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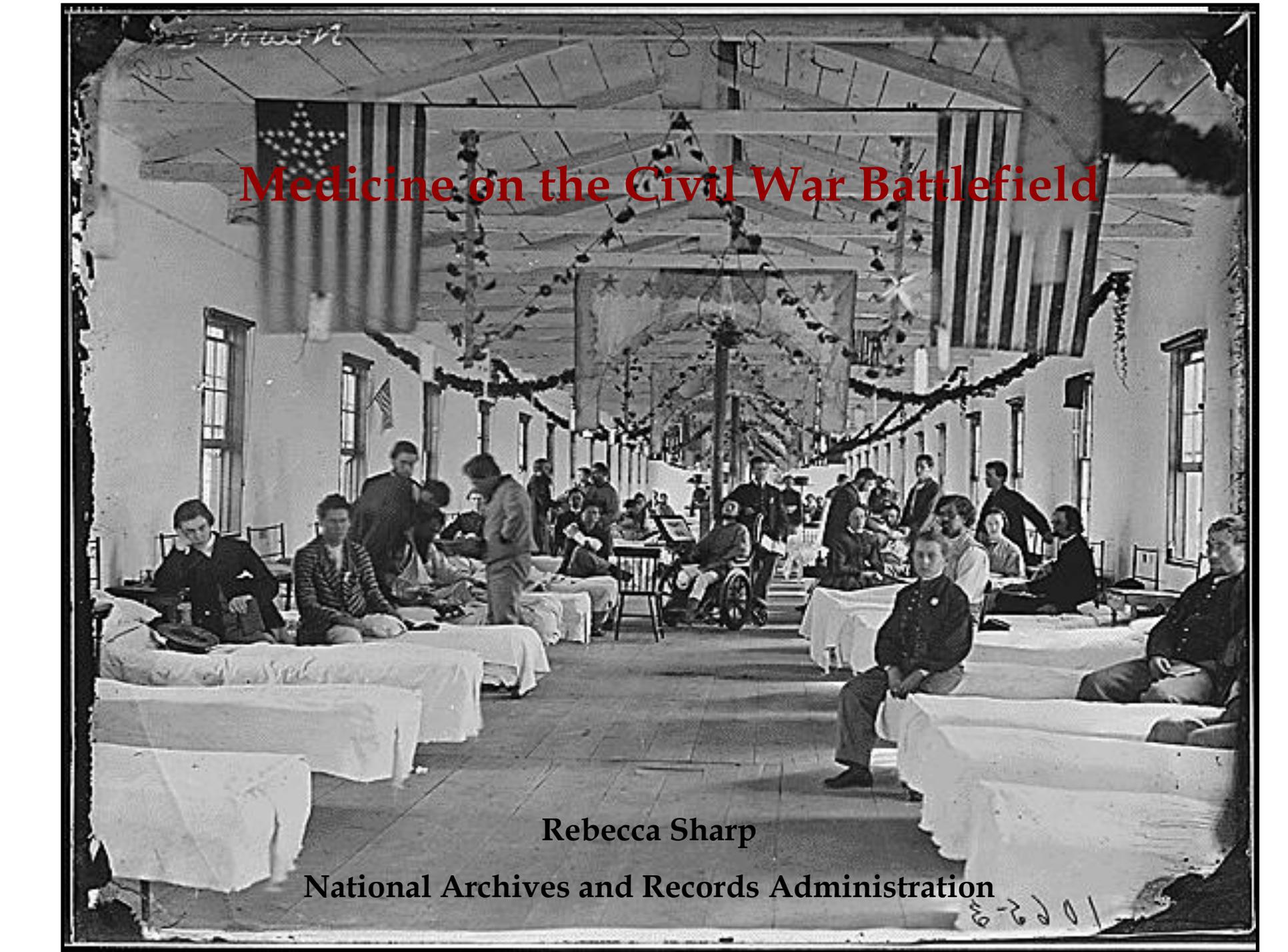
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Medicine on the Civil War Battlefield



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Mathew Brady Photograph - *In the trenches before Petersburg, Va.*

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SECTION II.

OPERATIONS FOR MISCELLANEOUS INJURIES.

Numerous operations for miscellaneous injuries or diseases, such as excisions, amputations, ligatures, operations on the eye, the mouth and the dependent, the air passages, the chest, the genito-urinary organs, etc., were reported during the war. Detailed reports will be given of the more important cases, and all will be cited in condensed tabular statements.

EXCISIONS.—Forty-five cases of excisions for miscellaneous injuries or diseases were reported. Twenty-five were excisions of the bones of the hand, five of the upper extremities, and fifteen of the lower extremities. The results are indicated in the following table:

TABLE CV.
Numerical Statement of Forty-five Cases of Excisions Following Miscellaneous Injuries or Diseases.

EXCISIONS.	Cases.			FOR HEALING.			FOR DISEASE.		
	Total.	Healed.	Unhealed.	Healed.	Unhealed.	Unhealed.	Healed.	Unhealed.	
Excision of Crural Bone.	25	15	10	1	1	1	1	1	
Excision of the Shoulder Joint.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Head of the Humerus.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Elbow Joint.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Head of the Ulna.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Head of the Femur.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Bone of the Leg.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Bone of the Arm and Forearm of the Leg.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Bone of the Arm and Forearm of the Leg.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Bone of the Foot.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Excision of the Bone of the Foot.	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Aggregates.	45	28	17	1	1	1	1	1	

The twenty-five cases of excisions of the cranial bones for injuries from miscellaneous causes have been detailed in the *First Surgical Volume*.¹ A few examples of excisions of the extremities will here be cited, and all will be given in tabular form.

