

WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE IN THE WW1 TRENCHES?



Trenches normally about 2m deep



Dugout where soldiers rested or slept



Muddy



Full of water in the winter



Risk of trench foot



Toilets overflowed



Sleep only possible in afternoon and for one hour at a time at night



Full of flies in the summer



Risk of trench fever



Infested with rats



Clothes infested with lice



Fear of going over the top into no-man's land



Barbed wire



Shellfire



Risk of shell shock