

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.

When the war started in 1914, the British public held romantic notions of the war and they all thought the war would be over by Christmas and as a result the British trenches were feeble in construction compared to the well designed German trenches. ^{New} ~~Other~~ tactics also caused the changing attitudes of the soldiers. The use of machine guns as a defensive weapon was acknowledged, it created a sense of fear within the soldiers one 'machine-gun unit' could easily kill 600 - 1000 men in half an hour. As the Germans were fighting on their own territory, they built the trenches to be strong so they could resist counter attacks by the enemy. These were far superior to the British trenches as the British thought they would be mostly mobile and there should be no reason to waste time on building complex trenches.