

Arthur's Story:

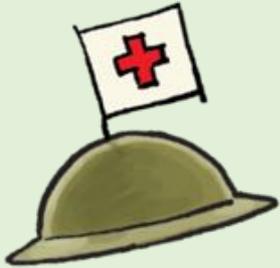
A personal journey into WWI



1928



- Born 1896
- Died 1942
- Lived in Liverpool
 - A shoemaker
 - Loved gardening
- Went to WWI age 17
 - Lost a leg
 - Was badly gassed



Where might we find out this information?

What questions could you ask to find out more about Arthur and 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...

This Environment Study: is all about **Asking Questions**

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?



*Think back to last lesson,
make a list of as many
different types of sources
you can remember that you
could use in this study...*

For an extra challenge, put an L next to each source that is a LOCAL source and a N next to those that are National



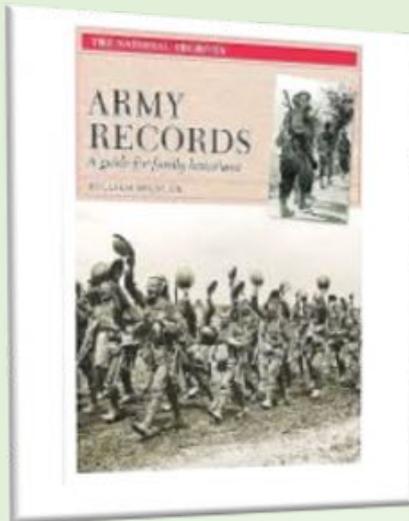
Types of sources we can use to find out more:



National / Local newspapers



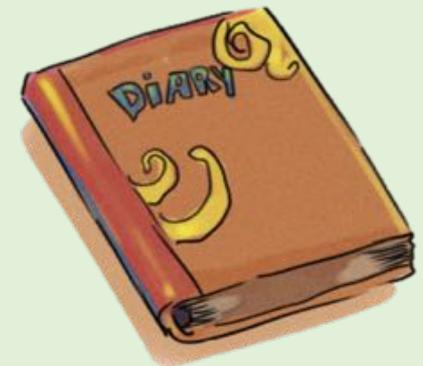
**Articles / Journals from
surgeons, nurses and
doctors who were there**



**National Army records
& statistics
(individuals & battles)**



**Government reports on
various aspects of the war**



**Personal accounts (diaries,
poetry, medical
treatments from doctors,
nurses and patients)**



OS= Ordinary Seaman AB =
Able Seamen

22 June 1917 sent to 4th
reserve division

What can
we learn?

Name Number		DISCHARGED.	
Arthur William MANSLEY, R/3933.		(104) 1154/M 1523 2000 (1)-4079-2345 12 8	
Rank of Rating O.S. A.B.		Branch of Service R.N.V.R.	
Date 18.10.17.			
Next of Kin	Mother:	Where Serving	
Name	Mrs. Eleanor Mansley,	22. 6.17. Mobilized.	
Address	27, Shallcross Street, Everton, Liverpool,	25. 6.17. 4th Res. Bn; Blandford.	
Date of Entry	RNVR for RND : 22.6.17. Army Reserve : 4.12.16.	18.10.17. Nelson Batta. RND., B.S.F.	
Date of Birth	15.12.1894.	5.4.18. Anson Batta: B.S.F.	
Badges			
Religion	C. of E.		

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

Arthur's service records

DOB is incorrect, he
was born in 1896

Enlisted
December
1916

5 April 1918
transferred to Anson
Battalion of RND

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

28. 6.17. B'fd DO.179(4th Res)Reported & taken on strength 25.6.17(2/63)
18.10.17. Drafted to Nelson Batta.B.S.F.from 4th Res.bn.3'ford.(2B).
19.10.17.DO/292.4th Res.Bn.:Rated A.B.18.10.17 (2/63)
30.10.17. BEF.D.O.71.From Base Depot,Calais, 24.10.17.to join Batta.
24.11.17. BEF.D.O.78. Joined Nelson Batta. from XIX Corps West Camp
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.Mid:AFB/104-8
11.4.18. (M.V.N.) Lt. Green-ported to Anson 30: 2.1.18.
10.4.18. Nelson 30. Joined L.Base Depot,Calais,29.3.18.8.
29.4.18. HA/22341. Adm.1 Con.Dep. Boulogne ex H. 22.4.18.
2.5.18. HA/22411. Trans.to 5 Heat Camp,Fit ex 1 Con.Dep. B'logne 2
8.5.18. Anson 38. Joined L.Base,ex 54th G.H.,27.4.18.
25.4.18. Anson 39. To 1st Bn.4.18.
4.6.18.C/1578. "Wounded" 25.5.18.ROE.inf.5.6.18.HB>List No.1211. 18
7.6.18. HA/24288. Adm.16 GH Le Treport 30.5.18. Bay Wd.Scalp.Mid:R
17.6.18.HA/24730.Adm 3 Con Dep Le Treport 9.6.18.
27.5.18.AN308 36.Rejoined Unit Im.BD.16.5.18.
15.7.18. HA/26062. Dis.to Base Dtlx.ex 3 Con.Dep.Le Treport 7.7.18.
17.7.18. Anson. 48. Jnd. LTDD, 8.7.18.
6.8.18. Anson 50. Rejoined Batta.from Div.Wing,26.7.18.
29.8.18. Tele.mess.P.135816.OO 1 SAGH Abbeville tele:28.8.18 'Dang.
GSW L.Leg amputation' NOK informed.BND List No: 1270. (2/63)

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You have a copy 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

Ouch!



You'll have to read very carefully

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

Own knowledge:

- ***Medicine was changing rapidly in the late 19th Century and early 20th 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 he 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?



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