Case 291.—*Excision in the bone of the leg.*—Private C. [Name], Co. A, 10th Massachusetts, was kicked by a mule in the left leg, fracturing both bones, while driving ambulances at Camp Brightwood, August 21, 1912. He was admitted to the Washington Hospital on the day of the injury. One month after the accident no union or union of the bone had yet taken place, but much suppuration had occurred and the bone had become bare in its whole circumference for the space of two inches.

¹Cases of: Oliver J. Berry, p. 224; P. J. Burns, C. 8th Kentucky Cav., p. 27; P. W. H. Edwards, R. M. Iowa Cav., p. 37; C. W. A. Gossard, R. 6th Penn. Cav., p. 31; P. F. H. Green, R. 12th N. Y., p. 37; P. C. Hadden, R. 1st Ohio, p. 37; P. C. J. Johnston, R. 1st Indiana, p. 37; P. C. K. Lester, R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. L. M. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. M. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. N. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. O. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. P. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. Q. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. R. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. S. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. T. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. U. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. V. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. W. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. X. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. Y. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38; P. C. Z. [Name], R. 1st Iowa Cav., p. 38.

Ailments & Diseases

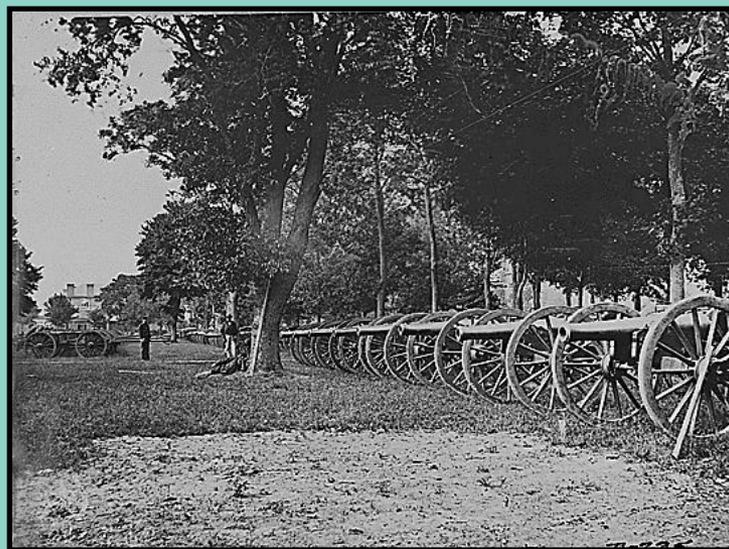
- army itch
- asthma
- bronchitis
- cardiac disease
- conjunctivitis
- constipation
- consumption
- diarrhea
- diphtheria
- dysentery
- malaria
- measles
- parasites
- pleurisy
- pneumonia
- scarlet fever
- scurvy
- smallpox
- tetanus
- tonsillitis
- typhoid fever
- typhus fever
- venereal disease
- yellow fever

Injuries

- abdominal wounds
- accidental
- aneurisms
- bayonet wounds
- chest wounds
- contusions
- facial wounds
- fractures
- frostbite
- gunshot wounds
- head wounds
- injuries of the lower extremities
- joint injuries
- neck injuries
- paralysis

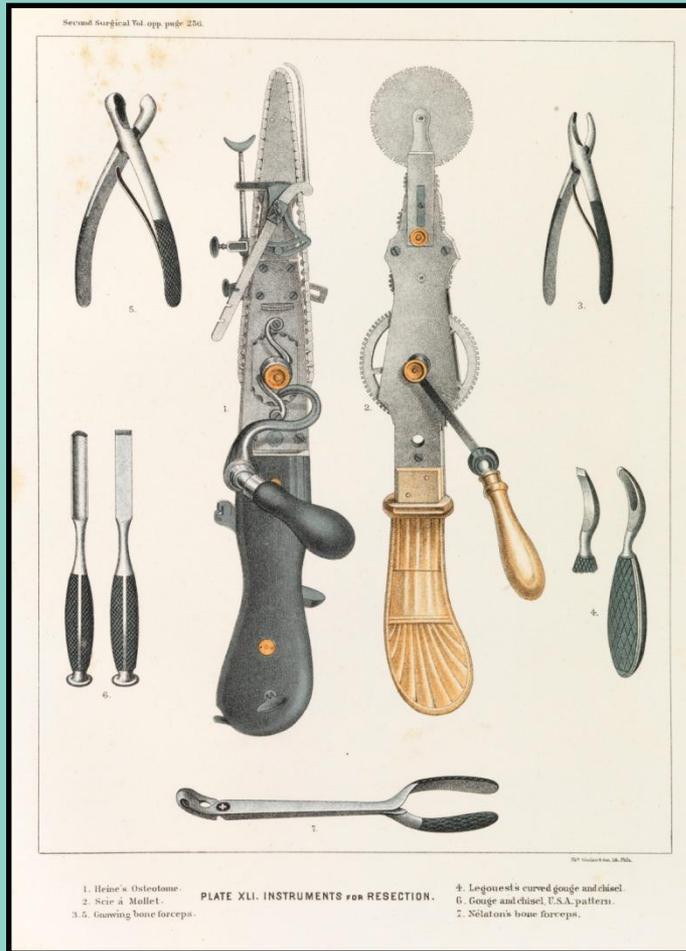


- puncture wounds
- sabre wounds
- spinal injuries
- sprains
- struck by lightning
- sunstroke
- wounds of the heart
- wounds caused by large projectiles



