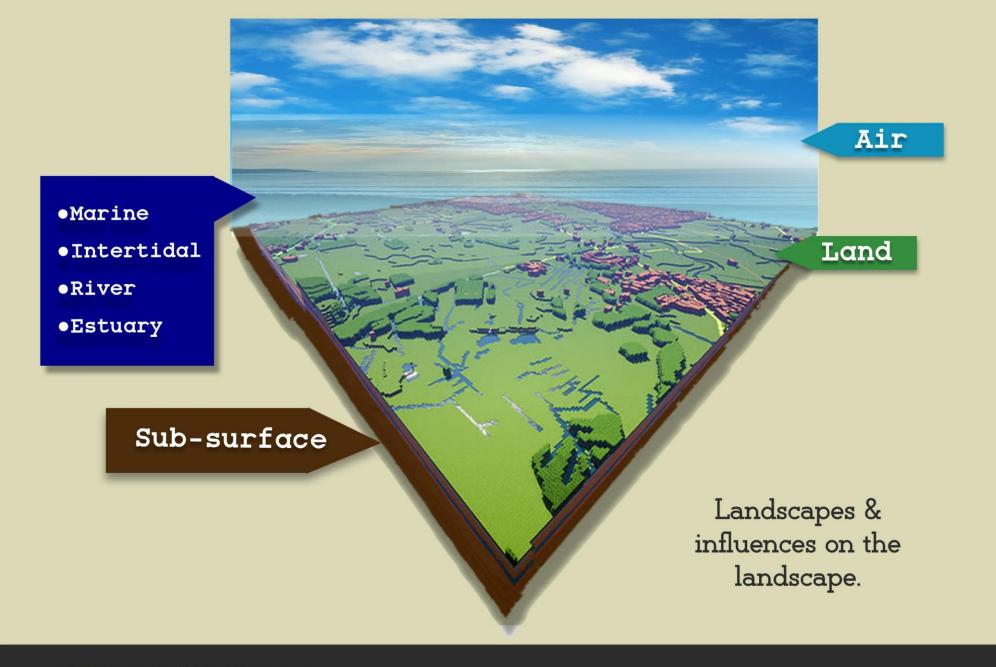


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- What are militarised landscapes?
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### Military Sites









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Disappeared Sites

Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire.

Explosive Handling Site



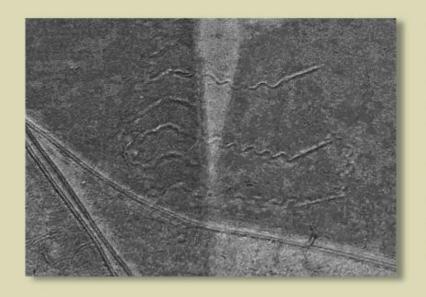


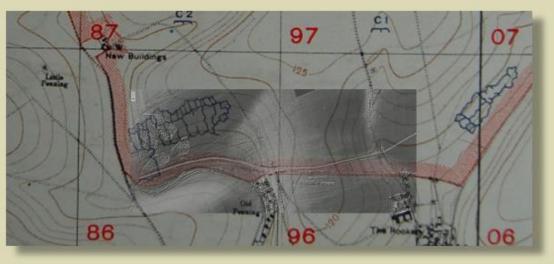


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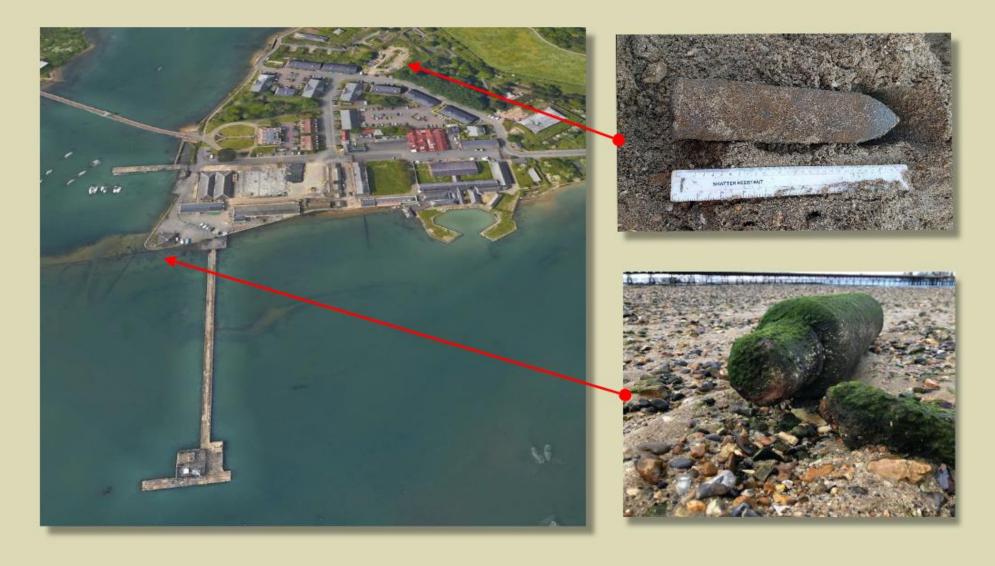


