

# ***Terminology***

*as referred to in*

## ***WAR DIARY*** *or* ***INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY***

*Army Form C. 2118.*  
*(Transcription)*

### **A**

#### ***Aerial Torpedoes***



### **B**

***Bombs*** – this reference means a Grenade (No.5 Mills Bomb). Carried and thrown by a specialist section.

<http://theriflesww1.org/British-Infantry-Tactics-1916--Bombing-Section.php>

***Buzzer*** – A telegraph communications device

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/30005590>

[http://www.engagingwithcommunications.com/publications/THG\\_Papers/World War One  
\\_Comms/worldwaronecommunications.html](http://www.engagingwithcommunications.com/publications/THG_Papers/World_War_One_Comms/worldwaronecommunications.html)

## C

**Coal Box** – A Hun [German] high explosive shell similar to the ‘Jack Johnson’ which on bursting makes a terrific noise and eliminates a heavy black cloud of gas. Should it, however, burst too near you, you don’t see the cloudy effects.”

**Cold Shoers** – Fitted pre-made shoes onto horses in their company

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/14684508@N02/7241399888>

<http://ayearofwar.com/2018/05/10/www-war-diary-salonika-1918-blacksmith/>

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**Hohenzollern Rebound** – A German strongpoint.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hohenzollern\\_Redoubt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hohenzollern_Redoubt)

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**Parapet** – *The side of the trench facing the trench*

**Parados** – *The rear side of the trench*

*Both sides were protected by two or three feet of sandbags.*

## Q

## R

**R.E.** – Royal Engineer

<https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/army/regiments-and-corps/the-corps-of-royal-engineers-in-the-first-world-war/>

## S

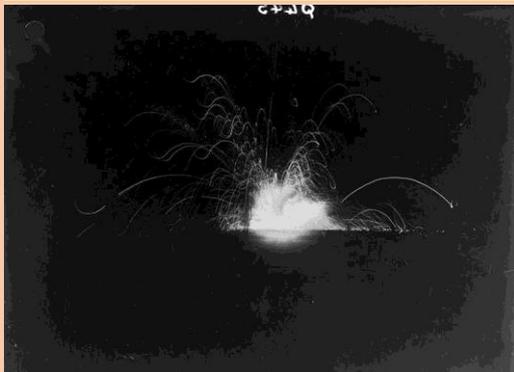
**SAA** – Small Arms Ammunition

<https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/soldiers/a-soldiers-life-1914-1918/common-british-army-acronyms-and-abbreviations-of-the-first-world-war/>

**Sap** – A deep narrow trench constructed to approach an enemy's position. In trench warfare, the practice of digging small 'sap' trenches at roughly 90 degrees out from existing lines and then digging a new trench line in front of the saps. A slow, but relatively safe, way of moving forward.

**Star Shell** – A form of artillery used a means of illuminating the battlefield during the hours of darkness, and also as a means of passing signals.

<https://www.firstworldwar.com/atoz/starshell.htm>



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**Whizz-bangs** – A light shell fired from one of the smaller calibre field guns referring to the sound as the shell came to explode.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/whizz-bangs-and-wind-ups-10-tommy-slang-terms>

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