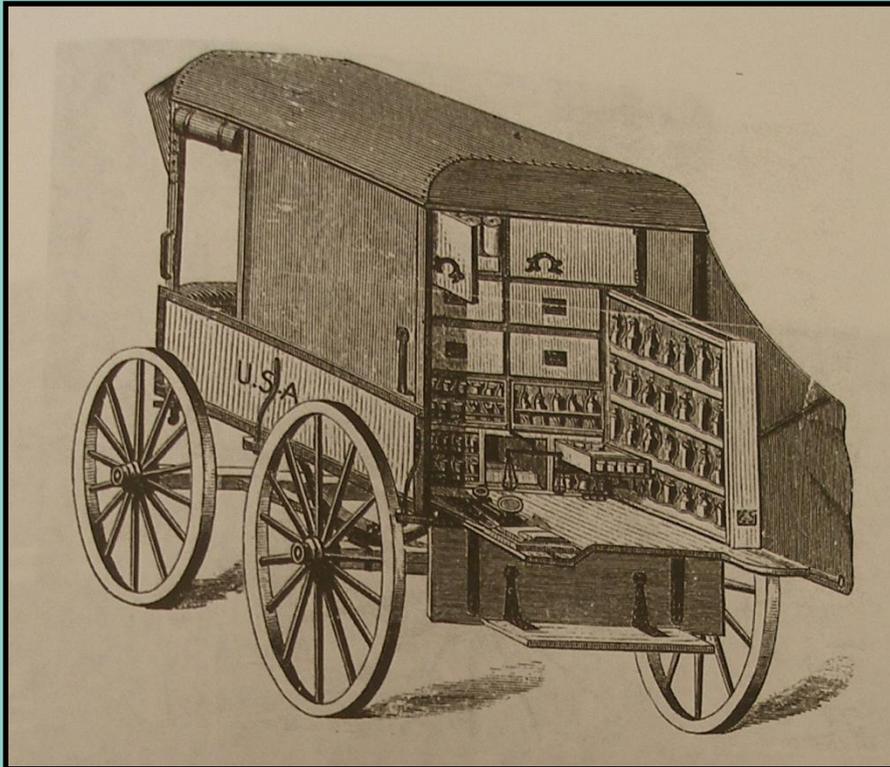
Mathew Brady photograph - Artillery Park

Surgical Procedures



- amputations
- ball extractions
- blood-letting
- ligations
- plastic operations
- removal of foreign bodies (buttons, clothing, wire)
- tracheotomy
- trephining

Medical Supplies



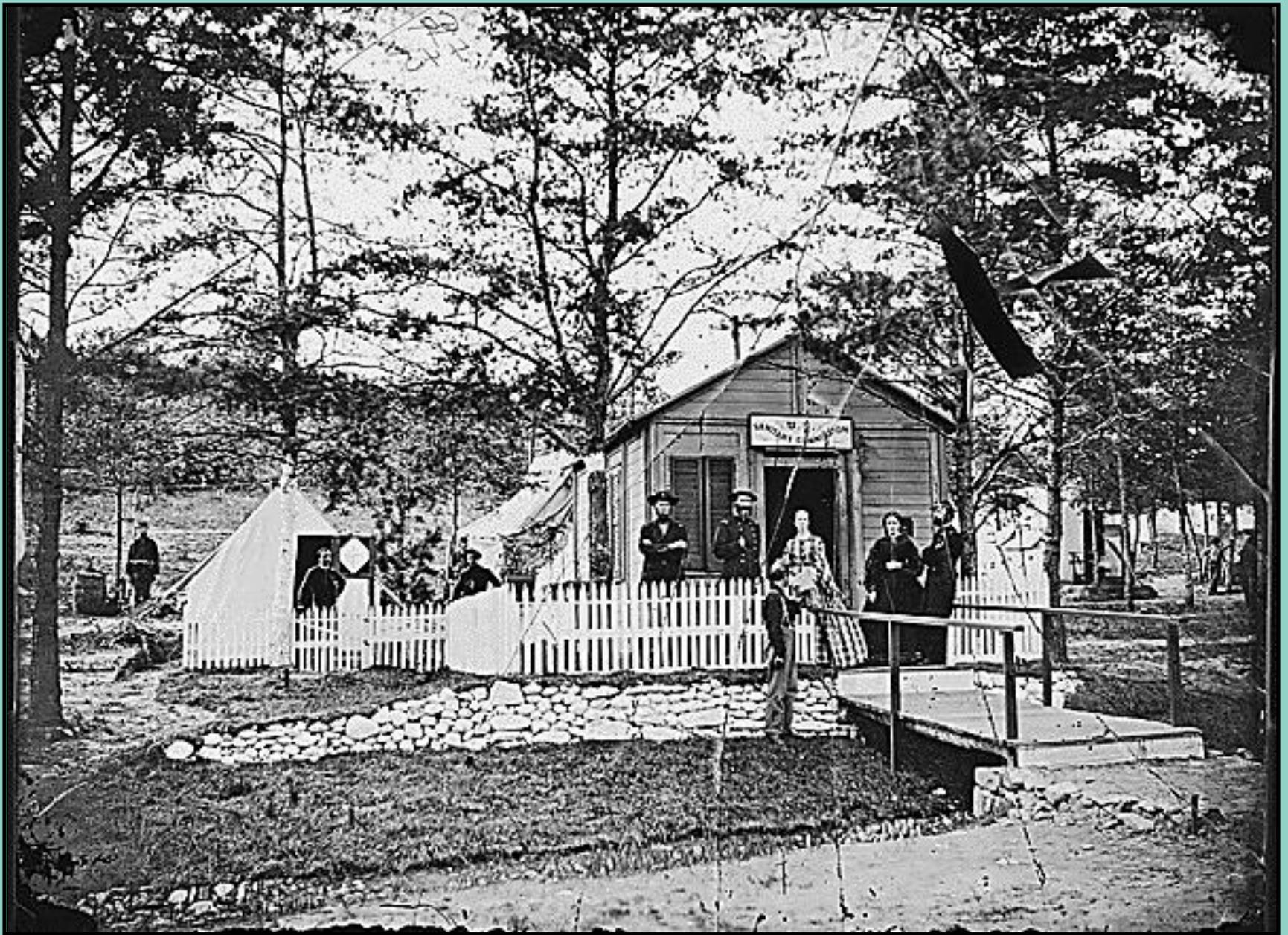
- alcohol
- ammonia salt
- calomel
- cathartics
- dover's powder
- laudanum
- iodide of potassium
- morphia
- milk punch
- opium
- quinine



