

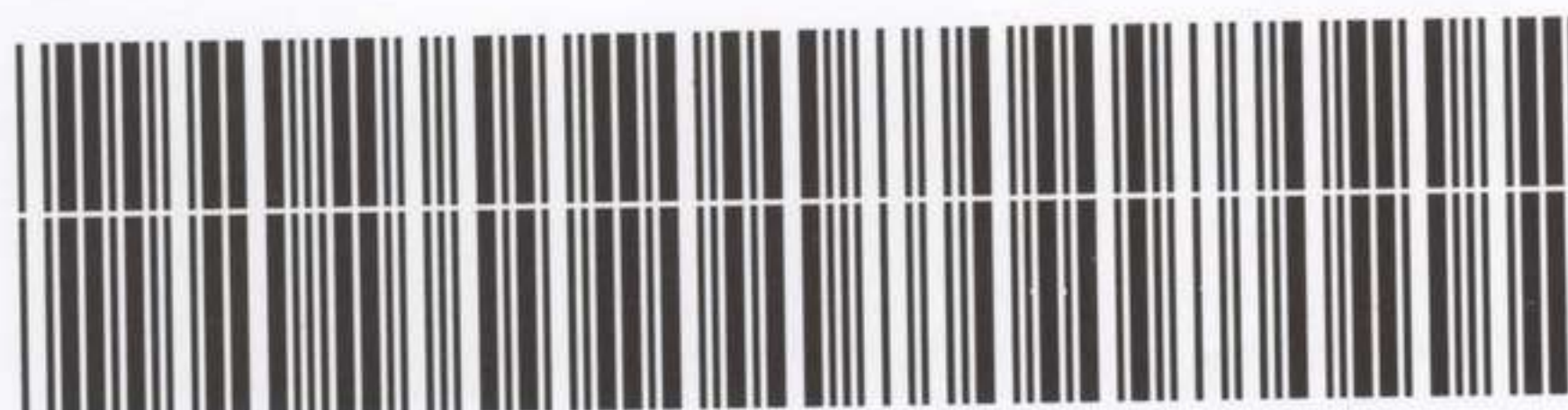
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Dec. 6th. 1917.

From. O.C. Descorps Operating Unit  
To D.D.M.S. Desert Mounted Corps.

I have the honour to report the following operations from Z-4 day to Decr. 6th.

ABDOMINAL OPERATIONS.

Approximate time after wound ---Hours---	RESULT "R" Recovery "D" Death.
24	D
10	R
12	D
20	R
8	D
20	R
12	R
19	D
X 24 Moribund	D
12	R
X Moribund	D
X 24	D Wound bladder abdomen full blood stained urine
21	D
X 23 Moribund	D on incision
12	D
28 Moribund	D
X 48 Moribund	D on incision
26	D
X 10 Moribund	D on table
20	D
28	D
11	R
6	D bomb wounds. Abdomen and knee. P.M. Peritonitis and septuarth- -ritis. A German jew from Jaffa.
X 23	D immediately after operation
5	R
22	R
11	R
13½	R
11½	R

Operations 29  
Recoveries 11.

Cases marked with X may be excluded as being hopeless from the start. The recovery ratio will of course always be in inverse proportion to the length of time before operation and to distance and roughness of the journey. It would be a great help in diagnosis if the Medical Officer who first gives Morphia was to send short clinical notes of the patients condition before the administration of a drug which notoriously hides clinical ~~hides~~ signs. I had considerable difficulty in getting suitable catgut but the last issue is satisfactory.



# OTHER OPERATIONS.

Amputation above knee 3  
 " below knee 1

" arm 2  
 " symes 1

Incision of wound with  
 extraction of foreign  
 body 3

Flap incision of scalp  
 enlargement wound in skull  
 and incision of scalp wound 1

Ditto with removal  
 of ball and bone pieces 1

Incision of wound and  
 reduction of fracture 12

Pelvis and rectum wound  
 incision 3

Ligature arteries 3

Excision wound knee 1

Ditto with extraction  
 of F.B. 1

Examinations and dressings 52

# RESULT.

R 3

D 1 an old Syrian.  
 Bomb wounds jaw  
 and leg. Death  
 immediately after  
 operation.

