



TEXT > LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

The trench is two or three men deep. Defenders move through it as through the bottom of a well and, in order to observe the terrain in front of them or shoot at the enemy, they have to climb steps made in the ground or by wooden stairs, to the observation post: a long platform or ledge made in the slope, so that those who are on it can poke their heads and look. Sacks of earth, boulders and steel plates constitute the parapet. In front of it and along the trenches extend, almost always in several lines, networks of barbed wire, barbed wire fences that stop the assailants and allow the defenders to shoot easily.

Ernst Junger, *Storm of Steel* (1920)

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