Mathew Brady Photograph – *Wounded soldiers under trees, Marye's Heights, Fredericksburg. After the battle of Spotsylvania*



Mathew Brady Photograph - *Ambulance of 6th Corps*



Mathew Brady Photograph - *Quarters of the United States Sanitary Commission*



FIG. 473.—An army wagon fitted up as an ambulance wagon. [After LANGER.]

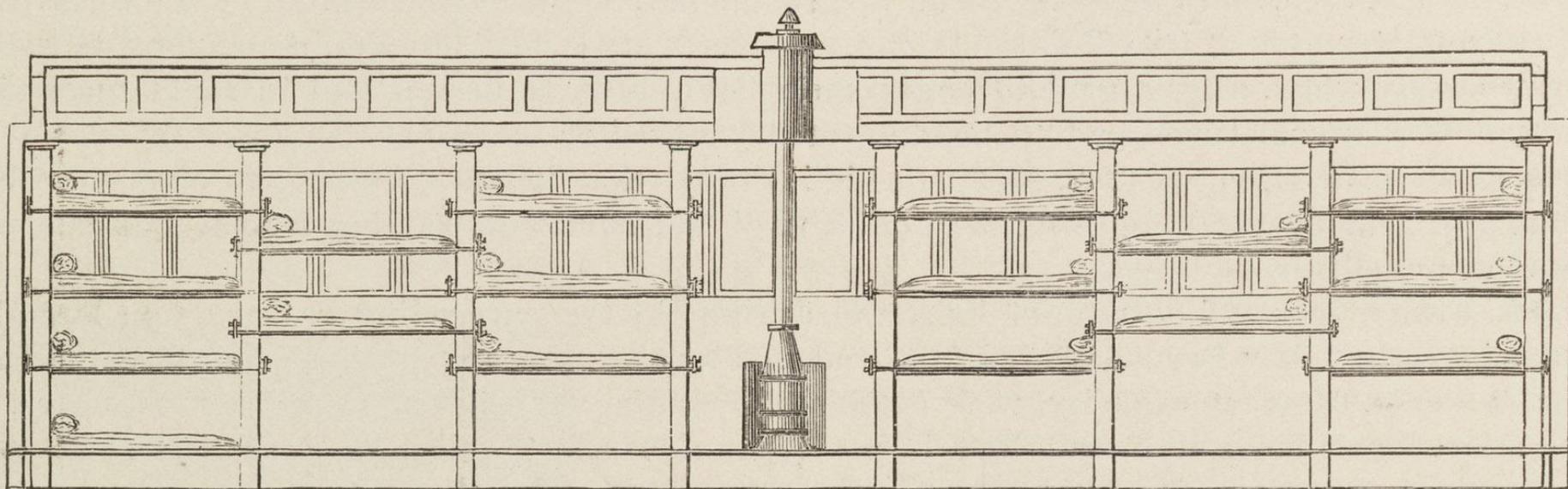


FIG. 476.—Longitudinal section of a passenger car fitted up as a hospital car. [After EVANS.]