R 2

R 1

R 3

Result not known.

R

R 12

D 2 Moribund cases.

R 1

D 1 Multiple shell wound  
 One moribund from  
 haemorrhage and shock

R 2

R 1

R 1

Consultations are included with "dressings" but some are not recorded.

Incision wound and  
 ligature glacial artery 1

D 1 Patient very collap-  
 sed from previous  
 loss of blood, wound  
 through iliac bone.  
 P.M. No abdominal  
 injury; some retro-  
 peritoneal clot.  
 No perforation of  
 peritoneal cavity.

# Suggestions.

1. It would be more satisfactory if operating unit had independent means of transport, for example, motor lorry or two Ford lorries.

2. There is some difficulty in after treatment. I would suggest that say six chosen male nurses (whom I could at once name) should be attached to the unit.

3. An M.O. as anasthetist, he could do other work too.

4. In my opinion there are many head cases who unless there is a certainty of their being treated at a C.C.S. within at least 12 hours, should have a flap turned up, wound and scalp excised, area cleaned, and any F.B. removed.

5. There are many methods of dressing wounds adopted in the field by both M.Os. and orderlies. I would suggest that a definite clean general plan be adopted.

I would like ~~you~~ to draw your attention to the excellent work done by my staff, in particular :- 1217 Sgt. COWPER. C.E. A.A.M.C.

117227 Dvr. SMITH. J. (M.T.A.S.C. Kantara)

Lt-Col.

C.O. DESERT MOUNTED CORPS OPERATING UNIT.



From C.O. Descorps Operating Unit.

To. D.D.M.S. Descorps.

I have the honour to inform you that since making my report dated Dec 6th. 1917, two abdominal cases died. This leaves the total recoveries as 9 vice 11.

ITINERARY OF THE OPERATING UNIT.

October 29. The surgical car carrying driver, sergeant, and myself accompanied by the Ford Ambulance carrying two other members of the staff and native driver of limber - lent by Descorps Headquarters - journeyed from SHELLAL to KHALASSA via SHELLAL Crossing, "Z" road through RASIS BEK, South of RASID BEK the car sank in the sand and was got out by laying down wire-netting. The limber guided by Pte Douglass arrived at KHALASSA on 30/10/17, coming via ESANI.

October 30th. KHALASSA to ASLUJ. The car again sank in the sand and was got out under the cars own power with the manual aid of all hands. The limber arrived at ASLUJ on October 31st.

October 31st.

November 1st. Received orders from D.D.M.S. by telephone to proceed along main road to BEERSHEBA and to send a cyclist to see that the road was clear. The cyclist got a puncture half a mile from ASLUJ, so we proceeded to BEERSHEBA accompanied by a Ford Ambulance carrying personnel. We arrived at 0730, and proceeded to hospital by order of A.D.M.S. Ausdiv.

We found the theatre in a filthy condition and full of flies. These we proceeded to kill, and prepared to receive patients. There were only two British and one Australian wounded in the hospital. We worked all day in the theatre.

Nov. 2nd. Transferred with Ausdiv Receiving Station to BEERSHEBA town hall and worked there till 10/11/17.

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November 10th. Proceeded via SHARIA to AMEIDAT and joined the Yeodiv Receiving Station. Worked in E.P. Tent.

November 12th. Journeyed with Anzac Receiving Station to BUREIA via HUI. The car had to be pulled out by horses on three occasions.

November 13th. Proceeded to JULIS via EDDJE and rejoined Ausdiv. Receiving Station working in an E.P. Tent.

November 15th. Travelled via ~~ESSE~~ MEJDEL and ESDUD to YERNA joining Anzac Receiving Station working in an E.P. Tent.

NOVEMBER 17th. Went to DEIRAN with the Anzacs.

November 18th. Proceeded to Monastery at RAMLEH - car being pulled out by a mule team. Here we worked with Anzac Receiving Station till 12/12/17 when we joined Ausdiv. Receiving Station at LATRON.

On 15th. Dec. I left to report to the 14th A.G.H. with a septic finger.

The Unit journeyed to BELAH with the Ausdiv Receiving Station early in January.

I would like to thank everybody especially Administrative Medical Officers, C.Os, and M.Os of Receiving Stations for the universal and courteous help that was always given in the unit.