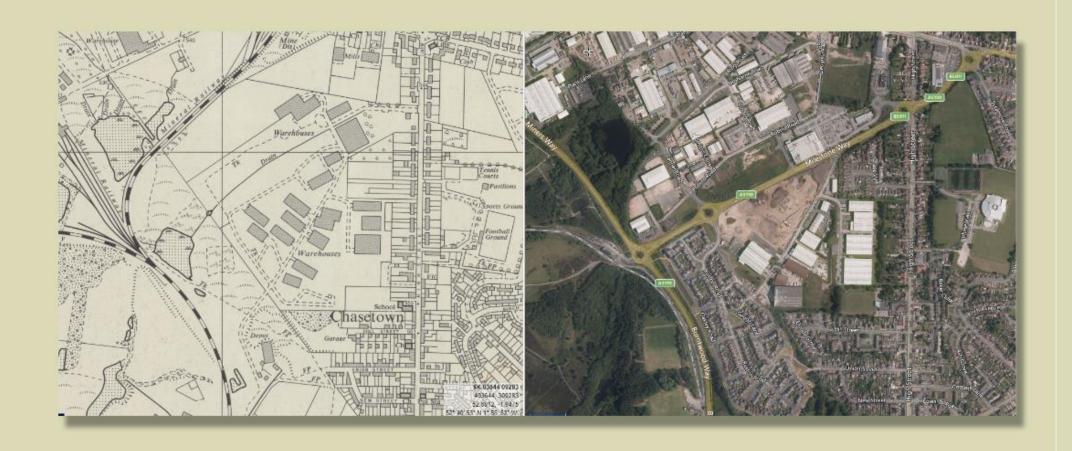






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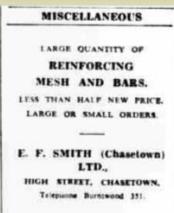


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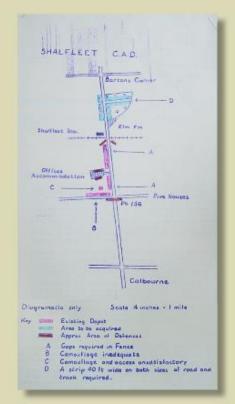






#### Ammunition Dumps









THE SCOTSMAN, FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1946.

AMMUNITION DUMPS

"People Living on Edge of Volcano"

"70 per cent. of Dumps Not Dangerous"

Mr F.J Bellinger (Financial Secretary, War Office)

#### Post War Ammunition Disposal

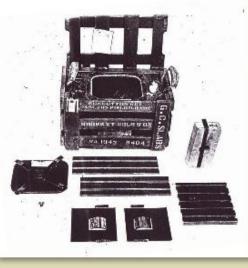




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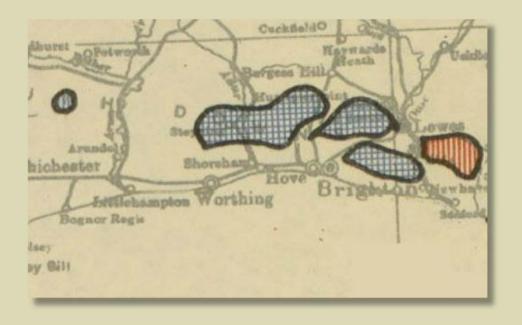


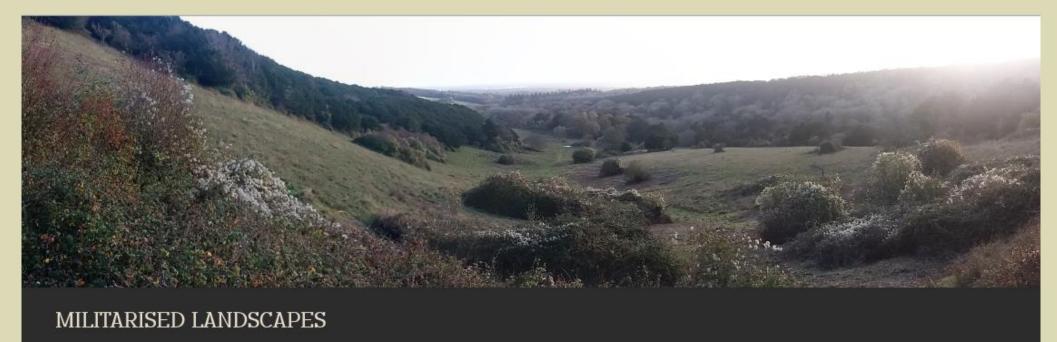




#### Use of Land For Military Training







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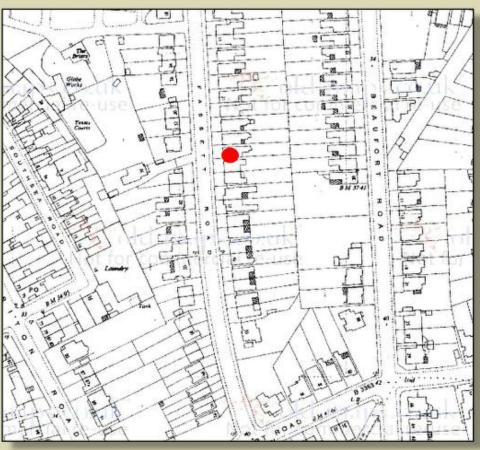




