

Life on the Battlefields 94 Years Later

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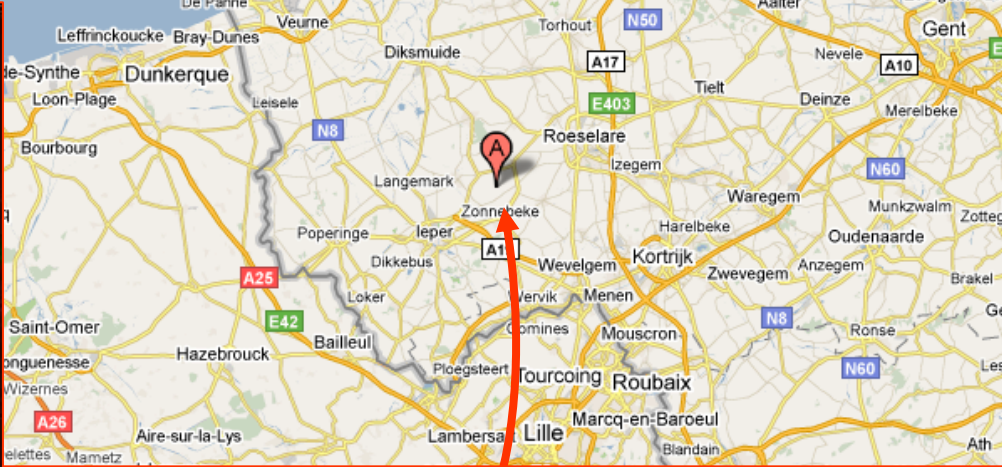
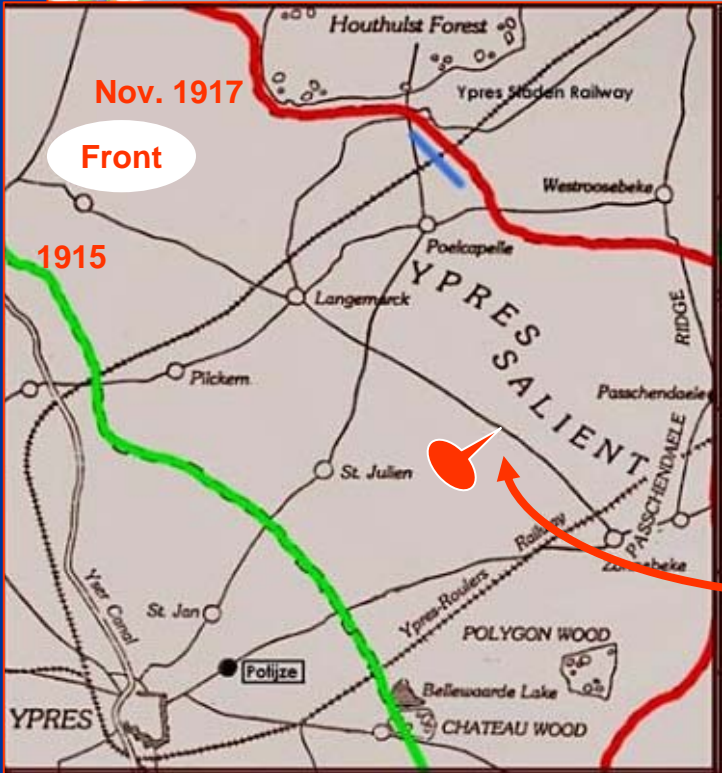
Presentation