Lt. Col.

C.O. Descorps Operating Unit.



From O.C. Desert Mounted Corps Operating Unit.

To D.D.M.S. Desert Mounted Corps.

I have the honour to present the following short account of the formation and work of this unit.

Early last September acting on your orders I proceeded to SHELLAL JUNCTION and reported to the Yeomany Divisional Receiving Station as the first member of the Operating Unit. There was already there an E.P. Tent with a tarpaulin floor, and this tent in the absence of suitable buildings, acted as our operating theatre during the advance. In about a weeks time there arrived a magnificent surgical car that belonged to the Scottish Field Ambulance and was fathered by Colonel Richardson and Colonel Wade. This car is very well equipped and has carried most of our surgical needs. By the fore-sight of the D.D.M.S. I was permitted to choose two of my staff, which consisted of a sergeant and three men. I would like to emphasise the importance of this, as the success of the work depends on the combined personal efforts of the surgeon and his staff. I do not care how brilliant a surgeon is, he cannot do good urgent work in the field except with a staff that has had some definite and continuous training in an operating theatre.

There is no opportunity of training a tyro in this kind of work. The first thing to do was to practise our job, and this we did. By giving the natives five piastres per dog we were enabled to conduct several operations on anaesthetised dogs. We artificially wounded the abdomen and intestines and practiced various methods of intestinal suture and anastomosis and worked out the quickest sure way to do intestinal suturing. This proved to be an invaluable surgical exercise and taught the men to assist intelligently in this particular kind of work.

In obtaining equipment I had a little difficulty, but every one was very kind and helped in every possible way. I was promised a G.S. Wagon to carry tentage and surgical equipment while Capt BRISBANE of the Australian Mounted Division Engineers made a special box to fit in a G.S. Wagon. This box is now divided into two smaller boxes, as we found from experience that it is desirable to have all equipment arranged for whatever means of transport is available. A carpenter in the Musdiv. Sanitary Section made a special box for us divided into compartments in order to carry bottles. I made a special journey to RAFA and obtained a galvanised iron tub to boil our large dishes in, a disused bucket to hold a primus stove, and also a spray to spray the tent in the event of dusty weather. We held daily sewing bees in order to make swabs, intestinal sponges, canvas bags to hold our dressings, and so on.

A few days before we were to leave on the advance ~~trial~~ I had a trial run over the wadi and was reported to the D.D.M.S. for wasting petrol. It was a good thing we had the trial for I learned that we needed a roll of wire netting and new sparking plugs. The Australian Red Cross has given considerable help.

I had some difficulty in getting a map, but the Australian Division provided me with one just in time and of course it was invaluable.

The evening before we were to move to ASLUJ the D.D.M.S. found he was unable to obtain a G.S. Wagon and in its place there arrived a limber drawn by tired mules. As we had practiced packing for a G.S. Wagon, this was a little disconcerting, but by sending one of the unit as a guide and carrying the native driver in an accompanying Ford Ambulance we managed to get there. The man on the mule team cut his hand and had to abstain from surgical work for a few days. In this regard I find it is advisable to have cotton gloves to wear when doing rough work, as a man with sore hands is a danger in the theatre.

We found that dragropes were a necessary portion of our kit and obtained a good pair from a Turkish Gun Carriage.

The results of the work were furnished in previous report as was also the itinerary of the unit. In regard to the later, we found that the surgical car could go any where ~~where~~ a Ford Car could but was stuck on a few occasions. We were however pulled out by horses using our own dragropes.

It was rather disconcerting not to know the wherewithall of our transport for each move.

There can be no doubt that a full equipped Operating Unit for each division, mobile of itself and with a surgeon, who should see all serious cases, would ensure a more efficient treatment of the wounded mounted men, for I found that most complete operations could be done in the field by this method.

11th Feb. 1918.

O.C. Descorps Operating Unit

Lt. Colonel.



Appended is a list of operations performed by the Descorps Operating Unit following on to the attack on AMMAN on the 22nd. March 1918.

JERICHO. 22;3;18.

