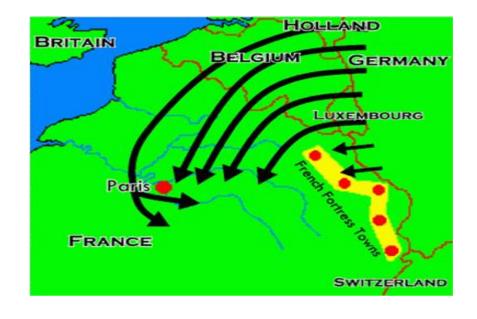
### Trench Warfare

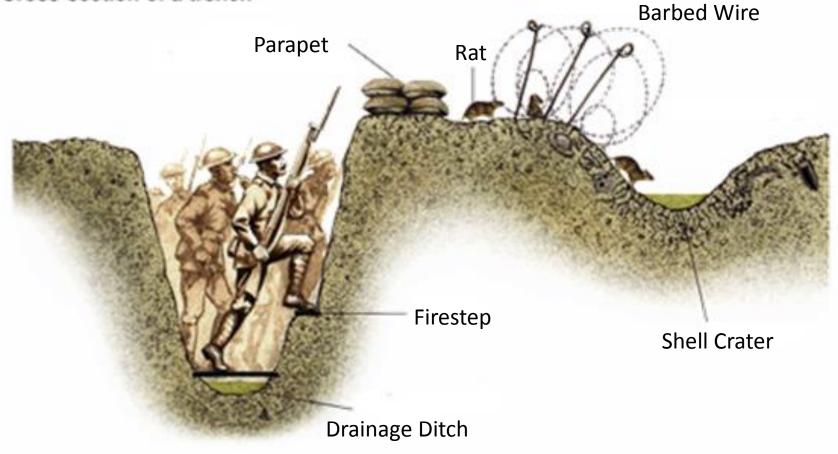
Let's "dig in!"

### Schlieffen's Plan:

- 6 week time period
- Conquer Paris, France by invading through Belgium.
- Then turn to fight the Russians.

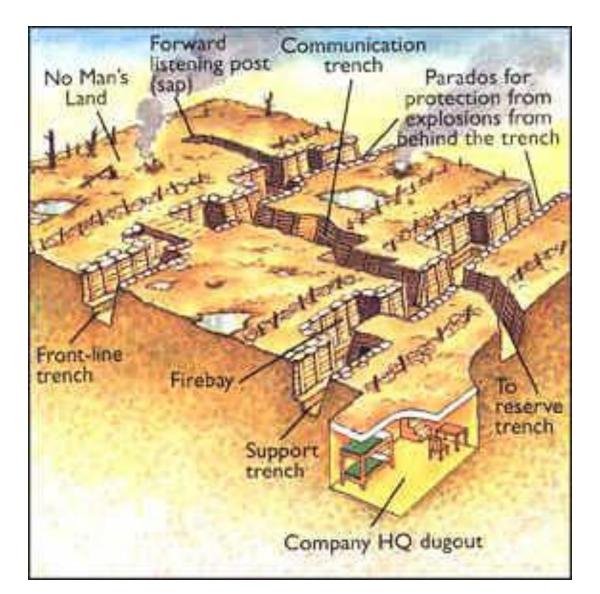


#### Cross-section of a trench



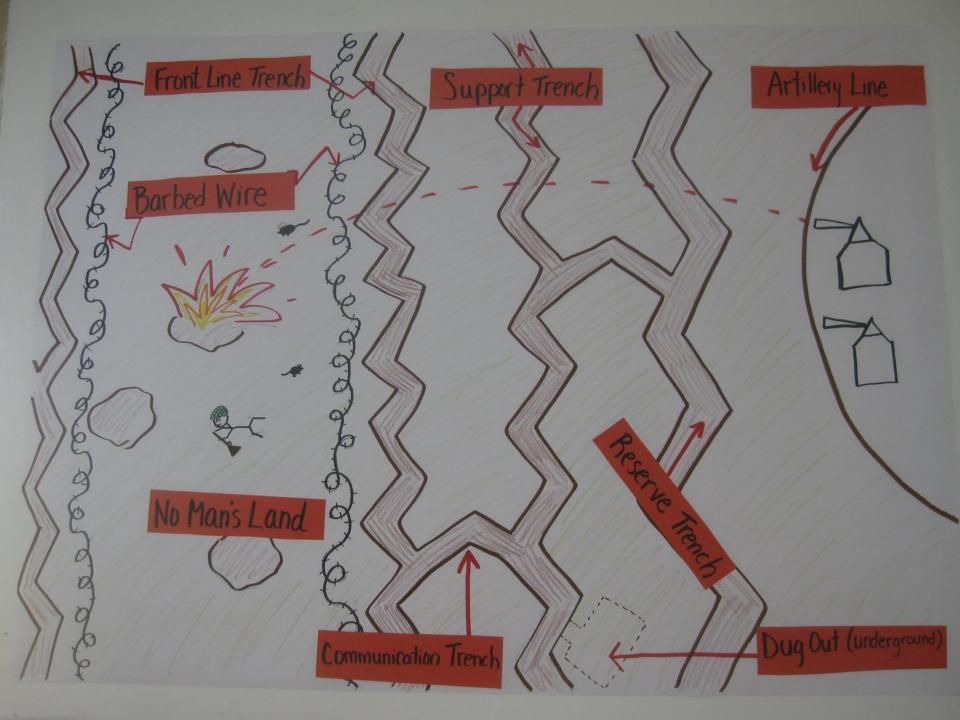
Firestep Drainage Ditch Parapet Barbed Wire Rat Shell Crater

