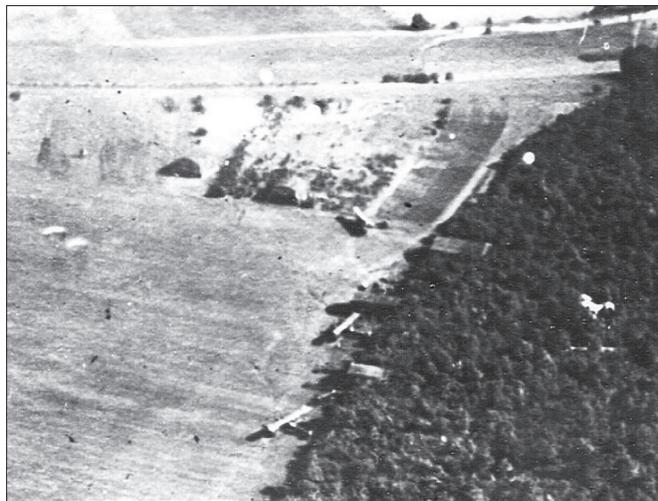
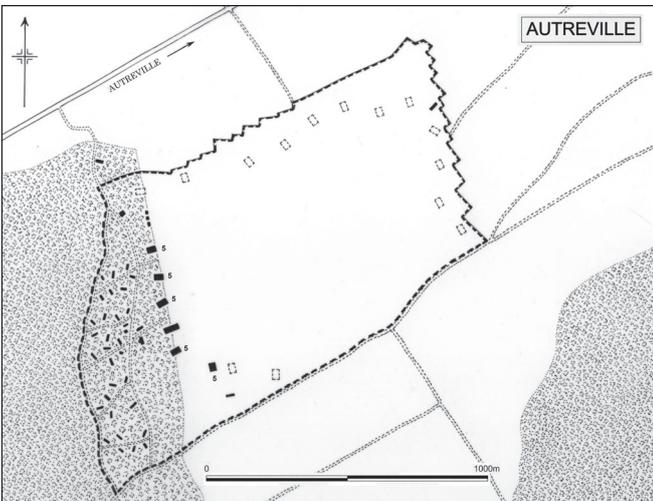
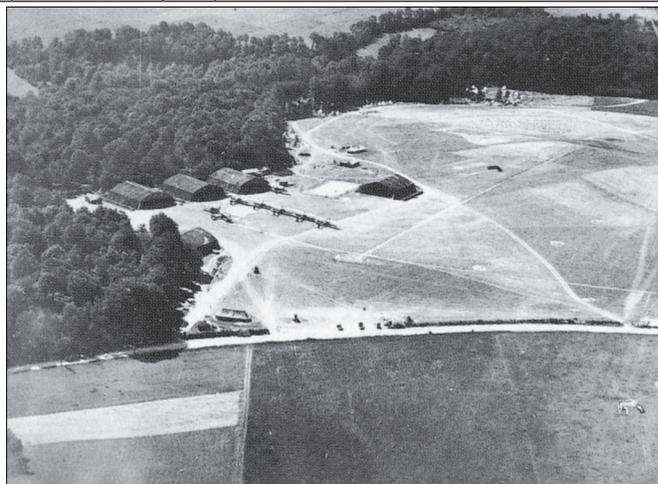
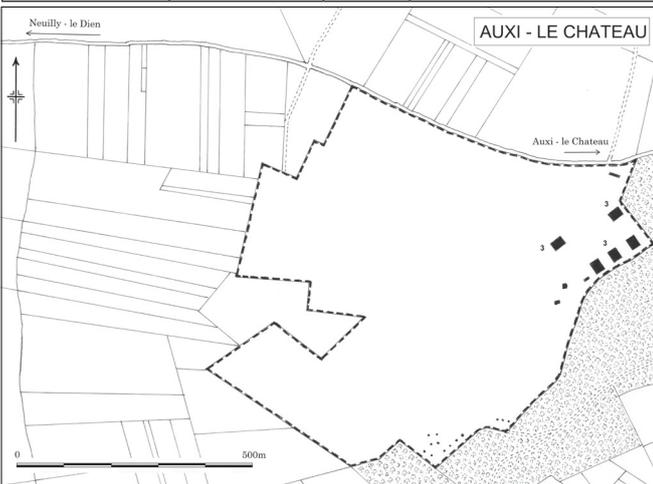


AUTREVILLE					
Neufchateau XXIII-15, BEF NWE 11 & 17					
48°27'32.92"N, 5°49'28.14"E					
Constructed for the Americans, Autreville was only partially finished, with mud in abundance, when 216 Sqn arrived from Ochey driven out by constant (but inaccurate) German night bombing. The site was 3 kms south-west of the village, with the hangars placed on the edge of a thick wood that bounded the landing ground on its western edge. The sleeping huts were deeper within the wood.					
216 Sqn	26.8.1918	from	Ochey	28.9.1918	to Roville-aux-Chenes



The photograph shows how Autreville's Nestler hangars were partially hidden in the trees on the western boundary of the site. Further hangars were planned, and their locations are shown by pecked lines.

AUXI-LE-CHATEAU (9a)					
Lens A.4/B.4, BEF Sheet 51D.G.12.d/H.7c					
50°13'16.85"N, 2°4'59.40"E					
Established in anticipation of the German spring offensive, the landing ground at Auxi-le-Chateau became operational in April 1918 and continued to be used until shortly after the Armistice. Shown as offering ten Bessonneau, a partly-hutted camp and billets in November 1918.					
8 Sqn	12.4.1918	from	Vert Galand	5.8.1918	to Vignacourt
52 Sqn	30.6.1918		Trecon	4.8.1918	Le Hameau
'K' Flt	9.7.1918		Formed	17.8.1918	disbanded
6 Sqn	17.8.1918		Bovelles	27.8.1918	Acq
17th Sqn USAS	19.8.1918		Petite Synthe	20.9.1918	Soncamp
99 Sqn	16.11.1918		Azelot	29.11.1918	St-Andre-aux-Bois
110 Sqn	20.11.1918		Bettoncourt	30.11.1918	Maisoncelle



The landing ground was to the south-west of the village, adjacent to thick woods (Bois Imperial). Its Bessonneau hangars were sited against the woodland. It was here that Major James McCudden, V.C. died in a flying accident on 9 July 1918. 'K' Flt was formed here in July 1918, from a detached flight of 6 Sqn.

AVELIN (653)					
Tournai A.6, BEF Sheet 44A.E.4.a					
50°32'41.25"N, 3°4'36.44"E					
A pre-existing German landing ground (Hostile Aerodrome 48), surveyed by the RAF but never used operationally. There was one large shed (capable of holding six-seven scout machines), five other sheds (each capable of holding a single two-seater) and a large landing ground with a fair surface and good approaches. The billets were in the village of Avelin.					