413 Bat.R.F.A. No.218848 Dvr.Ridsdell,F. G.S.W.Buttock ,L.  
Wounded 1100 Operation 1530.

Excision of entrance and exit.Bullet left side of buttock and over left external ring. Urine clear.No evidence of wound to viscera.Both wounds excised.Posterior left open. Bipped. Death at 1100 on the 23;3;18.P.M.- 2 holes in sigmoid.

23;3;1918.

2/19 London Regt. No 613735 Pte.Franklin,R. G.S.W.Abdomen Wall.  
Wounded 1000 on 22nd. Operation 0830 on 23rd.

Long shell wound abdomen wall down to peritoneum excised and bipped. Wound thumb, finger, and slight penis. Evacuated.

2/19 London Regt. No 613596 Pte.Snelling,G. G.S.W. Ankle L. & Foot,R.  
Wounded 0500 on 22nd. Operation 0930 on 23rd.

Wound excised and bipped.Fibula,Tibia posterior aspect coscalcis all smashed. Exit wound packed with gauze.Toe amputated right foot.Jones splint left leg. Evacuated.

2/19.London Regt. No.612132 Pte.Williams W. G.S.W.Arm,L.  
Wounded 1130 on 22nd. Operation 1130 on 23rd.

Lacerated G.S.W. below left elbow.Flexor muscles all divided below internal epicondyle. Dead muscles excised.Bipped.Fully flexed.Sutured. Evacuated.

1/4 Sussex Regt. No.201105 L/Cpl.Pierce,A. G.S.W.Knee,R.  
Wounded 1630 on 22nd. Operation 2030 on 23rd.

Bullet wound entry biceps tendon. Fluid in knee joint. Washed and shaved.Put up in Jones Knee splint. Evacuated.

1/4 Sussex Regt. No.200869 Pte.Holliands,A. G.S.W.Shoulder L.  
Wounded 1600 on 22nd. Operation on 23rd.2100.

Entrance excised.Upper third of humerus is shattered.Bipped.F.B. not evident. Is still in wound.Left open to be dressed. Evacuated. 1500

1/4 Sussex Regt. No 15626 Sgt.Game G. G.S.W. Chest.  
Wounded 1600 on 22nd. Operation 2130 on 23rd.

G.S.W. chest wall over right pectoral. Track slit up and pieces of cloth removed. Bipped and sewn up. Evacuated.

24;3;18.

2/22 London Regt. No 682686 Pte.Seabroog,C.A. G.S.W. Abdomen.  
Wounded 1100 on 24th. Operation 1800 on 24th.

G.S.W.abdomen.Entrance left flank. 6 hours wounded. Clinically severe.Intraperitoneal haemorrhage.Laparectomy.Much free blood.Retroperitoneal haemorrhage. Spleen wounded and bleeding. Splenectomy by Lt/Colonel Wade. Evacuated.

28;3;18.

1st.L.H.Regt. No.2515a. Tpr.Quade,P. G.S.W.Hand & wrist,R.;Hand,L.  
Wounded 1100 on 27th. Operation 1800 on 28th.

Right hand entry front of wrist.Exit ulna aspect of hand.Had been bipped. Dressed and put up in Jones wrist splint.Graze left hand. Evacuated.

2nd. M.G.Squad.No 2462 Sgt.Grant,H.M.C. G.S.W.Arm,R. Brachial artery median nerve bruise  
Wounded 1300 on 27th. Operation 2100 on 28th.

Torn brachial artery. Arm blistered.Artery tied below and above tear. Branch tied,running in to tear,and vein tied. Bipped. Evacuated.



I.C.C. 7th. Coy. No 50321 L/Cpl. Mowlands . G.S.W. Abdomen.

Wounded 1300 on 27th. Operation 2230 on 28th.

Laparectomy. Belly full of blood. Tear in liver. Lower surface packed with gauze and drained in loin. Bullet removed from loin. Died 2100 on 29th.

C.T.C. H. Coy. No. 11459 Hussan Aly Ardhili Bomb Wound abdomen and leg L.

Wounded 1600 on 28th. Operation 2400 on 29th.

Bomb wound abdomen. Laparectomy. Fragment removed from great Omentum in great curvature of stomach. Vessel ligated. Wounds bipped. Abdomen closed. Evacuated well.

29:3:18.

7th. L.H. Regt. No 11 Cpl. Coupland C.H. G.S.W. Shoulder.