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Wellington

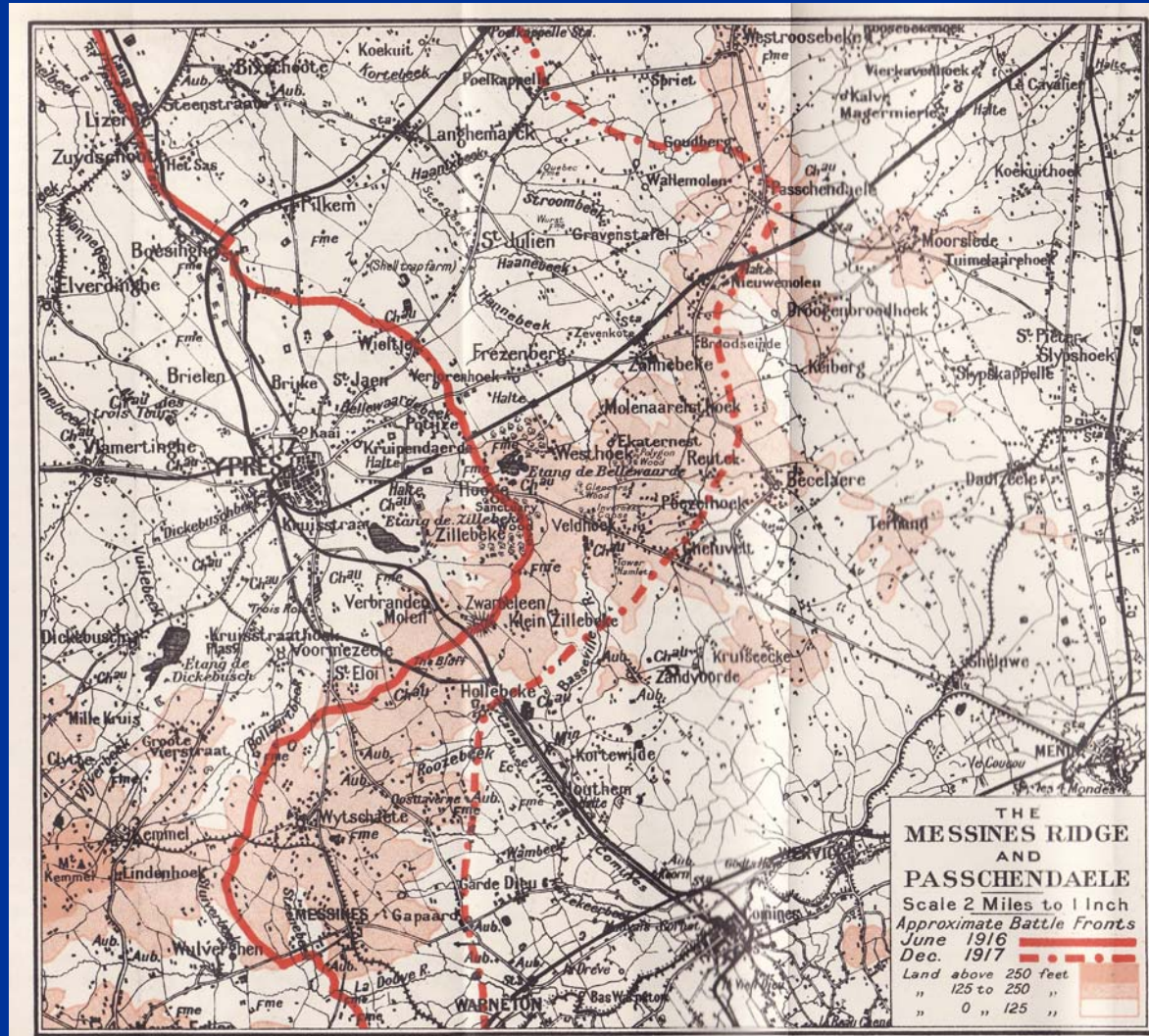
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Passchendaele



