

Life in the trenches

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Conditions in the trenches

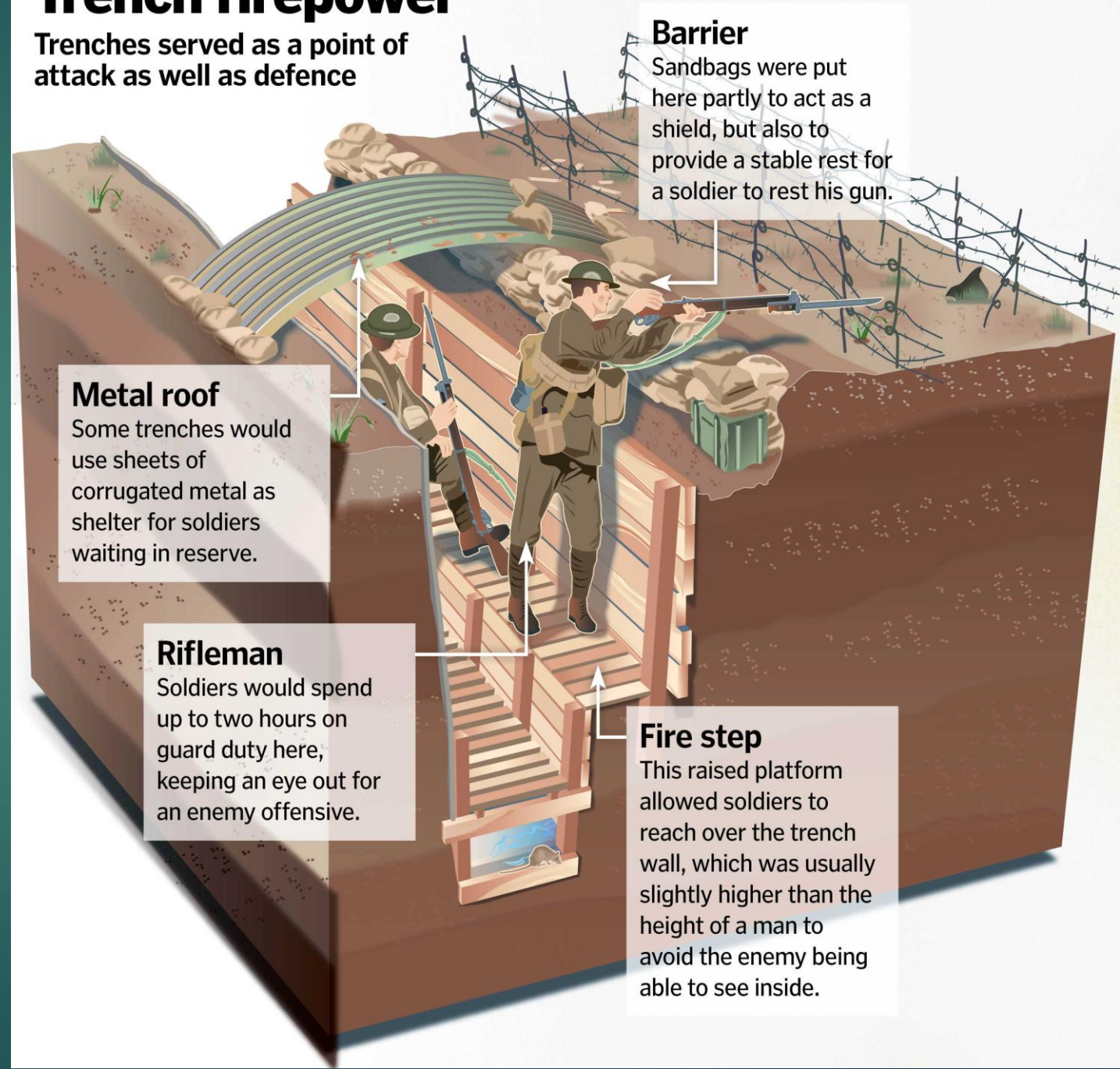
LIFE IN THE TRENCHES WAS TOUGH. IT WAS VERY MUDDY AND DIRTY. A LOT OF DISEASE SPREAD AROUND AS THE PATHS WERE NARROW AND SQUISHED TOGETHER. IT WAS ALSO VERY COLD SO MANY PEOPLE DIED FROM THE FROST. FOOD WAS LIMITED TOO AS DELIVERIES WERE OFTEN DELAYED OR BOMBED. TRENCH FOOT WAS COMMON (A DISEASE IN THE FOOT CAUSED BY DAMP AND GERMS, TURNED FEET BLACK OR EVEN FELL OFF) AS IT OFTEN RAINED AND MUD WAS EVERYWHERE.

THE FIRE STEP

- ▶ The fire step is a step to stand on to fire at the enemy on the other side. The most dangerous part is if your head is too far over the wall to high you could get your head shot.

Trench firepower

Trenches served as a point of attack as well as defence



Barrier

Sandbags were put here partly to act as a shield, but also to provide a stable rest for a soldier to rest his gun.

Metal roof

Some trenches would use sheets of corrugated metal as shelter for soldiers waiting in reserve.

Rifleman

Soldiers would spend up to two hours on guard duty here, keeping an eye out for an enemy offensive.

Fire step

This raised platform allowed soldiers to reach over the trench wall, which was usually slightly higher than the height of a man to avoid the enemy being able to see inside.

THE SOLDIERS BED

THE SOLDIERS BED WAS NOT BIG AT ALL. THEY MADE LITTLE RECTANGLES TO SLEEP IN AND SINCE THERE WERE RATS AROUND IN THE NIGHT, THEY NIBBLED ON THEIR FEET.

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