



1928, 10 years after WWI ended

# ARTHUR'S STORY

A personal journey into World War I



## ARTHUR WILLIAM MANSLEY

- Born 1896, died 1942
- Lived in Liverpool
- A shoemaker
- Loved gardening
- Went to WWI at age 17, Lost a leg and was badly gassed

What questions could you ask to find out more about Arthur & his story??

**Make a list of questions:** (Use some of the prompts below)

When?... What?... Why?... How?... What happened...? Where?... What effects...? How significant...? Did it really?...  
Who?... Did they...

WHERE COULD WE LOOK TO FIND OUT MORE...?

## What is this called? Census

What we can find out about Arthur from the 1911 Census

- Lived in 43 Roscommon St. Liverpool
- With mum and dad
- 8 brothers and sisters
- Father was a shoemaker
- Left school at 14, worked as assistant to his father

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the [Page 23]

Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of			
St. Paul's						St. Paul's			
No. of Sub-plot	House No. or Name of House	HOUSING	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
			Mary M. Taylor	Serv	Wife	30	Laundress	Northumbria	
			Elizabeth Taylor	Serv	Wife	25	Widow	England	
			Arthur Taylor	Serv	Wife	28	Widow	Do	
			Agnes M. King	Serv	Wife	31	Widow	England	
			James M. King	Serv	Wife	36	Widow	England	
			Ellen M. King	Serv	Wife	31	Widow	England	
			Matt King	Serv	Wife	11	Widow	England	
			Joseph King	Serv	Wife	8	Widow	England	
			Ellen King	Serv	Wife	6	Widow	England	
			James King	Serv	Wife	1	Widow	England	
126	1 Broadway	1	William Morrison	Head	Wife	65	Baker	Wales	
			Elizabeth Morrison	Wife	Wife	37	Widow	Wales	
			Thomas Morrison	Son	Wife	31	Baker	Do	
			Emily Morrison	Son	Wife	21	Governess	Do	
			Rosa Morrison	Son	Wife	19	Student at Queen's College	Do	
			Eliza Morrison	Son	Wife	15	Widow	Do	
			David Morrison	Son	Wife	15	Widow	Do	
			Charles Morrison	Son	Wife	16	Widow	Do	
127	2 Broadway	1	William King	Head	Wife	70	Shoemaker	Wales	
			Elizabeth King	Wife	Wife	40	Widow	Wales	
			Mary King	Son	Wife	8	Widow	Wales	
			William King	Son	Wife	5	Widow	Wales	
128	3 Broadway	1	Charles King	Head	Wife	49	Widow	Wales	
			Paul King	Son	Wife	11	Widow	Wales	
129			Robert King	Head	Wife	52	Widow	Wales	
4	Total of Houses...	3				Total of Males and Females...	10	15	

# THIS ENVIRONMENT STUDY: IS ALL ABOUT **ASKING QUESTIONS**



[www.stchistory.com](http://www.stchistory.com)

**Types of questions you could ask in this study:**

**General:**

What kinds of wounds did soldiers suffer from?

Did surgical techniques improve during WWI?

How were the injured moved to hospitals?

Did more soldiers suffer from illnesses than wounds?

**Specific:**

Where did Arthur fight? What were conditions like?

How would his wounds have been treated?

How would he have been moved from the fighting to a hospital?

Would he have been well cared for?

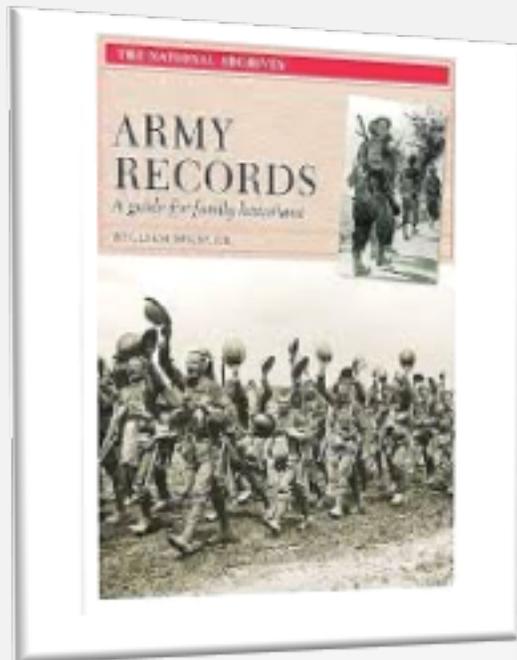
REMINDER: WHERE  
COULD WE GET OUR  
ANSWERS FROM?