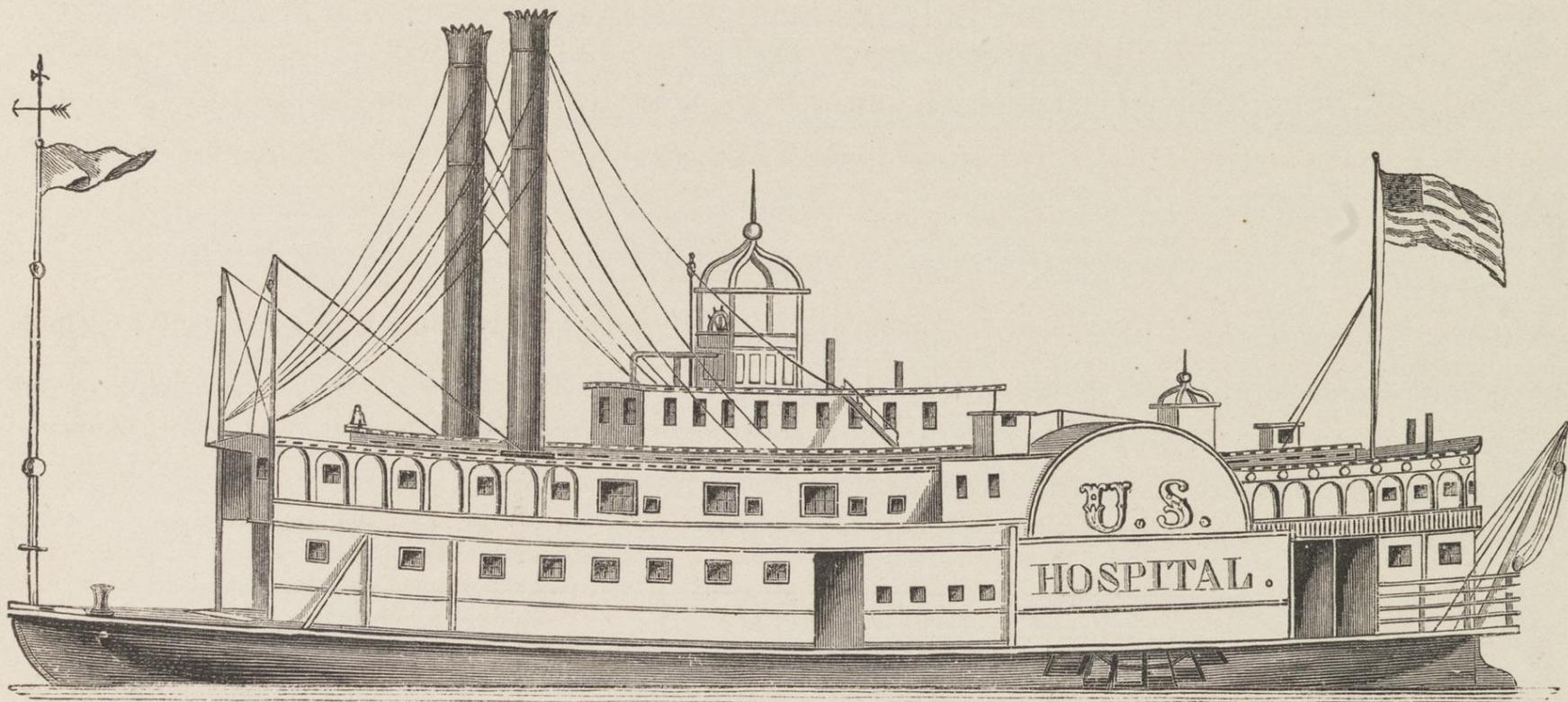


FIG. 502.—U. S. Army Hospital Steamer D. A. January.

hurricane deck (FIG. 503), the roof of the boat, was the texas, on top of that the pilot-house. The staterooms were taken out and the whole cabin deck converted into one spa-

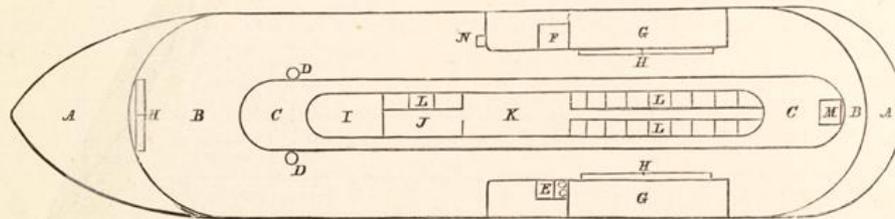


FIG. 503.—Upper deck, or texas, of U. S. Hospital Steamer D. A. January.

AA	Projections of lower deck.	E	Water-closets.	I	Captain's room.	M	Private rooms.
BB	Roof.	F	Wash-house.	J	Social hall.	N	Dummy, or provision railway, extending from lower deck to hurricane deck.
CC	Cabin roof above skylights.	G	Wheels.	K	Texas dining room.		
DD	Smoke-stacks.	HH	Water-tanks.	LLL	Rooms for steamboat officers.		

cious ward (FIG. 504). Long windows were placed on all sides of this ward, attached by strong butts along the centre of the ward. About the centre of this deck, on one side, was

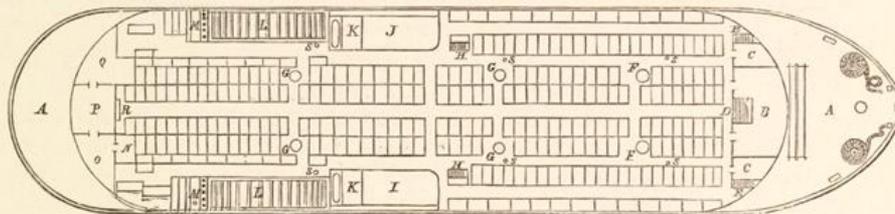


FIG. 504.—Cabin deck of U. S. Hospital Steamer D. A. January.

AA	Projections of lower deck.	FF	Steamboat chimneys.	KK	Bath-rooms, hot and cold.	P	Surgery.
B	Office.	GG	Stoves.	LL	Steamboat's wheels.	Q	Linen-room.
CC	Private rooms.	HH	Middle ward stairs.	MM	Water-closets.	R	Space occupied by the mirror.
D	Front stairs.	I	Nurses' dining-room.	N	Private room.	SS	Cold-water pipes.
EE	Texas stairs.	J	Kitchen.	O	Drug-store.		

a nurses' dining-room, a bath-room, and water-closet, and on the other a special diet kitchen, bath and wash-room, and water-closet. Away aft there was on one side a drug-shop and steward's room, on the opposite side a linen-room, in the centre an operating-room. Drinking-water throughout the ward was drawn from faucets placed at convenient distances. The bath-rooms were supplied with water from a large tank on the hurricane deck, filled

