Revision points for National 4 and 5 – Scots on the Western Front

***Recruitment –*** **Reasons for** volunteering – war would be over by Christmas , at first war was exciting, peer pressure- Pals Battalions ,sense of shame , cowardice,, propaganda, Scotland had a military tradition, patriotism, poverty and unemployment. Success of Kitchener’s campaign.

**Scots involvement in WW1** and **life in trenches –** bombardment, fear of being shot by snypers, trench foot, lice, dysentery, cholera, psychological effects – boredom, bare rations of bully beef and hard biscuits.

Scots used as ‘shock troops’, ‘ladies from hell’, bagpipes used to inspire troops, General Haig. Involvement of Battle of Loos and Somme. Black Watch. Estimated loss of 100,000 men.

**Technology –effectiveness of? Gas** – devastating effects of phosgene, mustard–– direction of wind- gas masks.

**Tanks** – barbed wire, immune to machine gun fire– unreliability.  **Artillery** – noise caused shell shock. estimated caused up to 75% of all deaths.

Use of **Aircraf**t to range the guns. **Machine guns** - 600 bullets per minute

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Revision points for National 4 and 5 – Domestic impact of the war, society and culture

***Rationing* –** to maintain a regular and sufficient food supply and control the prices of basic foods. Problems caused by German submarines. Propaganda used at first to encourage less waste and encouraged voluntary rationing Feb 1917. Allotment system. Rationing of Sugar Dec 1917, Meat, butter, tea – 1918. Black market.

**DORA**( also relevant to domestic impact of war)-1914 – government had power to control people’s lives – Censorship, Aliens, sale of alcohol, curfews, Munitions of War Act 1916 – complete control of war production to Lloyd George (see also Conscription)

**Changing role of women** – suffragette campaign called off. Traditional view war led to women gaining vote in 1918. Attitudes of politicians like Asquith changed .Conductors, munitions factories, Land Army etc. However, majority unable to keep jobs after war as new law - **Restoration of Pre-War Practices Act** meant returning soldiers given back jobs. Wages perhaps did start to increase for women; argued working conditions improved and women became more independent. (See also domestic impact of war: politics)

**Propaganda** – a wave of anti-German stories appeared in the press and the government tried to control how people felt about the war and therefore persuade people to be involved in the war , either to support own side or encourage hatred of Germans.

**Conscription-Military Service Act – Jan 1916 –**single men 19-40. **May 1916** –extended to married men. By 1918 – to age of 50.

**Conscientious objectors** –and pacifist would have to appear before a military tribunal. The tribunal decided if they were arrested as deserters, court martialled or imprisoned. Some agreed to join non- combatant corps and become stretcher bearers, ambulance drivers or trench diggers.