Varlet Farm

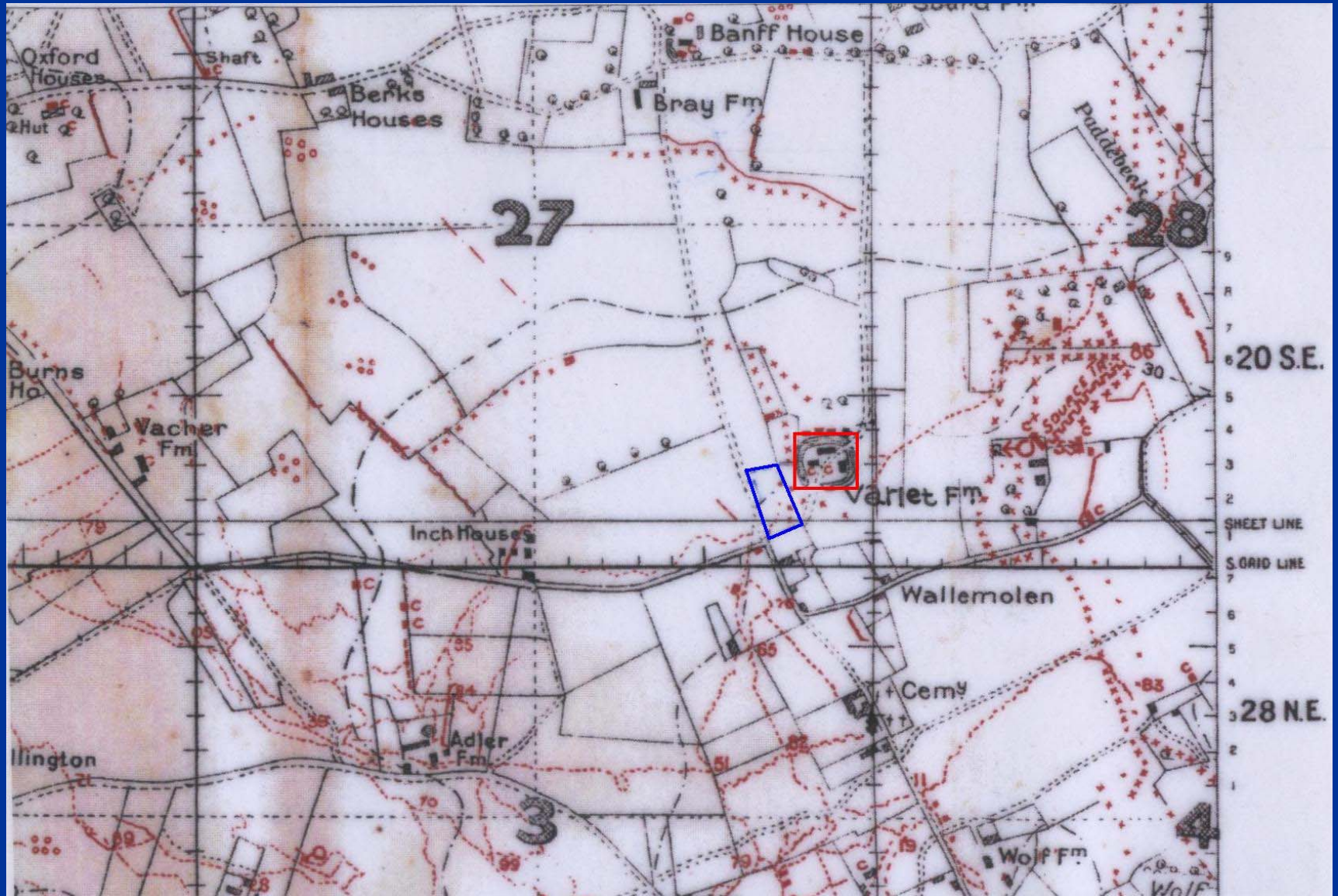
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Flanders mud



Passchendaele July 1917



Varlet Farm, then and now



History of the farm

- Built in 1745
- Destroyed in 1917
- Rebuilt in 1922
- Occupied in 1940 - 1945



Human remains

- Human remains
 - Procedure
 - Identification
 - Reburial



Ammunition

- Origin
 - German
 - French
 - British



Condition

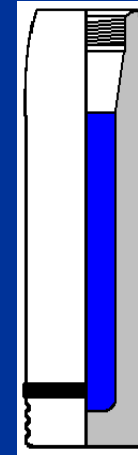
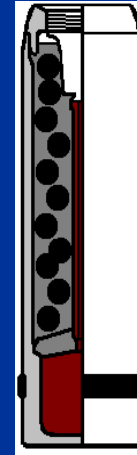
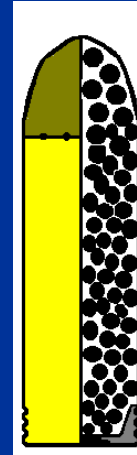
- Used
- Dud
- Unused



Types

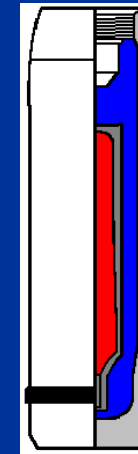
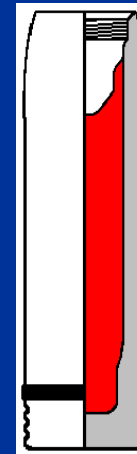
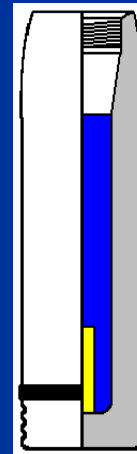
- Traditional ammunition