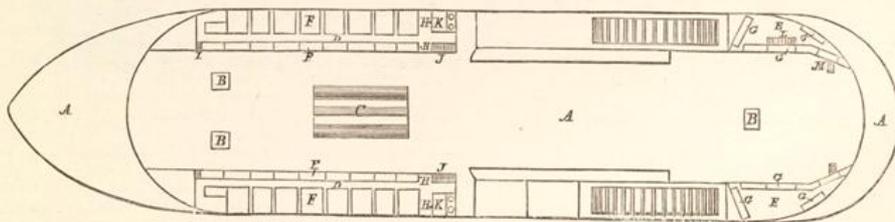


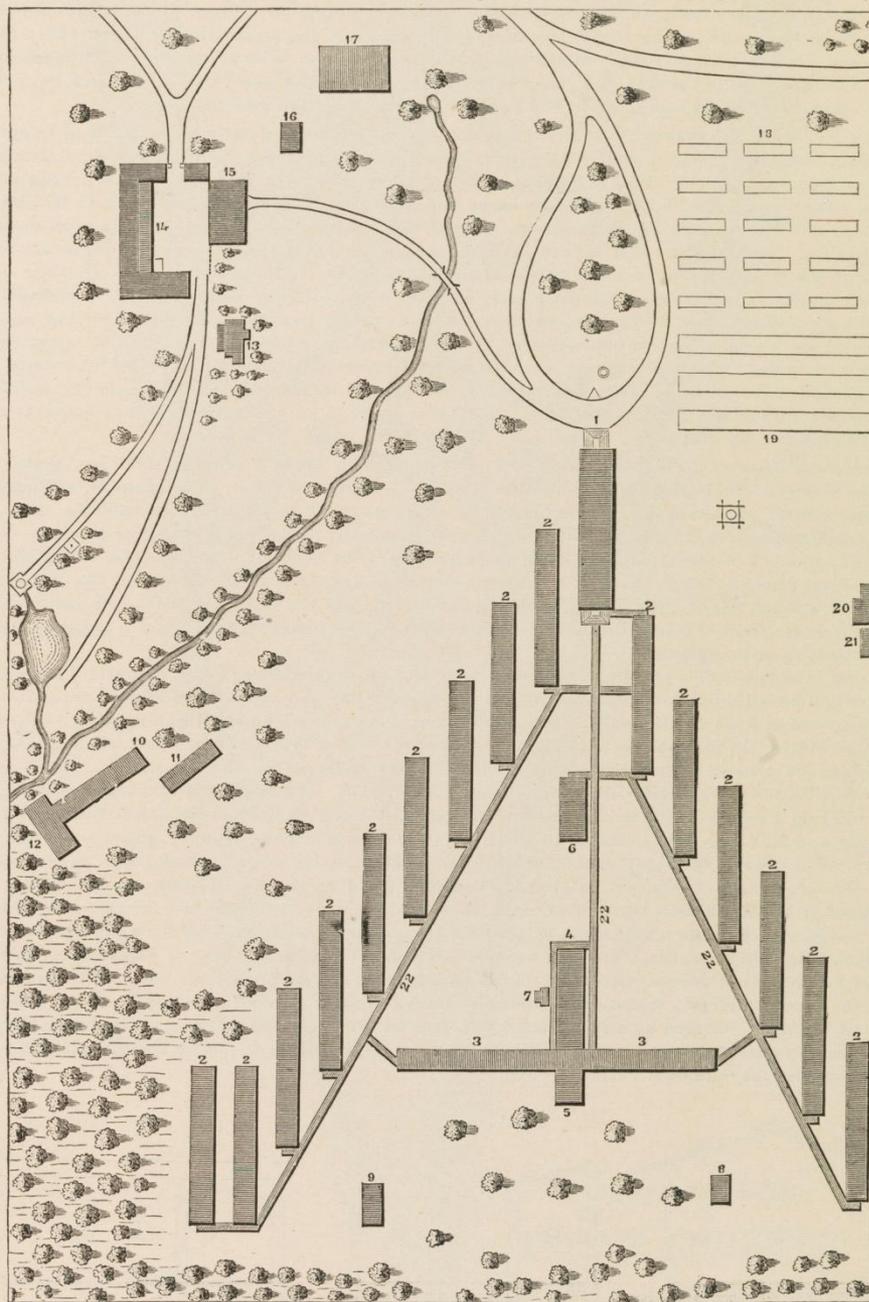
FIG. 505.—Middle deck of U. S. Hospital Steamer D. A. January.

AA	Lower deck.	DEE	Middle deck.	I	Side or middle deck.	KK	Water-closets.
BBB	Hatchways.	FF	Space for sick.	J	Stairs to lower deck.	L	Nurses' stairs from cabin deck.
C	Boilers.	GG	Nurses' quarters.	J	Stairs to upper deck.	MM	Nurses' stairs to lower deck.
		HH	Cold water.				

with water by steam-power. The drinking-water arrangement was a refrigerator on a large scale. Pipes ran from the tank on the hurricane deck into two large ice-chests in the hold of the boat, one on each side. In these chests were large worms through which the water

