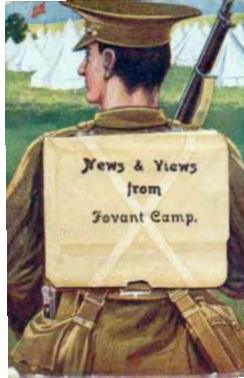


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The word communication can be variously interpreted as ... keeping in touch ... conveying information between people and places ... being in contact with ... connected to ... transporting goods and people.

Keeping in touch

Soldiers sent letters and postcards to their friends and families through their own Post Office at Fovant Camp. Much information about their attitudes to their training, surroundings, and the current situation, can be gleaned from the messages on the reverse of the cards.



21.7.16 'No leave this week. Rotten. With luck next time, Arthur'



29.7.17 'This is what they call a waterfall in England??? ... they want to come over to the place they call West Aust(ralia) then they would see something to talk about. Albert'

Sending and receiving information

Although during World War I the general mechanics and maintenance of signalling was carried out by the Royal Engineers, each individual regiment had its own signals section.

(The Royal Corps of Signals was not founded until 1920).



wireless telegraphy



pigeon carrier



motor cycle couriers



listening device

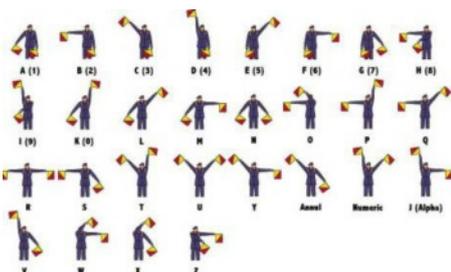


heliograph

- Send messages to your friends using Morse, signal flags, or even using a torch or the sun as a heliograph.
- Find out more about the Royal Engineers and the Royal Corps of Signals



Trench telephone



Semaphore flags can also be used for Morse. Hold a single flag upright, a small wave = a dot, a large wave = a dash.



Morse transmitter

A	· · · · ·	I	· · · · ·	Q	· · · · ·	Y	· · · · ·	1	· · · · ·
B	· · · · ·	J	· · · · ·	R	· · · · ·	Z	· · · · ·	2	· · · · ·
C	· · · · ·	K	· · · · ·	S	· · · · ·	Period	· · · · ·	3	· · · · ·
D	· · · · ·	L	· · · · ·	T	· · · · ·	Comma	· · · · ·	4	· · · · ·
E	· · · · ·	M	· · · · ·	U	· · · · ·	? · · · · ·	· · · · ·	5	· · · · ·
F	· · · · ·	N	· · · · ·	V	· · · · ·	/ · · · · ·	· · · · ·	6	· · · · ·
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Morse code

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Transport - the means of moving people, material and equipment by road, rail or sea



On parade

In full kit the men marched everywhere. Their most frequent routes would take them not only to and fro between the appalling conditions of the trenches and the relative calm of the rest areas, but also to different camp venues as battle grounds shifted position.



Going up the line



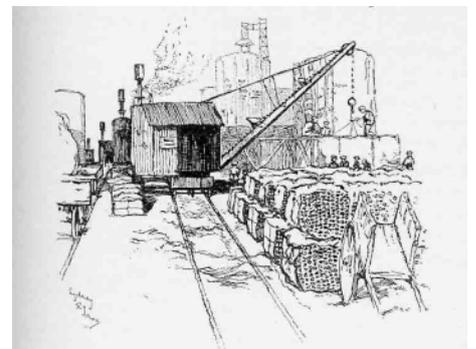
Supply truck



Mule wagon



Mules hauling ammunition along a light railway to the Canadian Lines behind Vimy Ridge



Loading war material in Le Havre 1917. Sketch by Sydney R. Jones



Hospital train in France

Modern versions of all these methods of moving men and materials are at the disposal of armies today. However there is one transport method available today that was not available during WW I . What is it?



At Fovant Camp station



This sketch of a troop carrying train was made by Sydney R. Jones, a soldier of the Royal Engineers, whilst serving in France during WW I. If you look carefully you can see the heads of the soldiers sticking out of the cattle trucks.



Troopship Folkestone to Boulogne 1917

Fovant Military Railway, built in 1915, joined the main line two miles away in Dinton. A troop and goods carrier, it also brought the wounded to the camp hospital.