Wounded 1400 on 27th. Operation 0130 on 29th.

G.S.W. right shoulder entrance axilla. Exit acromion which was broken. Large blood clot under deltoid. Wound excised. Evacuated.

301 Bde, R.F.A. No. 1410 Dvr. Dickenson. H. Bomb wounds Head side L., arms and legs.

Wounded on 28th. 1700 Operation 0230 on 29th.

Numerous bomb wounds. Ulna shattered. Ulna artery tied above and below perforation. Put up semi-prone owing to lack of splints. Wounds shoulder and two thigh. Fragments retained. Right leg wound completely excised and sewn up. Right arm ditto. Scalp graze cleaned and dressed. Evacuated.

2/10 Middlesex No. 393438 Pte. Bunday, T.S. G.S.W. Head.

Wounded 1530 on 28th. Operation 0500 on 29th.

Through and through temporo-parietal. Flap up. Skull shattered. Brain pouring out. Moribund. Death 3 hours.

6th. L.H. Regt. No. 2224 Tpr. Scurrah, G.L. G.S.W. Spine.

Wounded 1430 on 27th. Operation 1400 on 29th.

Wound dressed. Catheterized.

6th. L.H. Regt. No. 1687 Tpr. Weir, G.A. G.S.W. Arm, L. Fractured Humerus.

Wounded 1600 on 27th. Operation 1430 on 29th.

High explosive left arm. Gangrene. Bone shattered. Whole of inner aspect dead and stinking. Loosely and incompletely saturated. Bipped. Evacuated.

6th. L.H. Regt. No. 2400 Tpr. Weate, K.O. G.S.W. R. Calf.

Wounded 1600 on 27th. Operation 1500 on 29th.

Shell wounds right calf. Large piece of H.E. removed. Gastrocnemius is very torn. Bipped. Wound left open. Evacuated.

30:3:18.

6th. L.H. Regt. Major. Ryrie, H.S. G.S.W. Head.

Wounded 1300 on 28th. Operation 0100 on 30th.

Entry frontal. Exit parietal. Two flaps. Bone fractured between wounds. Loose bone removed. Much blood clot removed from cranium. Bleeding Meningeal artery. Tied. Bipped. Wounds excised. Evacuated.

1/7 R.W.F. No. 290784 Pte. Evans, David. G.S.W. Head and Hand, L.

Wounded 1530 on 28th. Operation 0400 on 30th.

Head wound excised. Brain oozing out. Two pieces of shell and some loose bone removed. Bipped. Hand palm destroyed, except thumb and little finger tendons. Bipped. Evacuated.

6th. L.H. Regt. No. 1464 Tpr. Dunbar, A. G.S.W. Thigh.

Wounded 1100 on 27th. Operation 11600 on 30th.

Shell wound entry above right knee. Septic wound excised. Fragment found in pocket under Vastus Externus in front of biceps. Counter opening. Femur grazed. Bipped. Knee joint not involved. Thomas knee splint. Evacuated.

7th. L.H. Regt. No. 3015 Tpr. Reid, F.N. G.S.W. Head.

Operation 1830 on 30th.

Entry and exit left occipital region. Flap. Gutter fracture. A little loose bone removed. Exit wound excised. Bipped. Duro is wounded. Evacuated.

2/21 London Rifles No. 650828 Rfl. Griggs C. G.S.W. Leg, L.

Wounded 29th. Operation 2100 on 30th.

Shrapnel wound left tibia. Bullet removed. Puss present. Wound of entrance excised. Bipped. Back splints with Clines wire side splints.



2/23 London Rifles No. 704048 Rfl. Turrell A. G.S.W. Knee R.

Wounded 28th. Operation 2130 on 30th.

Glancing bullet wound right knee down to, but not puncturing capsule. Wound incised. Bipped. Thomas splint. Evacuated.

2/23 London Rifles No. 702066 Cpl. Flood A.G. G.S.W. Arm L. Leg. R. and chest.

Bullet wound left side chest. Through and through pneumothorax left elbow joint not involved. External condyle chipped off. Right leg through and through. All cleansed with spirit. Bipped. Evacuated.

2/21 London Rifles No. 650264 Rfl. Wells R.A. G.S.W. Thigh. R.