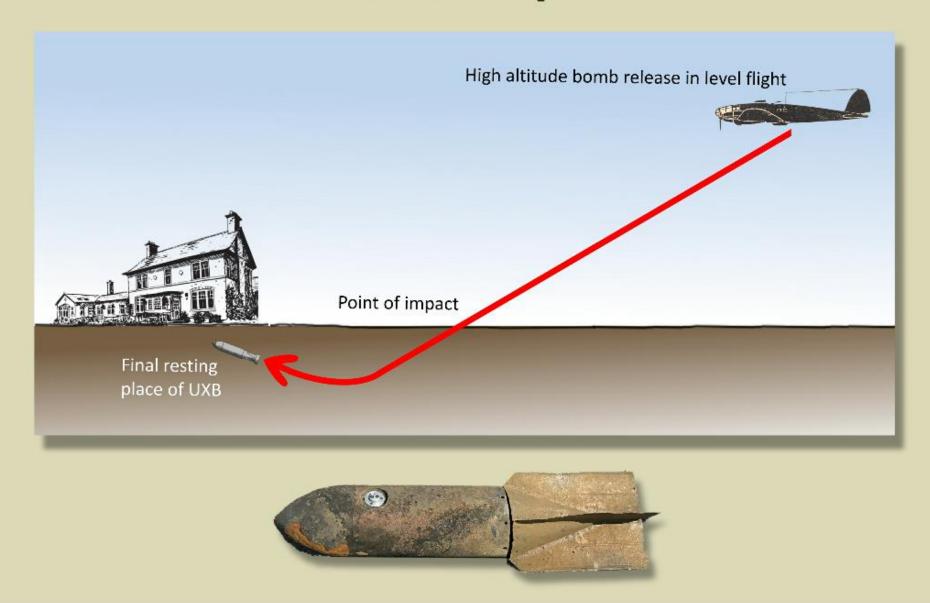
Kingston upon Thames May 2019

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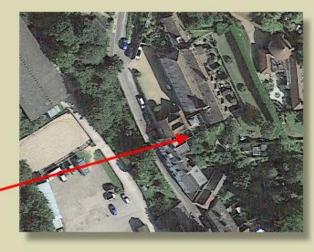
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#### Militarised Landscape?









#### The Role of Research



- What makes a good researcher?
- ► Subject matter experience
- ► Experience in a similar discipline, e.g. archaeology



- •Research Pros & Cons
- ▶ Targeted research, not automated
- ► Be transparent researcher identity and pedigree
- ▶Be wary of 'our team' claims.
- ► Challenge detail and conclusions



Durrington, Wiltshire



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Westland Wyvern MK.2 VW869 broke up in mid-air over Larkhill. Wreckage scattered over 1.5 miles.



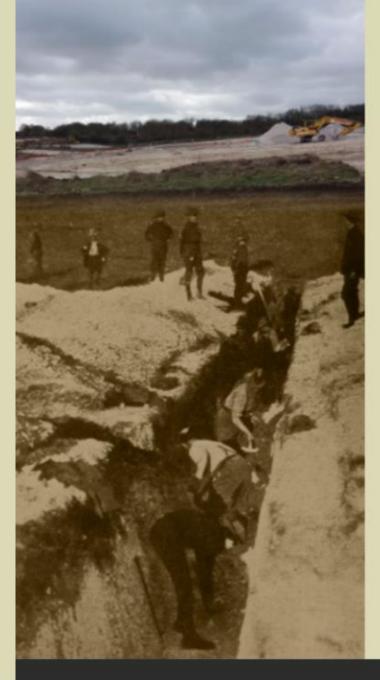












Case Study











#### Bullet indicates Lawrence of Arabia was no liar

A bullet fired by Lawrence of Arabia during one of his most famous acts of guerrilla warfare has been discovered in the Arabian desert by a team of archaeologists.

"The bullet we found came from a Cott automatic pistol, the type of gun Known to be carried by Lawrence and almost certainly not used by any of the ambush's other participants."

March 2016

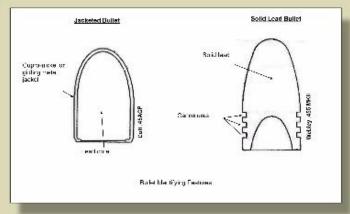




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#### **Unidentified Pistol Bullet**

Found among a cluster of 20 rifle or machine-gun bullets from incoming Arab fire. The bullet was initially thought to have been fired from an M1911 Colt Automatic, the type of gun Lawrence was known to have used.

Analysis by the Royal Armouries has been unable to confirm this. They were also unable to identify any other type of hand gun from which it could have been fired. The identification of the gun remains uncertain, but the location of the bullet makes it highly probable that it was fired by one of the attackers. Investigations are continuing, and final analysis is due in 2017.

Kindly loaned by the Jordanian Department of Antiquities

April 2017

# Thank You for Listening.

Questions.