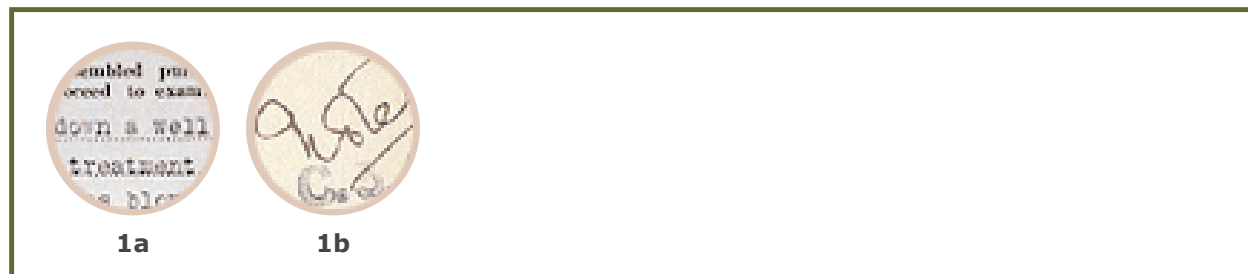




Source 1

Extracts from the war service record of Wilfred Owen, a lieutenant in the British Army and a war poet, 1917-18

(Catalogue ref: WO 138/74)



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:

- What does this tell you about Wilfred Owen as a soldier?
- Does this suggest that Owen's approach to soldiering changed in any way between 1917 and 1918?
- Read the useful notes on this source. In what ways was Owen a typical British soldier and in what ways was he unusual?
- Which aspects of trench warfare does this source provide information on?
- How could this source be used in your final presentation?



Source 1a

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Army Form A. 15.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at WELSH HOSPITAL NETLEY. on 25.6.17

by order of A.C.I. 423 dated 9/3/17.

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) 2/Lieut. Wilfred Owen. (Corps) 5/attd.2/Manchester.

Age 24 Service 1.9/12 Disability Neurasthenia (143)

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability.....

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability.....

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

in March 1917 he fell down a well at Bouchoir, and was momentarily stunned. He was under medical treatment for 3 weeks, and then resumed duty. About the middle of April he was blown up by a shell explosion while he was asleep. On May 1st, he was observed to be shaky and tremulous, and his conduct and manner were peculiar, and his memory was confused. The R.M.O. sent him to No. 41 Sty. H. Gailly where he was under observation and treatment by Capt. Brown R.A.M.C., Neurological Specialist for a month. On 7/6/17 he was transferred to No. 1 G.H. Etretat, and on 16/6/17 to the Welsh Hospital Netley. There is little abnormality to be observed but he seems to be of a highly strung temperament. He has slept well while here. He leaves hospital to-day transferred to Craig Lockart War Hospital, Edinburgh for special observation and treatment.

The Board will classify the officer under one of the following categories, the probable period of unfitness for the higher categories being stated.

1. Fit for General Service	Unfit six months.....
2. Fit for service in a Garrison or Labour Battalion abroad. <i>No officer likely to be fit for general service within six months should be classed in this category</i> }	Not applicable.
3. Fit for Home Service.....	Unfit three months.....
4. Fit for Light Duty at Home.....	Unfit three months.....
5. Requiring indoor hospital treatment—	
(a.) In an Officers' Hospital.....	Yes.
(b.) In an Officers' Convalescent Hospital.....	Not applicable.
6. (a.) Fit for light duty at a Command Depot.....	Not applicable.
(b.) Fit for treatment only at a Command Depot.....	Not applicable.
7. In very special cases such as tuberculosis leave not exceeding six months may be recommended by Medical Boards for special treatment, the Board giving detailed reasons for any such recommendation }	Not applicable.
8. Was the disability contracted in the service?.....	Yes.
9. Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control?.....	Yes.
10. Was it caused by military service?.....	Yes.
11. If caused by military service, to what specific military conditions is it attributed?.....	Active Service in France.
12. If the disability was not caused by military service, was it aggravated thereby, and if so, by what specific military conditions?.....	Not applicable.

Malsin, President.
 (Signature)
 (Signature)
 (Signature)

Officer's Address Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury.

Duplicate proceedings forwarded to Southern Command.
 Copy of
 P. L. Craig Lockart W.P. Edinburgh
 I.D.M. Southern Command



Source 1b

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FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

9/183/2218

REGIMENT or CORPS } 2nd Bn MANCHESTER REGT. } Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }

Rank 2/Lt.

Name OWEN, W.E.S.

By whom reported O.C. Bn. ~~26~~ 11/18.

Date of Death ~~11/18~~ 4/11/18.

DIED } Place or Hospital France.

Cause of Death Killed in Action.

Place of Burial

State whether he leaves a will or not } Not received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Not received.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Not received.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. } *L.R. Chapman* Capt., for Officer i/c Infantry Section, No. 6, G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F.

Station and Date 11/11/18.