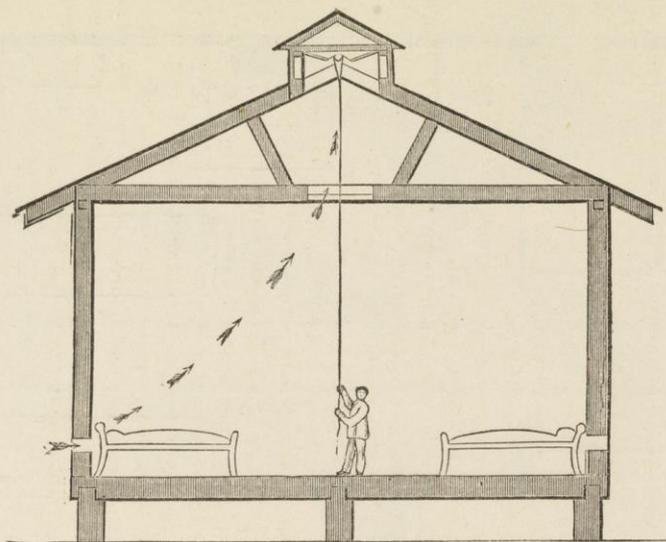


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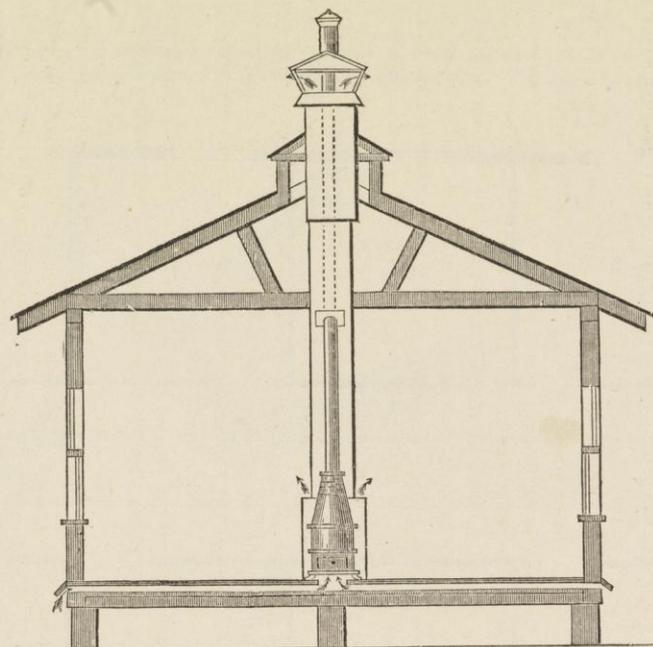


HAREWOOD HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ inch = 10 feet. 1, Administration building; 2, 2, 2, Wards; 3, Dining-room; 4, 5, Kitchen; 6, Knapsack-room; 7, Ice-house; 8, Dead-house; 9, Guard-house; 10, Laundry; 11, Laundresses' quarters; 12, Engine-room; 13, Quarters for female nurses; 14, Brick building used as bakery and commissary store-house; 15, Brick stable; the loft used as store-house; 16, Store-house; 17, Barn; 18, Hospital tents; 19, Old barracks; 20, Sutler; 21, Coal; 22, Covered pathway. Sinks in movable boxes placed on the flanks of the triangle.

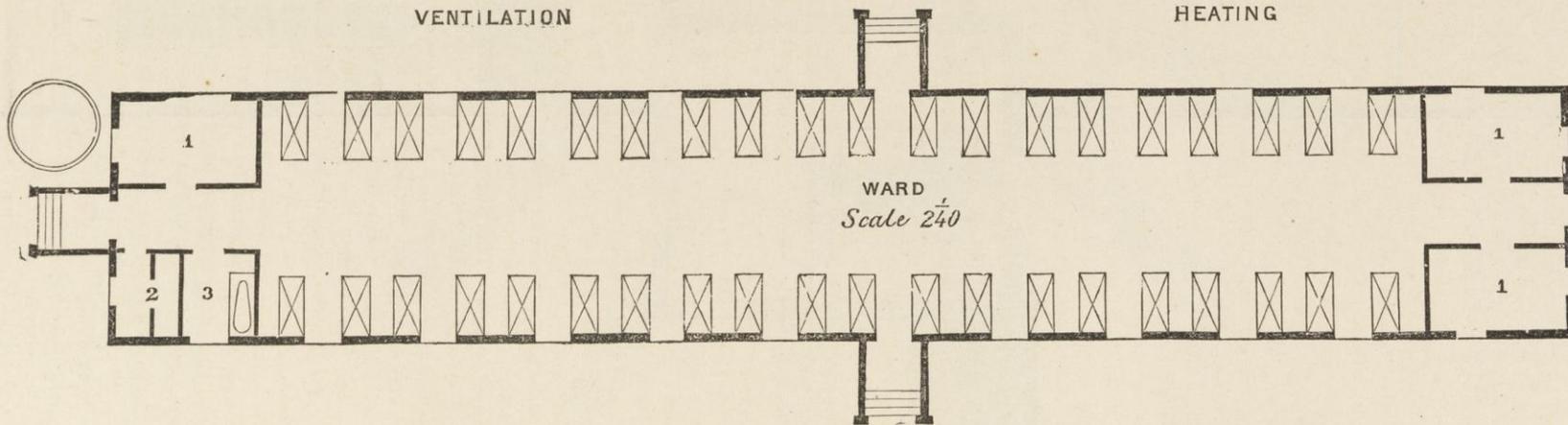


VENTILATION



HEATING

Scale $\frac{1}{20}$



WARD
Scale $\frac{1}{240}$

SEDGWICK HOSPITAL, GREENVILLE, LA.—Plans of ward, ventilation and heating: 1, 1, 1, Nurses' rooms; 2, Water-closets; and 3, Bath-rooms, at the free end of the ward. The double-lined circle indicates the position of the rain-water tank.



Richmond, Virginia, 1865

Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers (RG 77)



