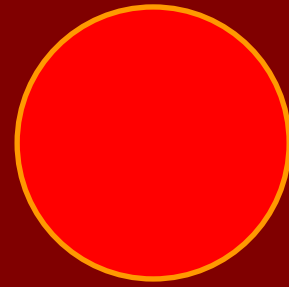




A New Kind of War

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Enduring Understanding:

Trench warfare and poison gas led to massive casualties during the war

Essential Questions:

1. What were the effects of major new military technologies of World War I?

Objectives

- Identify and describe the impact of modern technology on the fighting
- Explain how WWI was a global conflict

TRENCH WARFARE

a form of combat in which soldiers dug trenches, or deep ditches, to seek protection from enemy fire & to defend their positions

Trench Warfare

- A** Front line trench
- B** Support trench
- C** Reserve trench
- D** Enemy trench

Artillery fire "softened up" resistance before an infantry attack.

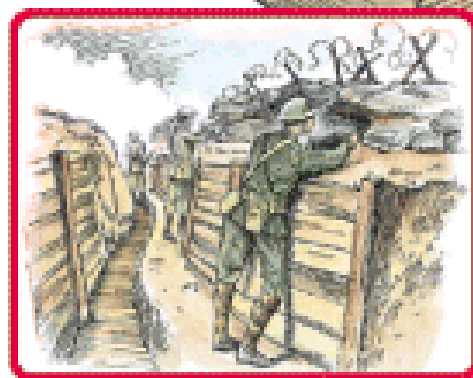
Communication trenches connected the three kinds of trenches.

Barbed wire entanglements

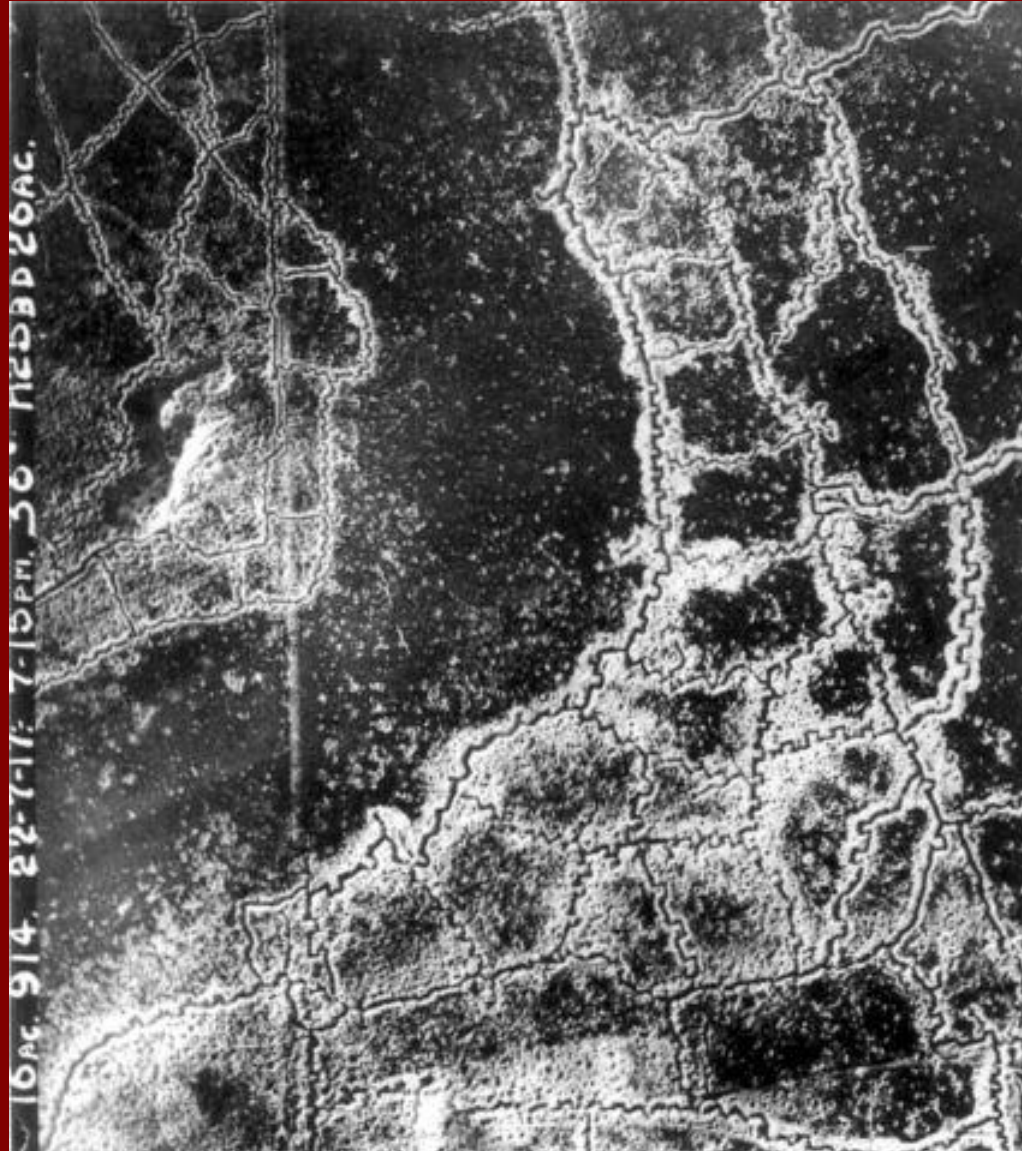
"No Man's Land"
(from 25 yards to a mile wide)

Dugout

Saps were shallow trenches in "no man's land," allowing access to machine-gun nests, grenade-throwing positions, and observation posts.



Satellite photo taken from space!





LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

- lived very close to other soldiers
- not much room





LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

- trenches could be miserable sometimes
 - Rainstorms created muddy conditions
 - “Trench Foot” - When your feet get wet and stay wet for such a long time.
 - Bad sanitation
 - lice & rats



WARNING!

Graphic image on next slide!

Trench Foot





POISON GAS

- a new weapon used in the war
- different types:
 - Blind - Bromacetone
 - Choke – Chlorine
 - Burn – Mustard Gas
- limited value
 - Wind could blow back on your side
 - gas masks could help soldiers through attack







Homework

Write a letter from a soldier to family back home describing what life was like in the trenches.

Reminder:

5 sentences per paragraph

2 paragraphs minimum