(N)ational  
(L)ocal

Medical articles  
from nurses who  
were there (N)



Photographs (L)



National Army  
Records (N)  
& Statistics (L)



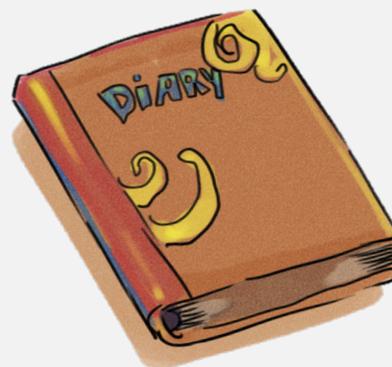
National  
Newspapers (N)



Medical Articles



Government reports into  
aspects of the war (N)



Personal accounts (diaries,  
poetry, medical treatments  
drs/nurses etc) (L)



(L)

Types of sources N = National L = Local	Example of type of source I have used	Which questions can this source answer	What information does it provide to help with those questions	Which questions does this source NOT help answer or why do I have to use it carefully?	Which other kind of source might I use in combination with this source?
L	Photograph of an operation				

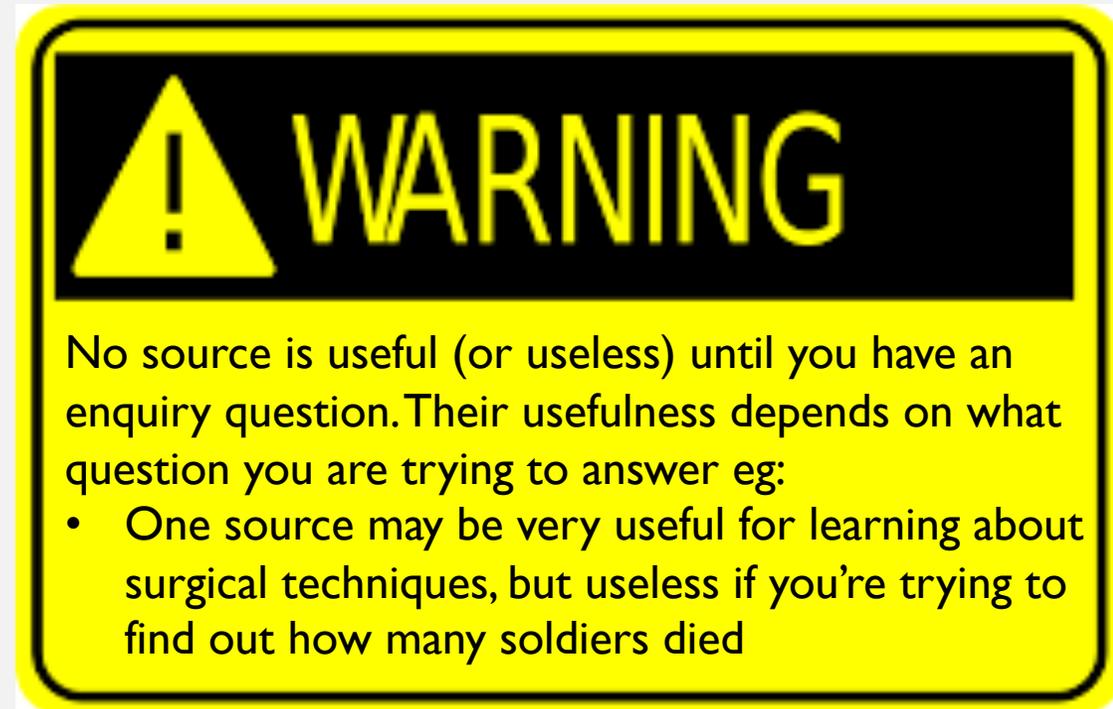
This is your source log – we need to fill this in as we go through this course.

