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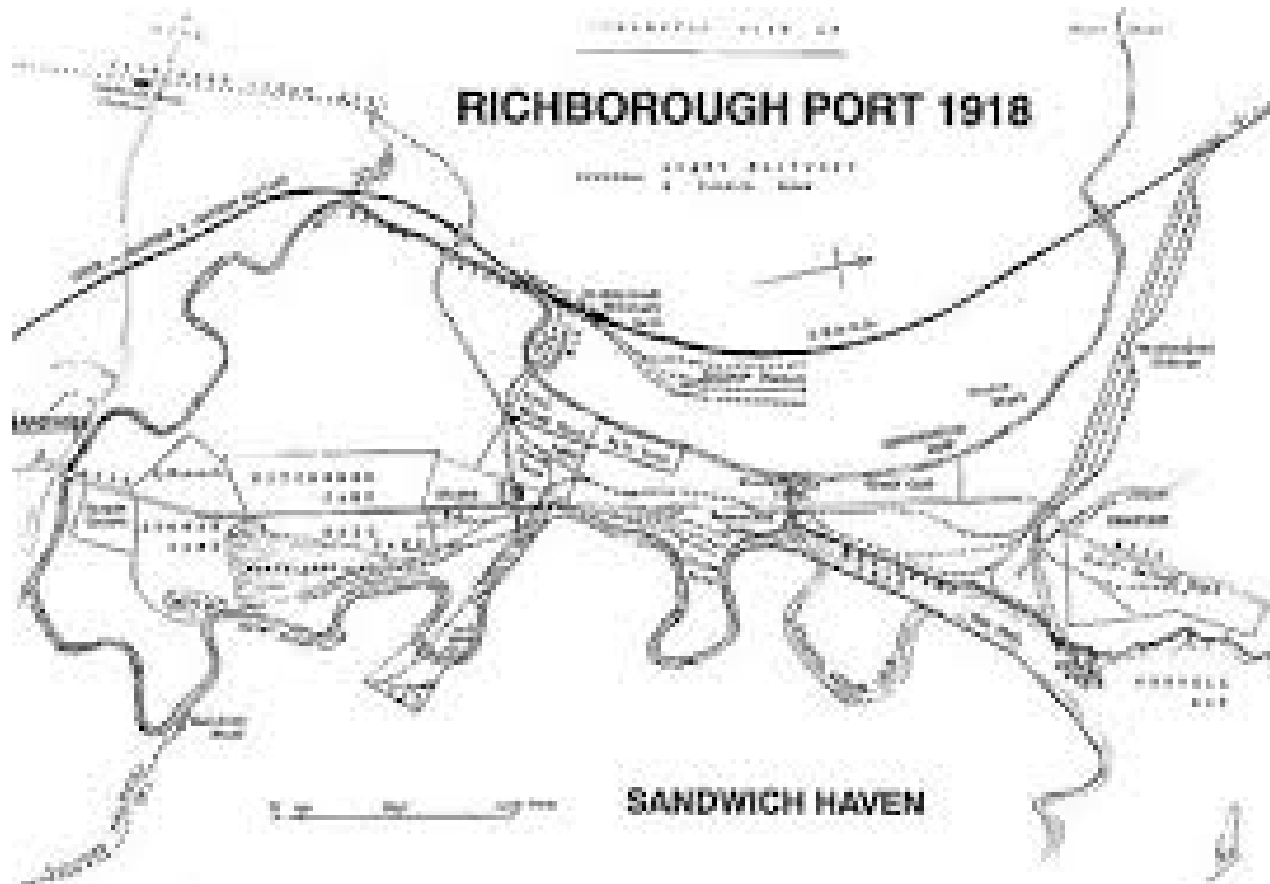
WHY RICHBOROUGH?

- LOGISTICS LOG JAM BY 1916
- INCREASE IN MANPOWER & SUPPLIES
- SECRET, SHELTERED & SECURE LOCATION
- ROMAN & MEDIAEVAL
- RIVER STOUR – LOW TIDAL RANGE
- SUITABLE FOR BARGES
- LARGE GRAVEL BEDS - BUILDING
- AMPLE SPACE

THE PROBLEM

- PREPARATION FOR SOMME
- 7 WEEKS LODGING FOR 400,000 MEN 100,000 HORSES
- NEW TRENCHES, ROADS & RAILWAYS
- WATER SUPPLY & PUMPING STATIONS
- AMMUNITION, FOOD & EQUIPMENT
- TRAFFIC AT FRICOURT IN ONE DAY:
- '26,000 TROOPS, 568 LIGHT MOTOR CARS, 617 MOTORCYCLES, 813 LORRIES, 3,200 HORSE DRAWN WAGONS 333 MOTOR AMBULANCES ETC....

RICHBOROUGH PORT



PURPOSE

- ESSENTIALLY A MILITARY FERRY TERMINAL
- LARGE TROOP & STORES DEPOTS
- CONNECTION TO MAIN LINE – SE & C RAILWAY
- RELIEVING PRESSURE ON SHIPPING – UBOAT LOSSES
- TROOPS & EQUIPMENT OUT – CASUALTIES & SCRAP BACK

OPERATION (1)

OPERATION (2)

OPERATION (3)

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IN SUMMARY