

- 8 Use your own knowledge and Sources B and D to answer this question.

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Outline how the experiences of trench warfare changed soldiers' attitudes to the war over time.

Trench warfare extensively changed the attitudes of the war over time, as the weather condition worsened so did the discomfort and living condition for the soldiers. The attitudes transformed from the soldiers believing that the conditions of fear trenches were acceptable on the western front, but as the trenches began to turn from dirt and rubble to "weather eroded ditches" collapsing within hours, the men's attitude began to show hopelessness and despair. The fear of disease and trench foot came about due to the dead bodies being merged amongst the mud and beneath the remaining soldiers feet as they defended from trenches. The soldiers attitude turned to little hope, this is supported by the "freezing cold, desperate for hot meals, huddling under whatever shelter" these conditions were not expected when these soldiers signed up for war as they began egg about through experiences trench warfare and the horrible conditions these attitudes soon changed.