

- 7 Use your own knowledge and Source C to give THREE reasons why it was difficult to evacuate wounded men from the trenches. 3

It was difficult to evacuate wounded men from trenches as they were poorly constructed as we can see from source C there are no supports or proper exits with ladders.

It was also very dangerous to exit the trenches as the enemy (Germans) would be waiting to fire & it would be harder to fight back if you also had to help wounded men evacuate.

Also with masses of men needed for battle it was hard to find men who were not fighting to provide support for the wounded men to evacuate.

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.

At the beginning of the war men were eager to sign up for service due to reasons of adventure, full-time employment, an escape, to impress women among many others. ~~Being~~ The war was expected to be only short lived and over before Christmas. When the realities of the difficulties of war were accepted, and neither side could make strong advances, trenches were constructed. 'Everything here is wet ~~to~~ and smelly' is how Robert Graves explains his experiences in the trench in Source B. This quote reflected on the poor conditions of the trenches; vermin would infect the trenches and spread illness such as trench fever, trenches were poorly constructed & often deteriorated, there were no trenches for water to escape, dead bodies were not often evacuated & there was little shelter from wind, rain and cold. The poor conditions were being known at the homefront and this caused a drop in enlistment. Men also found these poor conditions impacted their willingness & ability to fight 'Soldiering was just a matter of enduring until the relief unit arrived'. Soldiers also had constant work to be completed in the trenches. One third were on rifle duty, one third sentry duty and the other third were on maintenance. Soldiers would serve 4 days in the frontline trench, 4 days in the support trenches, 8 days in the backline trenches & 14 days rest. These poor conditions in the trenches and constant work and duty that had to be carried out significantly affected one's determination to fight in war and saw the attitudes towards war change dramatically, which led to the introduction of conscription.