**How this table will work:**

- 1) After each unit of this course, we'll identify the sources we have used
- 2) Column 1 will identify if it was a Local or National source
- 3) Column 2 what the source is with a brief description
- 4) We need to cross reference with other source types eg a photograph and diary

We need to be evaluating:

- **What kinds of sources help us investigate medicine on the Western Front**
- **Which sources are most useful for investigating individual aspects of medicine and for answering a specific question**





# ARTHUR'S SERVICE RECORDS

## What can we learn?

OS= Ordinary Seaman AB = Able Seamen

22 June 1917 sent to 4<sup>th</sup> reserve division

**Battalion**  
A battalion contained between 800 and 1000 men. The eight battalions in the RND were all named after famous British sailors.

DISCHARGED.

Name and Number: **Arthur William MANSLEY, R/3933.** [104] 1151A/M 1523 5000 (2) 4079 3385 3 R 8

Branch of Service: **R.N.V.R.**

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Rank or Rating: **O.S. A.B.**

Dates: **18.10.17.**

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Next of Kin: <b>Mother;</b>	Where Serving
Name: <b>Mrs. Eleanor Mansley,</b>	<b>22. 6.17. Mobilized.</b>
Address: <b>27, Shallcross Street, Everton, Liverpool,</b>	<b>25. 6.17. 4th Res. Bn; Blandford.</b>
	<b>18.10.17. Nelson Battn. RND., B.E.F.</b>
	<b>5.4.18. Anson Battn: B.E.F.</b>

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Date of Entry: **RNVR for RND : 22.6.17. Army Reserve : 4.12.16.**

Date of Birth: **15.12.1894.**

Badges:

Religion: **C.of E.**

25 June 1917 assigned to Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) part of the Royal Navy Division (RND)

18 October 1917 Joined Nelson Battalion of the RND (B.E.F)

DOB is incorrect, he was born in 1896

Enlisted December 1916

5 April 1918 transferred to Anson Battalion of RND

28. 6.17. B'fd DO.179(4th Res)Reported & taken on strength 25.6.17(P/63)  
 18.10.17. Drafted to Nelson Battn.B.S.F.from 4th Res.Dn.B'ford.(RB).  
 19.10.17.DO/292.4th Res.Bn.:Rated A.B.18.10.17 (P/63)  
 30.10.17. BEF.D.O.71.From Base Depot,Calais, 24.10.17.to join Battn.  
 24.11.17. BEF.D.O.78. Joined Nelson Battn. from XIX Corps rest Camp,13.11.17  
 17.1.18.HA/18354.Adm 9.GH.Rouen 7.1.18.FUO.Sev.AFB/104-80a.  
 12.1.18. BEF.D.O.6. To 150th Field Amb. 2.1.18.  
 18.3.18. HA/20535. Adm.2 Con.Dep.Rouen ex 9 GH. 11.3.18.  
 3.4.18. HA/21023.Dis to Reinf Rouen Class A ex 2 Con Dep 25.3.18.  
 16.4.18. HA/21782. Adm.54 GH Aubengue 10.4.18. HYD.N.Mld:AFB/104-80a.  
 14.4.18. (NOK) 31. Cross-posted to Anson 56.  
 10.4.18. Nelson 30. Joined L.Base Depot,Calais,29.3.18.S.  
 29.4.18. HA/22341. Adm.1 Con.Dep. Boulogne ex H. 22.4.18.  
 2.5.18. HA/22411. Trans.to 5 Rest Camp,Fit ex 1 Con.Dep. B'logne 23.4.18.  
 8.5.18. Anson 32. Joined L.Base,ex 34th C.H.,27.4.18.  
 20.4.18. Anson 59. To 1st Med.4.18.  
 4.6.18.C/1578."Wounded" 25.5.18.NOK.inf.5.6.18.NB.List No.1211. 10.37.  
 7.6.18. HA/24288. Adm.16 GH Le Treport 30.5.18. Bay Wd.Scalp.Mld:NOK.inf.  
 17.6.18.HA/24730.Adm 3 Con Dep Le Treport 9.6.18.  
 27.5.18.ANSON 36.Rejoined Unit fm.BD.16.5.18.  
 15.7.18. HA/26062. Dis.to Base Dtls.ex 3 Con.Dep.Le Treport 7.7.18.  
 17.7.18. Anson. 46. Jnd. LIID, 8.7.18.  
 6.8.18. Anson 50. Rejoined Battn.from Div.Wing,26.7.18.  
 29.8.18. Tele.mess.P.135816.OO 1 SAGH Abbeville tele:28.8.18 'Dang.ill.  
 GSW L.Leg amputation' NOK informed.BND List No: 1270. (and etc)

