

- 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.

During the early stages of the war, there was a huge support and high morale towards the war as soldiers experienced the war themselves fighting on the fronts attitudes changed.

Source B describes the conditions of a trench. It was seen to be 'confusing'. The trenches were also very dangerous. This was due to constant German sniper attacks as well as unpredictable fire from '... German rifle-grenades and trench-mortars...'

This perspective is reinforced by source D. The trenches would collapse due to mud, or be smashed by enemy guns. When under attack it was 'slime' which prevented the men from climbing out of the trenches. Ladders, as well as items such as duckboards, burial crosses... hot-issue biscuits... would be turned to ~~keep~~ keep warm due to the freezing conditions.