- Cannister
- Shrapnel
- High explosive



- Gas

- Fire
- Smoke
- White phosphorous
- Vomiting Gas
- Toxic
 - Chlorine
 - Phosgene
 - Mustard gas
 - Arsenic



Traditional ammunition

- Shrapnel
 - Production
 - Use



Traditional ammunition

- High explosive
 - Production
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Traditional ammunition

- Collecting



Traditional ammunition

- Identifying



Traditional ammunition

- Processing



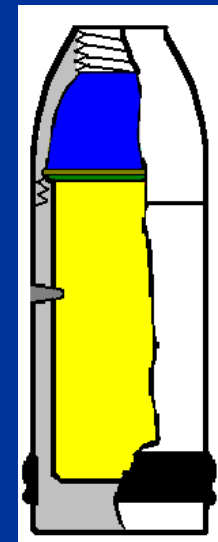
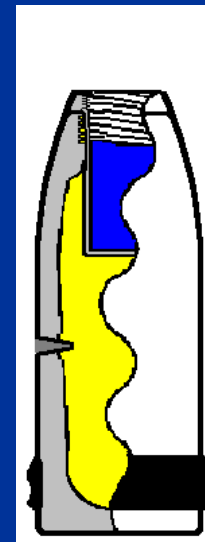
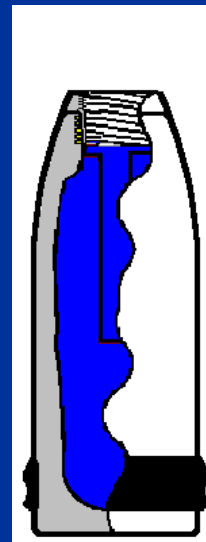
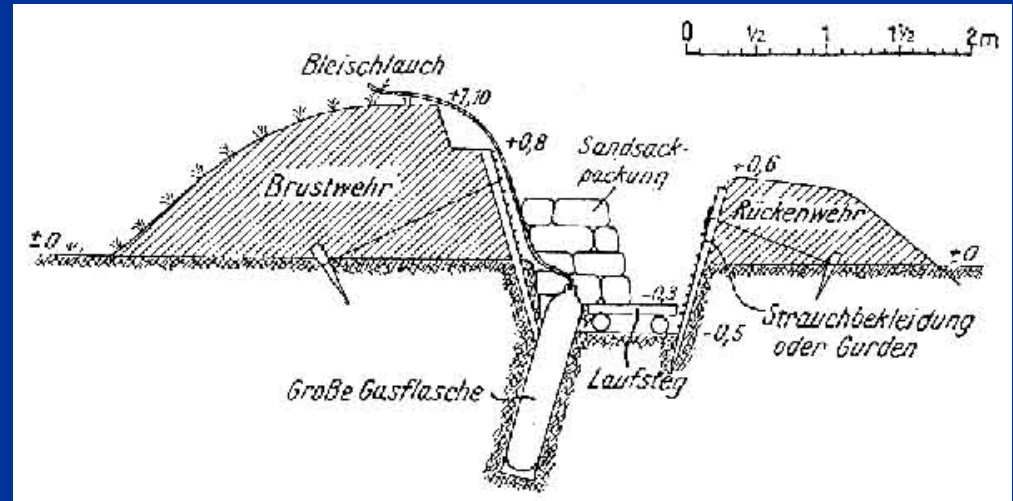
Traditional ammunition

- Destroying



Gas

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Gas

- Smoke attack



- Gas attack



- White phosphorus



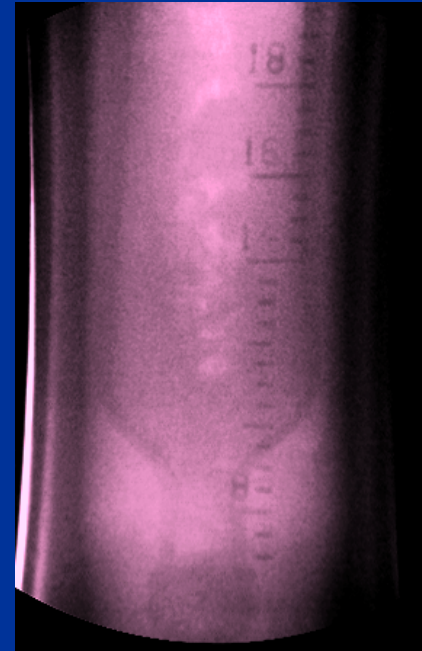
Gas

- Processing
 - X-ray



Gas

- Processing
 - Blaukreuz vomiting gas (1917)



