

Modern History

Section I (continued)

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Question 2 (10 marks)

Initially poor  
 ↳ tech had  
 created stale (mach)  
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tanks 1916 → didn't know how to use  
 \* co-ordination → 1918.  
 Gas - most could be defended (dangerous).  
 large artillery shells - ineffective eg. Somme.  
 instead used manpower (artillery).

Use Sources A and B and your own knowledge.

How successful were the Allies and the Germans in using technology to break the stalemate on the Western Front?

~~The~~ Both the Allies and the Germans did ~~not~~ not successfully use technology overall. Although the technology was available earlier, it took the Allies until the end of the war to learn to successfully apply technology to break the stalemate.

Initially, the stalemate of 1915 was caused by ~~tech~~ the use of machine guns which prevented the use of troops to gain territory. For example, source A shows a <sup>WWI</sup> trench where the soldiers are using a periscope to sight the enemy activities. This use of technology therefore ~~could~~ was not a successful ~~attacking~~

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weapon of ~~that~~ <sup>infantry</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> would help break the stalemate by shelling machine gun positions. However, this on itself ~~however~~, could not destroy the enemies defences and so both armies required the use of large artillery shells which were often inaccurate thus unsuccessful. Furthermore, the use of technology was many ~~times~~ unproductive due to a lack of a co-ordinated assault involving tanks, aircraft and infantry. Up until ~~to~~ the 1918 Allied counter offensive ~~the~~ both armies lacked co-ordination of technology. For example source B describes the allied attack on Cambrai which used tanks alone ~~with the infantry~~ which allowed the enemy to ~~not~~ attack from protected positions. Aircraft were not effectively used either, for example the bombing was minimal and ~~the~~ communication via photographs from the air were not used eg. ~~in~~ ~~the~~ Somme 1916 the allies thought the German trenches were destroyed. Other technology such as ~~the~~ the use of gas was dangerous due to wind direction and easy to be protected against. Thus, the use of technology was ~~unsuccessful~~ not very useful in breaking the stalemate <sup>resulting</sup> ~~based~~ in the overuse of infantry and war of attrition.

End of Question 2