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Worksheet 1 – Badges.

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The carving of figures into hilltops has been practised in England since prehistory. The figures are usually created by cutting away the top layer of turf to expose the white chalk beneath. Wiltshire has many of these figures cut into its hillsides, most of which are of



white horses. However, in a small village in the south-west of the county are some hilltop carvings of a very different kind – the Fovant Badges.

Situated on the hillside, below Chiselbury Ring (a prehistoric camp which provided refuge for people from an Iron Age village a mile to the west) the existence of these carvings of military badges in this quiet, rural area of the county gives rise to many questions.

1. Which soldiers put the badges there?
2. Why did they put them there?
3. When were the badges carved?
4. How were the badges made?
5. Why were the soldiers situated in such an isolated spot?
6. Where did the soldiers live?

You will need to do quite a bit of research to find answers to these questions. A good place to start would be through use of the Internet.

The website of the [Fovant Badges Society](#) will give you the historical background of the regiments concerned. Additionally, if you follow the menu item 'World Wars' of the website of [Fovant History Interest Group](#) (FHIG) you will get more information about the lives led by the soldiers while they were stationed in Fovant.