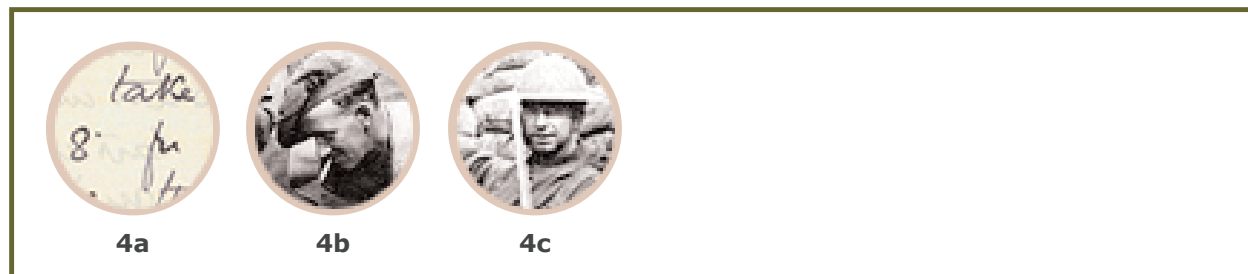




Source 4

A report on Canadian troops, with photographs, 1915-17

(a. The National Archives: PRO 30/57/51, b. Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum: CO 2196A, c. Imperial War Museum: Q442)



How to use this source:

Study this source carefully. It contains information that could be useful in your presentation on life in the trenches. As you study the source, ask yourself:

- Who are the soldiers described by Rawlinson and what does he think of them?
- In what ways are these soldiers typical of British forces and in what ways are they unusual?
- Read the useful notes. Do these sources help to explain how and why morale in the Army was generally good for most of the war?
- Which aspects of trench warfare do these sources provide information on?
- How could any of these sources be used in your final presentation?



Source 4a

My Corps has been reinforced by the Canadian Divⁿ which I have put into the line to take the place of the 7th Divⁿ thus enabling me to take out two Brig^s of the 7th and two of the 8th for a well earned rest before they undertake the offensive - I am rather pleased with the Canadians - They are magnificent material as you know and they are quick to pick up new conditions and to see the tricks of the trade in trench warfare - They have now been in the trenches nearly a week without getting into trouble or having more than the normal rate of casualties - Of course some of their officers are weak and their staff work is none of the best but we can correct the latter by practice whilst the former can always be replaced if it is really found necessary - I think Alderson will do alright



Source 4b





Source 4c

