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# Dummy airfield diverted enemy

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How many people I wonder know that during the early part of the last war there was a dummy airfield — or “Q” site as they were officially called — at Broughton?

It was used to divert night bombing attacks from the nearby Middle Wallop airfield.

The site was fitted with false buildings and dummy aircraft, and airmen moved about on bicycles fitted with special lights to look like taxiing aircraft from the air.

Positions of these dummy aircraft and dummy

vehicles were changed constantly to confuse interpretation of air photographs.

Once we gained air superiority, the “Q” site ceased to operate. There are still traces of the command post and shelters used by the airmen to be found and the other afternoon I walked along a bridleway near a row of fine beeches midway between the Chattis Hill turn-off on the A30 and Broughton to find the remains.

I was able to examine for myself what was left of these concrete underground buildings used over 40 years ago.