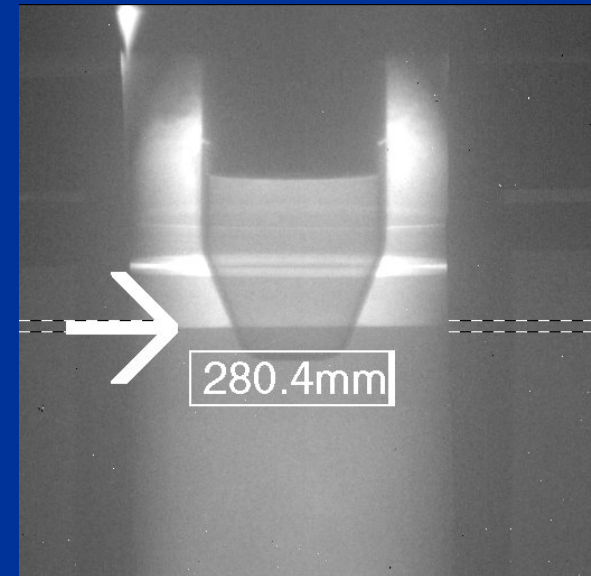
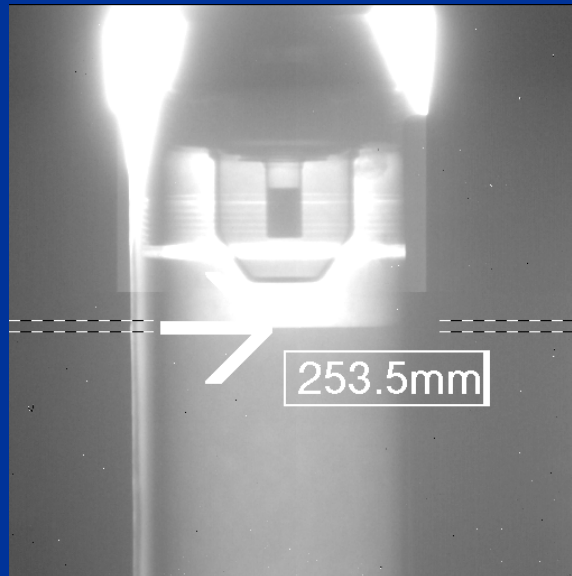
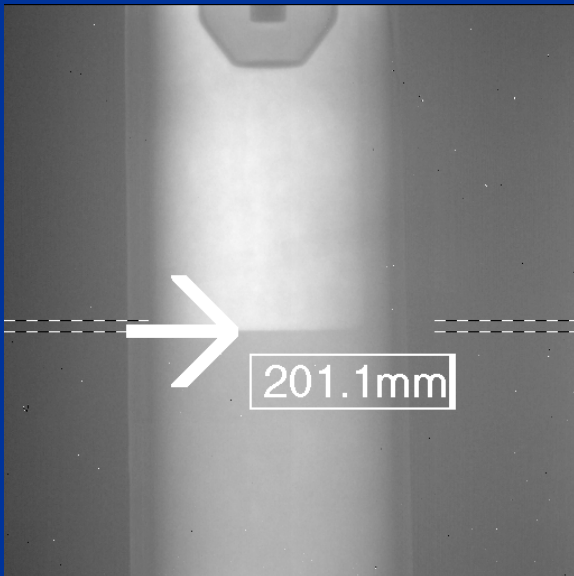
Gas

- Processing
 - X-ray

Gas shell with leak

Ideal situation

Gas level too high



Gas

- Destroying
 - Identifying
 - Sorting
 - Burning



Gas

- Injuries
 - Chlorine
 - Phosgene
 - Mustard gas
 - Arsenic



Trench mortars

- Stokes
- Toffee apple
- German 25cm mortar



Grenades

- Types

- German

- Egg
 - Stick
 - Rifle grenades



- British

- Mills



- French

- Viven Bessière



Rifles & bayonets

- Types
 - French
 - Lebel rifle
 - German
 - Mauser rifle
 - British
 - Long Lee Enfield
 - Shortened magazine Lee Enfield



