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

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

The soldiers who fought in the trenches soon came to see their war as about luck where a stray shell or rifle grenade such as exploded in Source D could kill a soldier at any time especially with the amount of shells being fired at battle Like in Ypres in 1915. The “degree of discomfort” as explained in Source D also changed soldiers’ thought about their own lives. The high amount of shells had at places such as the Somme in 1916 and Passchendaele in 1917 meant at most times the soldiers were unable to move. The trench positions became the bitter sea in Flanders. It was a grind into a mindset. The insufficient amount of food and clothing also describes in Source D with “hard issue biscuit” the only food issued in the trenches, in most instances there were full of maggots or so hard soldiers were unable to eat them, so soldiers such as in Source D resorted to bring them. The lack of warmth, water, clothing also lead to soldiers discontent and disorganization in soldiers who resisted their commanders who lived far behind the lines (sometimes up to 10km).