2.2 The Western Front, 1914-18: Trench Systems and the Terrain of the British Sector: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 Give the name for the strip of ground that lay between the opposing front-line trenches on the Western Front.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name two materials commonly used to reinforce, or revet, the walls of a trench to stop them collapsing.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Name the wooden slatted boards laid along the bottom of a trench to help keep soldiers' feet above standing water.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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4 Give the term for the raised bank of earth and sandbags at the front of a trench, facing the enemy, which gave protection from enemy fire.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Describe two features of the layout of a typical trench system on the Western Front.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

no man's land **B1**

Answer: No man's land

Question 2

sandbags **B1**

wood (timber frames or planking) (accept corrugated iron sheeting, or wattle/woven branch hurdles) **B1**

Answer: Sandbags, and wood/timber framing (or corrugated iron/wattle hurdles).

Question 3

duckboards **B1**

Answer: Duckboards

Question 4

the parapet **B1**

Answer: Parapet

Question 5

feature 1 identified, e.g. the front line, support line and reserve line ran roughly parallel to each other **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. they were linked by communication trenches running back from the front, so troops and supplies could move up without crossing open ground **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. trenches were dug in short, angled sections called traverses rather than a single straight line **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. this limited the effect of a shell burst and stopped enemy fire travelling straight along a captured section of trench **B1**

Answer: Any two features, e.g. the linked front/support/reserve system joined by communication trenches, and the zigzag traverse pattern limiting blast and enfilade fire.

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