

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.

The experiences of trench warfare changed over time and this subsequently led to a change in the battle weary soldiers attitude towards trench warfare. Through Source B we can gather the attitude of a soldier who discusses tactics and ~~and~~ his initial disgust at the appalling conditions of the trenches. However he remains comparatively fresh and focused on fighting on in the early stages of the stalemate of May 1915 and speaks of "Each side snipes down and from the top of its brick stacks into the other trenches maintaining his focus on battle. Paradoxically we can see from John Gaffin in Source D that "the winter of 1916-1917" the soldiers were exhausted, weary, homesick, drained and it became a matter of surviving rather than winning as the longevity of the atrocious conditions had taken its toll severely. The attitudes of the soldiers generally changed as you can see from the two sources the morale decreased considerably with time and the attitudes had changed dramatically as Gaffin put it "Soldiering was just a matter of enduring until the relief unit arrived. In great contrast to Gromes who speaks of the strategic aspects of trench warfare, the attitude changed through the long and arduous experience as soldiers just wanted to go home and survive the ~~and~~ appalling conditions