Other finds

- Drinking bottles
- Rum jars
- Silent pickets
- Helmets
- Buckles
- Entrenching tools
- Machine gun



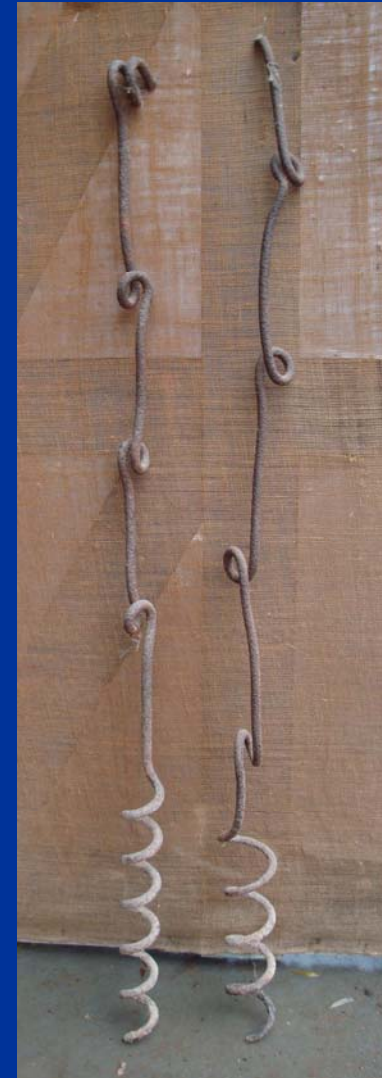
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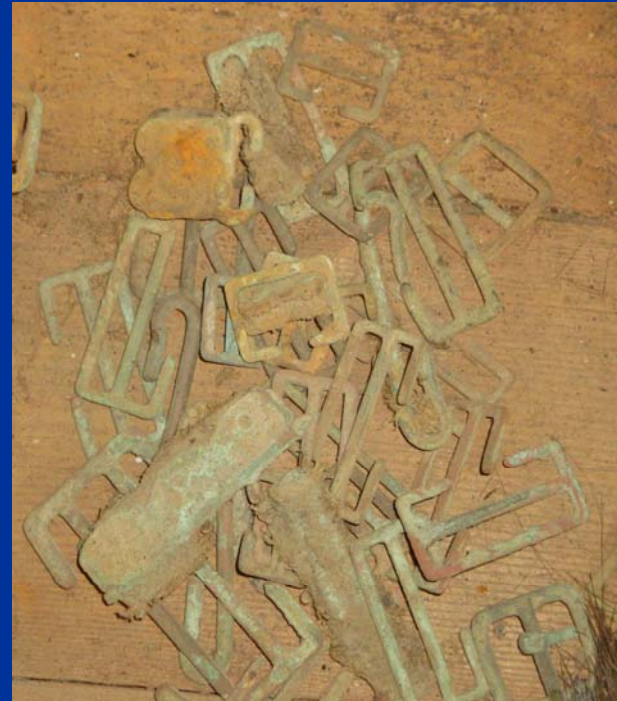
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Iron harvest



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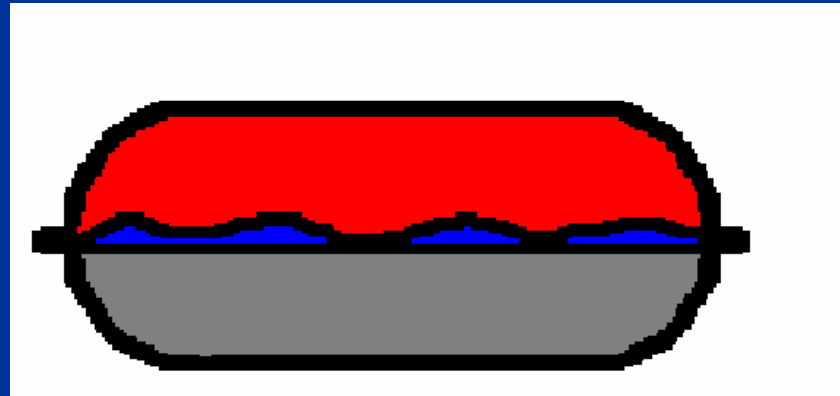
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Livens projector

- Position



- Projectile



Livens projector

- Loading





Amazing find