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7.9.18.C/1674"Wounded" 26.8.18.- also anson 56.  
 10.9.18.HW/2281.Ser.ill(imprd)in 1 SAGH Abbeville w/e 2.9.18.  
 10.9.18.P.137752.OO 1 SAGH Abbeville tele:5.9.18'No long.ser.ill'NOK infd:  
 13.9.18. HA/28604. Adm. 1 S.African GH Abbeville 26.8.18. GSW.L Leg R,arm  
 Face  
 12.9.18. HB/14086 Adm: "ar Hos.Keighley, 8.9.18.SMO infd.17.9.18.  
 17.9.18. Anson 62. Invalided, 7.9.18. s.w.both legs.  
 7.10.18. Recd. AFB/103, 19.10.17,emb.Folkes.disemb.Boul; 20.10.17. jd.BD.Cal;  
 7.4.18, adm. 148th EA; 3.5.18, jd. No.4 Med.Base; 4.5.18, to "L"IED;  
 24.10.18. Form forw. to SCO.A'shot.  
 23.12.18. AFW.3016 recd. Furlough 20/31.12.18. Xmas leave under W.O.Wire  
 5.2.19. AFW.3016 recd. Furlough 4.2.19. Pending admission to Roehampton.  
 6953(AMD.2/18.  
 25.3.19. Rep.recd. Transferred to Alder Hey Special Mil.Surgical Hos.  
 West Derby.Liverpool. Alnwick Informed 26.3.19.  
 19.5.19. Form D/145 recd. Passed to M.O.P. Surveyed at Haslar 8.5.19.  
 GSW.L.Leg;R.Little Finger;R.Foot & Hip; Head.Degree of disability  
 60%. Attributable to service. Recommended for discharge.  
 17.6.19.W.G.Form to A.g. 9(b) Said f'm. o. o.  
 21.5.19.D.O/150 (Regt.Dept)"D"Coy.Discharged Invalided ex Anson Bn.  
 Disability Incl.GSW, Addr. 27,Shallcroft St,Everton,Liverpool.  
 23.7.19. Discharged List No.381.

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## You have copies of Arthur's service records:

- 1) How many hospitals did Arthur go to (code is GH)
- 2) What can you learn happened on:
  - a) 7 June 1918
  - b) 29 August 1918
  - c) 19 May 1919
- 3) List three things you learn from this document about Arthur's experiences and identify which part of the document you have used
- 4) What questions might this document be useful for? Explain why it would be useful
- 5) Complete the first row of your table (Column 2 "Service Record for Arthur Mansley")



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# SO... HOW ARE YOU FEELING NOW ABOUT THIS ENQUIRY...

## What do we now know from just a couple of sources:

- Arthur fought in WWI
- He was gassed and had a leg amputated
- His Service Record shows he spent time in several French hospitals
- Much of the fighting was done in trenches, it was a new different type of war
- There were high casualty rates
- Medicine was changing rapidly in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- Surgery was revolutionised by the use of anaesthetics and antiseptics
- Blood loss was still a major problem

## What might we now want to find out?

- What kind of conditions did Arthur fight in?
- What kinds of treatment would have received for his wounds?
- Who would have treated him?
- Were his wounds (and any illnesses) typical of those suffered by soldiers or unique / rare?
- Did the war change and improve medicine in any way? For example did they solve the problem of blood loss?
- We'll be flexible as we go in case of any unexpected information or questions that crop up...

Let's now enter World War I and find out...