Wound right thigh through and through. Cleansed with spirit. Gauze dressing. Recommended. re-dressing 2nd. April 1918. Evacuated.

7th. L.H. Regt. No. 2948 Tpr. Perry S.P. G.S.W. Knee L.

Wounded 1300 on 27th Operation 2300 on 30th.

Shell wound outer aspect left knee. Fragment removed. Capsule not involved. Bipped. 30:3:18. Recommended redressing 31:3:18. Evacuated.

31:3:18.

6th. L.H. Regt. No. 1807 Tpr. Waller J.J. G.S.W. Thigh L. Fractured Femur.

Scrotum. Wounded 28th. Operation 31st.

Fracture thigh left upper third. Multiple shell wounds. Small fragment removed from biceps in lower third. All wounds excised. Wound in scrotum excised. Left testicle involved. Bipped. Left open. Put in straight frame for transport.

1:4:18;

2/23 London Regt. No. 700912 Pte Stone, E.H. G.S.W. Head.

Wounded 27th. Operation 0100 on 1st.

Shell wound entry frontal region. Destruction of bone including right orbit margin. Pieces of bone and fragment of bullet case removed. Much destruction of frontal lobe. Rest of bullet retained. Evacuated.

7th. L.H. Regt. No. 1157 L/Cpl. Button M.G. G.S.W. Thigh R.

Wounded 28th.

Through and through wound upper end right thigh. Probable injury psoas muscle redressed. Evacuated.

2/23 London Regt. No. 650247 Pte. Dudmesh, L.H. G.S.W. Back.

Wounded 28th. Operation 22th. 1st.

G.S.W. back of right chest. Small piece of lower border rib removed. Wound excised. Bipped. Wound closed. Pleura not punctured. Evacuated.

Auk. Mtd. Rifles No. 13/2102 Tpr. Fovte, W.H. G.S.W. Head.

Wounded 27th. Operation on 0400 on 1st.

Entry and exit wound frontal bone. Flap turned down. Wounds excised. A little bone removed. Bipped. Evacuated.

6th. L.H. Regt. No. 961 Tpr. Schmeirer, A.S. G.S.W. Back.

Wounded 26th. Operation.

Redressed. 1:4:18.

L.C.C. No. 1619. Flegder, H.P. G.S.W. Back.

Wounded 23rd.

Catheter passed. Dressed. Evacuated.

2/21 London Regt. No. 651811 Rfl. Goodwin, V. G.S.W. Back and Thigh, L.

Bomb wound left thigh and scrotum. Suppurating wounds excised. Bipped and partially closed

2/23 London Regt. No. 651136 Pte. Walsh J. G.S.W. Back.

Wounded 27th.

Catheter passed. Dressed.

L.C.C. No. 12. Coy. No. 919. Sglr. Booth, P. G.S.W.

Multiple wounds cleaned and dressed. Evacuated.



I.C.C. 9th. Coy. 50807. Pte. Fudge, P.R. G.S.W. Arm. Amputation.  
Re dressed. Bipped. Evacuated.

N.Z.M.G. Sgd. No. 35356 Tpr. Lewis L.F. G.S.W. leg L. Fracture.  
Wounded on 29th. 1700 Operation 1500 on 1st.

G.S.W. left leg through and through. Tibia and fibula both fractured. Wounds very septic. Excised. Fragments of bone taken out. Bipped. Evacuated.

I.C.C. 16th. Coy. 36126 Tpr. Perry, W.N. G.S.W. Shoulder R.  
Wounded 30th. Redressed. 1/4/18.

Cleaned with spirit and dressed.

2/21 London Regt. No. 653555 Pte. Ritchie E. G.S.W.R. Arm Side R.  
Wounded 31st. Redressed. 1/4/18.

Cleaned with spirit and redressed. Arm put up in splint (supine).

I.C.C. 9th Coy. No. Sgt. Brown G.S.W. Thigh Femur fractured.

Gangrene of leg below knee. Fractured femur. Amputation through seat of fracture, removing part of bone. Loose flaps. Bipped. Evacuated.

Canterbury Mtd. Rifles. No. 7/1783 Tpr. Sharland, T.J. G.S.W. Head.

