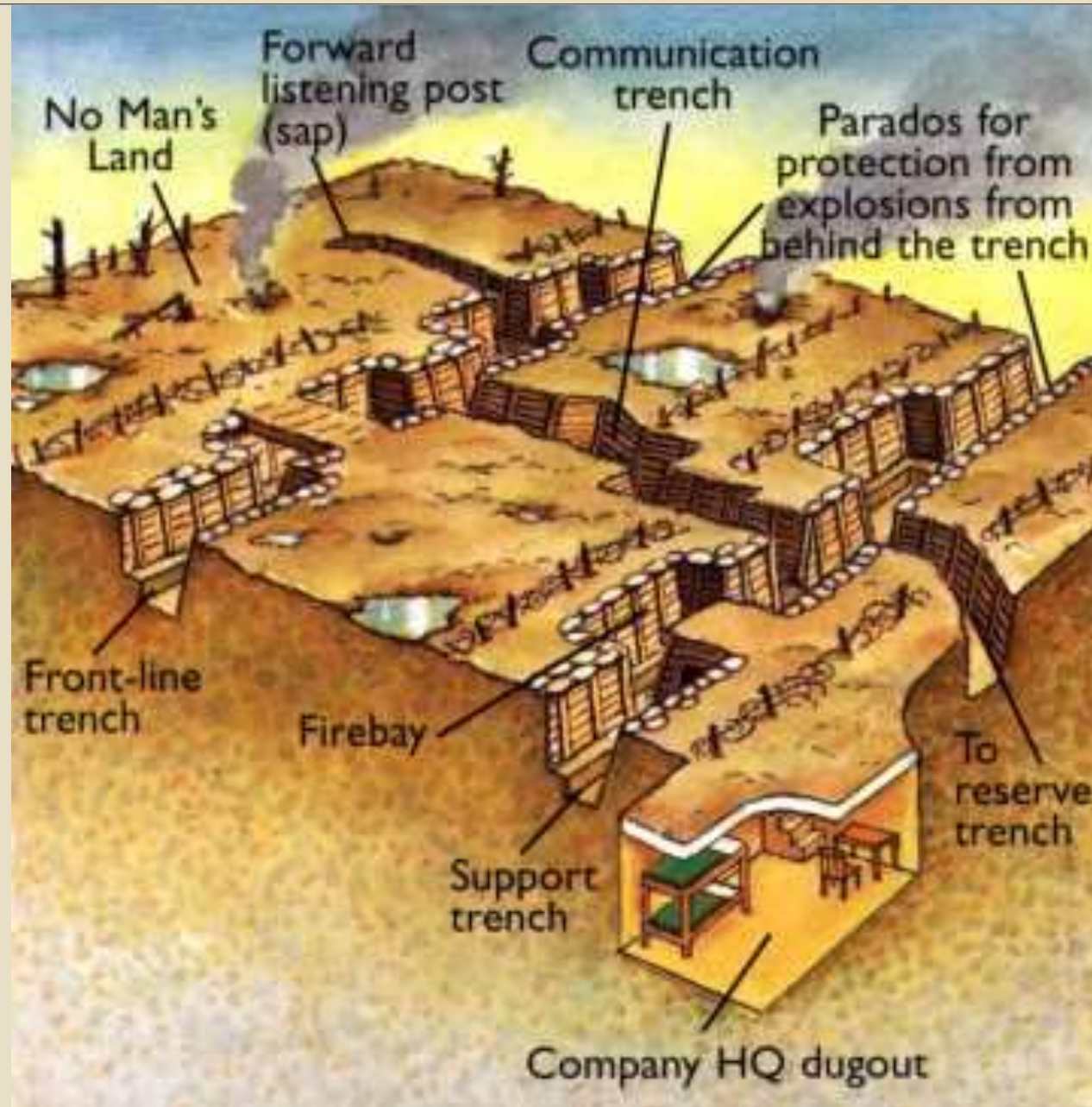


Trench Warfare

- **Definition:** Combat in which armies attack, counterattack, and defend from relatively permanent systems of trenches dug into the ground.
- Used primarily on the Western Front







Life in the Trenches

- Muddy, cold, waterlogged
- Trench foot, gangrene
- Lice, bugs, disease, rats
- Decaying bodies and animals,
- Shell shock
- Horror of seeing your friends die





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Philosophical Questions

- Can war be moral?
- Can the means (conditions) justify the ends?
- If you were urged to participate in a war like this for your nation, would you do it? Could you?
- Not only do the men in the trenches have to grapple with the awful and horrifying conditions, but they have to grapple with the reality of these questions as well.

Myth V. Reality



WWI Poems

- Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori - it is **sweet and proper to die for one's country.**
- *Pro Patria*- For ones country
- *Dulce et Decorum Est*- it is sweet and proper (or honorable)

Compare and contrast the sentiments of the two poems:

- **Go back through and annotate**
- A= Pro Patria
- B= Dulce et Decorum Est

- What is the tone of each poem? What is the message of the poem?
- What does it say about life in the trenches/war and the morality of war?