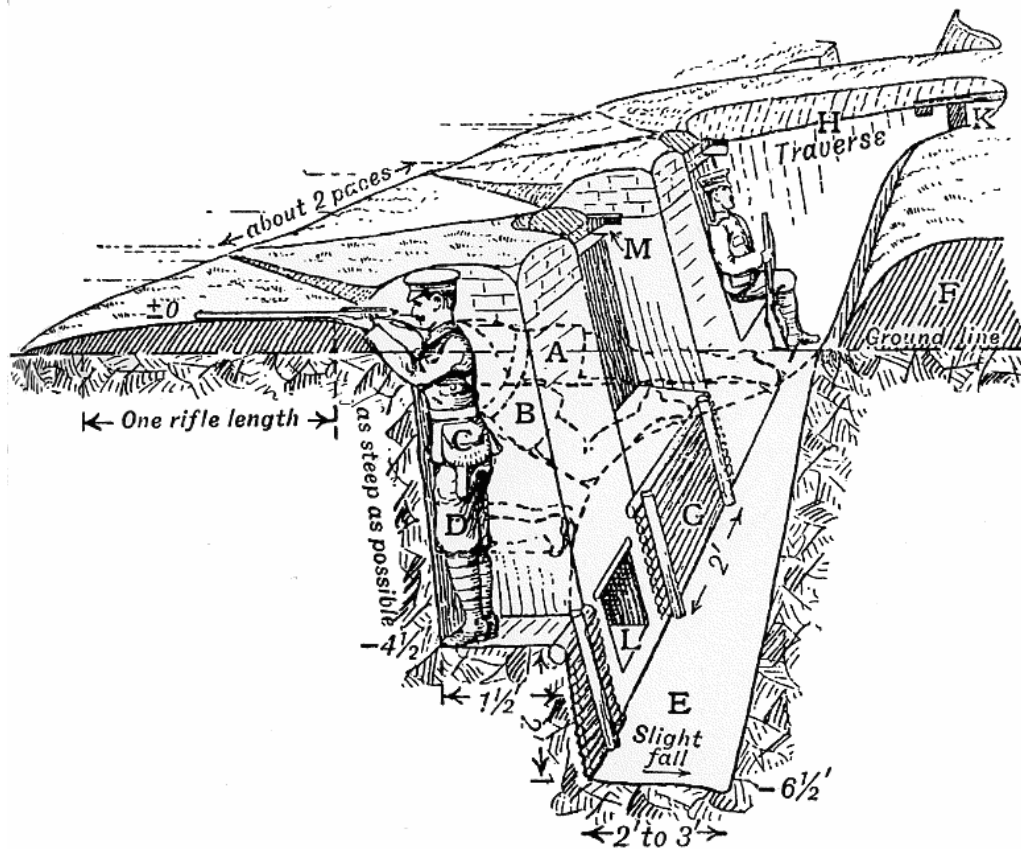




RESOURCE 2: THE TRENCH SYSTEM



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This diagram is from the British Army manual of what a standard trench should look like. Compare it with the photograph of a real trench from 1916.

Can you spot the parapet, the parados, the fire-step, revetment and bolt-hole?

b. What differences are there between the diagram and the reality of the photograph?

Look at the next two slides ("Studying French in the trenches" [an American illustration] and the advertisement for Sunlight soap) and compare them with the photograph.

These were aimed at people at home. What impression of the lives of the soldiers in trenches would civilians get from them?