Examined but inoperable. Catheterised and dressed.

I.C.C. 10th. Coy. No. 50703 Cpl. Wall-head G. G.S.W. Thigh L.  
Wounded 27th. Dressed 1/4/18.

Wounds cleaned with spirit and dressed.

2/21 London Regt. No. 702559 RFL. Manning R.T. G.S.W. Thigh Fractured femur.  
Wounded 30th Operation 1st.

Fractured femur. Wound incised and bipped. Put up in Thomas knee splint. Evacuated.

I.C.C. No. 1390 Tpr. Gould, R.B. G.S.W. Shoulder and neck.

Wounded 30th. Redressed and Catheterised.

Moribund.

2/21 London Regt. No. 653546 Pte. Matcham, A.C. G.S.W. Thigh R.

Cleaned with spirit and redressed.

Wellington Mtd. Rifles. No. 11/1868 Tpr. Ward, W.J. G.S.W. Buttock, L. and Back and R. Knee.

G.S.W. right Popliteal space and left Gluteal region. Septic. Operation counter opening in popliteal space and excision of wound of entrance. Also excision of Gluteal wound. Bipped Partially closed. Bullet not found in Popliteal space. Evacuated.

2/4/18/

N.Z.M.C. Edwards E. G.S.W. Abdomen.

Wounded 0730 on 1st. Operation 0800 on 2nd.

Bullet wound abdomen. Entrance side. Operation 2:4:18. Perforation of stomach. Anterior and posterior walls. Sewn and Bipped. Evacuated.

2/22 London Regt. No. 682886 Pte Smith, H.T. G.S.W. Thigh L.

G.S.W. upper left thigh Wounds of exit and entrance septic. Excised and bipped. Left open. Operation 2:4:18. Evacuated.

A.V.C. atch. 10th Fld. Coy. R.E. No. 13079 Sgt. Clements A.A. Bomb wound calf R. & L.S.

Multiple bomb wounds. Right calf torn away. Cleaned with spirit. Bipped partially Wounds approximated. Very collapsed. Intravenous saline. Much better. Death in 24 hours.

Wellington Mtd. Rifles. 11/160 Sgt. Weaver, L.W. G.S.W. Shoulder, back and neck eye R. Thumb  
Wounded 31st. Operation 1400 on 2nd.

Entry right scapula. Exit sternum mastoid above clavicle. Wound full of blood clot. Severe haemorrhage. Operation 2:4:18. Excision. Bipped and sutured. Intravenous Saline. Transversus, Coll tied Evacuated.



3:4:18.

A.S.C. Anzac Divl Train. No. 9400 Esbrom Abram Bomb Wound Abdomen.  
Wounded 0600 on 3rd. Operation 0915 on 3rd.

Superficial wound abdominal wall. Wounds right thigh both excised and sutured. Bipped. Evacuated.

12th Mtd Batry. R.G.A. Major Talbot-Crossbie M. Bomb wounds head.  
Wounded 0600 on 3rd. Operation 1015 on 3rd.

Batry of bomb fragment to left of external occipital protuberance. Flap. Fragments of bone removed. Foreign body not found. Bipped. sutured. Entrance wound in scalp excised. Evacuated.

12th. Mtd Batry. R.G.A. No. 108705 Bomb. Gibson. Bomb wounds back and ankle, R.  
Wounded 0600 on 3rd. Operation 1200 on 3rd.

Redressed. Morphia 1/6th. Suffering from severe shock. Operation at 1200. Excision of wounds. Bipped. Partially closed. Large wound in back. Damaged sacrum. Gauze plug left in large wound of back and in foot. Death in 36 hours. No perforation of Peritoneum.

10th Fld Troop. R.E. No. 164735 Sapper Gallant, W. Bomb thigh L. SHOULDER R.  
Wounded 0700 on 3rd. Dressed 1400 on 3rd.

Wounds cleaned with spirit and dressed. Leg put up in Thomas splint. Evacuated.

Lt. Colonel,  
 O.C. Descorps Operating Unit.

Copies to D.D.M.S. Descorps.  
 A.D.M.S. Ausdiv.  
 File.

In addition to above Issued out 20 cases in consultation and ligated on a femoral artery in the Ambulance theatre.

Lt. Colonel.