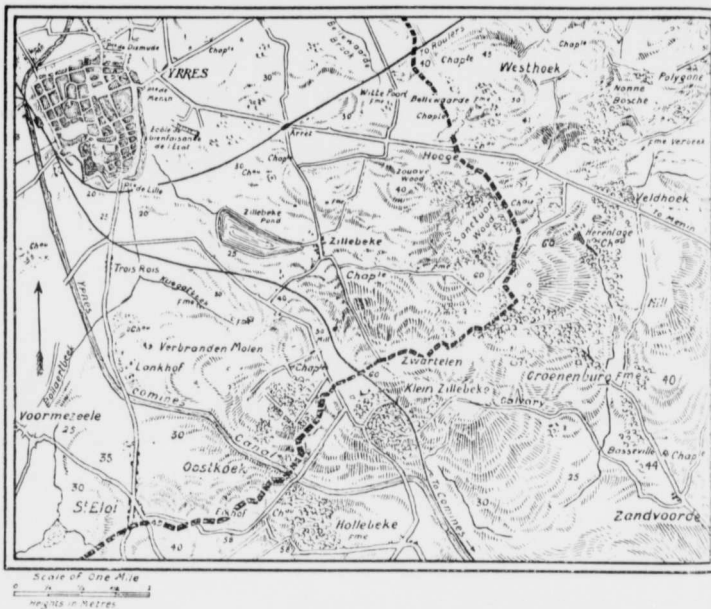


These were small concrete forts partially sunk in the soil and heavily armed, containing 20 to 40 men with machine guns; many examples of which can still be seen dotting the Salient.

But besides their great strength in proportion to their size the pill-boxes possessed the inestimable advantage of being capable of rapid construction. It was only necessary to set up the steel frame work during the night, and fill it up



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with concrete three feet thick. Moreover they were thus invulnerable to field guns, and, owing to their small size, a bad target for heavy artillery.