### A Bird's Eye View



Why were trenches built in a zig-zag formation?

Protection. If an enemy soldier got into the trench, he could not open fire straight down the trench and kill everyone.





### **Trench Conditions**

### The Day to Day:

- 1 hour before dawn, men were ordered to <u>"Stand to"</u> – climb the fire step, rifle ready for enemy attacks.
- <u>"Morning Hate"</u> relieve tension by firing rifles, machine guns and shells at enemy trenches.
- One hour later, men would <u>"Stand down"</u> and have breakfast.
- Repeat at dusk.

#### The "Perks"

 Rats – Some were the size of cats. The rats would eat the dead bodies.





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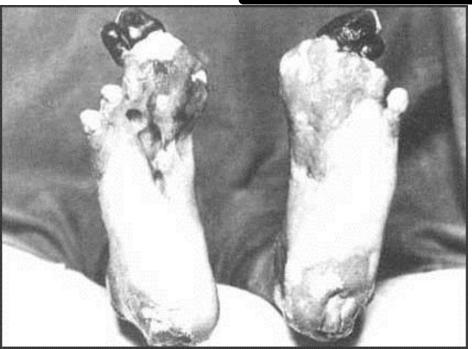
- Food bully beef (canned corned beef), bread and biscuits. Bread was made with dried ground turnips. The main food was pea-soup with horsemeat.
- It took up to eight days before bread reached the front lines and so it was stale.



#### The "Perks"

- <u>Lice</u> lived in the soldier's clothing and hair. Lice could cause "Trench Fever".
- Trench Foot fungal infection of the feet caused by cold, wet and unsanitary conditions.
- Soldiers in the trenches had to have three pairs of socks and were under orders to change them at least twice a day. To prevent trench foot soldiers were told to cover their feet with a grease made from whale-oil.







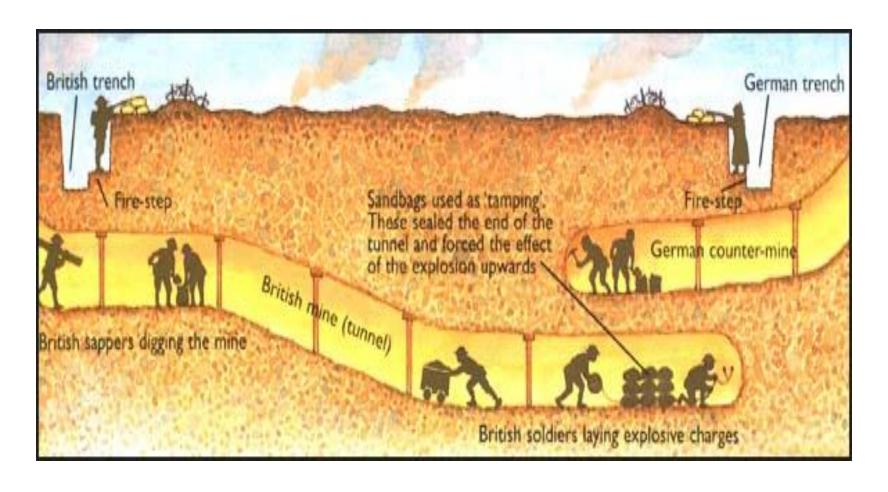
#### Gas Attacks

- The Germans first used Chlorine Gas in April 1915 against the French at Ypres.
- Mustard Gas was first used by the German Army in September 1917.





#### **Tunnels**



### **Snipers**

- Specially trained marksmen that had rifles with telescopic sights.
- German snipers did not normally work from their own trenches. The main strategy was to creep out at dawn into No-Man's Land and remain there all day.
- Wearing camouflage and inside a hiding spot, they waited for a soldier to pop his head above the parapet.

#### No Man's Land

- The ground between the two opposing trenches.
- Trenches could be from 7 to 500 yards apart.
- Patrols would go out at night, crawling on their stomachs to get close enough to find out what the enemy was doing.



## No Man's Land





# Going "Over the Top"