Chimborazo Hospital, (Confederate) Richmond, Va. May 1865 - Library of Congress



*Amputation being performed in a hospital tent, Gettysburg—
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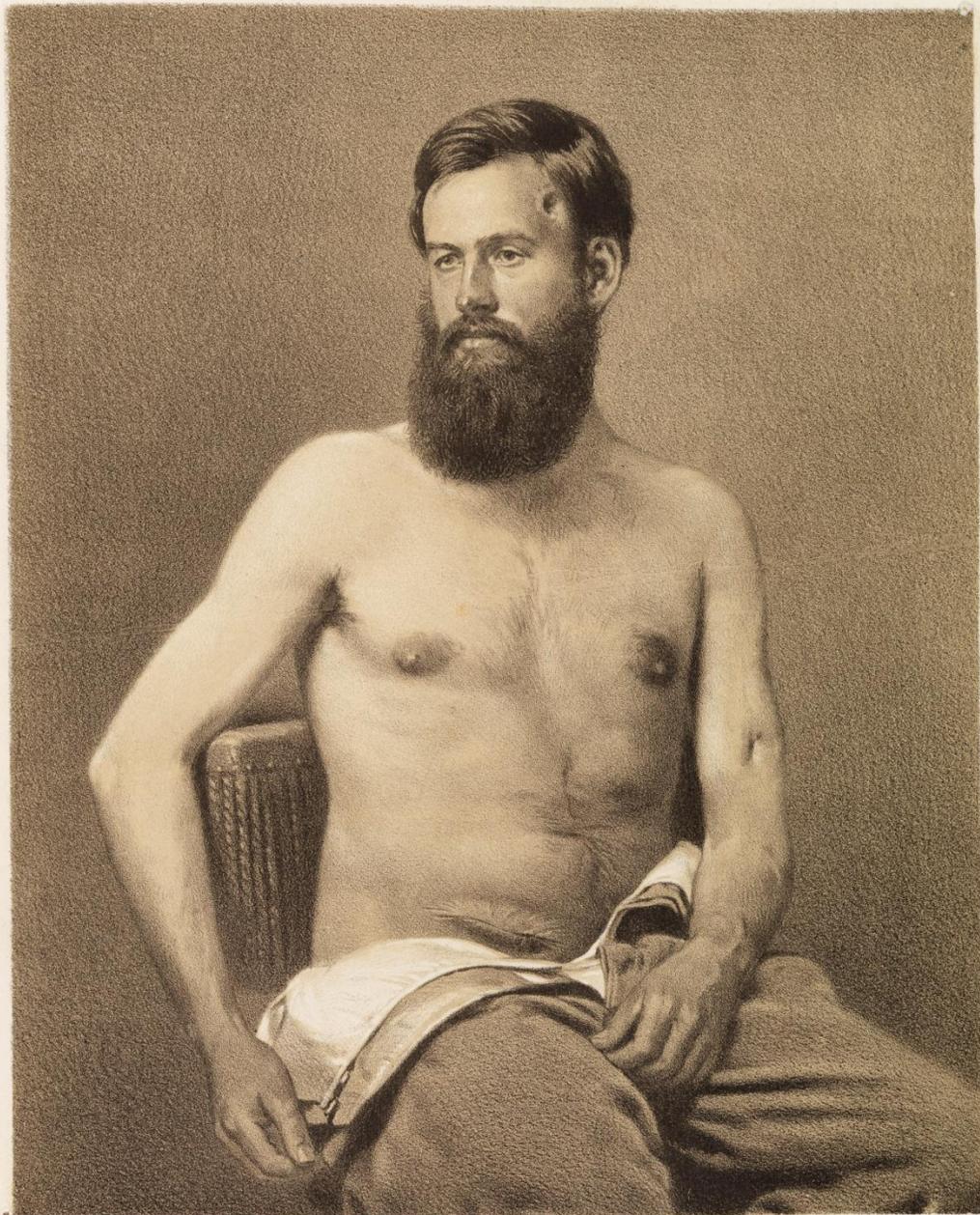
TABLE XLIII.

Condensed Summary of Seventy Cases of Amputation in the Middle Third of the Femur,
of Uncertain Date.

[Recoveries, 1-34; Deaths, 35-63; Results unknown, 64-70.]

No.	NAME, MILITARY DESCRIPTION, AND AGE.	DATES.	OPERATIONS, OPERATORS, RESULT.	No.	NAME, MILITARY DESCRIPTION, AND AGE.	DATES.	OPERATIONS, OPERATORS, RESULT.
1	Baldwin, J., Pt., A, 26th North Carolina.	July 2, '63.	Left; gangrenous. Paroled Nov. 12, 1863.	37	Beiden, R., Pt., H, 116th Pennsylvania, age 24.	June 5, '64.	Left. Died June 23, 1864.
2	Boycin, P., Pt., C, 19th Louisiana, age 18.	Aug. 31, '64.	Right. Retired Dec. 22, 1864.	38	Boswell, J., Pt., B, 63d Georgia, age 31.	June 19, '64.	Right; circ. Gang.; diarrhœa. Died July 21, 1864; exhaustion.
3	Clark, J., Pt., D, 1st Louisiana N. G.	May 27, '63.	Left thigh. Duty July 31, 1863.	39	Butler, W. C., Serg't, F, 2d Florida, age 26.	July —, '63.	Left. Died August 15, 1863.
4	Comer, T., Capt., H, 5th South Carolina.	Aug. 16, '64.	Left. Furloughed September 23, 1864.	40	Chinn, F. E., Pt., H, 7th North Carolina.	1864.	Left. Died September 12, 1864.
5	Cribb, J., Pt., C, 49th Georgia, age 32.	—, '64.	Right. Retired October 31, 1864.	41	Cobb, J., Pt., G, 9th Virginia, age 22.	Aug. 28, '64.	—; flap; diarr.; slough'g; hæm. Died Sept. 22, '64; pyæ. Autop.
6	Croft, J., Pt., L, 50th Georgia.	May 3, '63.	— Furloughed July 3, 1863.	42	Cobb, L. G., Pt., H, 45th North Carolina.	July —, '63.	Right. Died August 16, 1863.
7	Dell, P., Pt., C, 20th Louisiana.	Jan. 2, '63.	Left; flap. Discharged July 17, 1865.	43	Conway, J., Pt., F, 11th Infantry, age 23.	July —, '63.	Left. Re-amputation upper third. August 11, 1863, bone cut off. Died Aug. 18, 1863; exhaustion.
8	Edmonson, J. C., Pt., K, 13th Georgia.	May 12, '64.	Right. Furloughed November 8, 1864.	44	Davis, J. D., Corp'l, D, 8th Virginia.	April —, '65.	Right. Died August 18, 1863.
9	Evans, W. S., Lieut., B, 4th Georgia.	July 9, '64.	Right. Furloughed October 9, 1864.	45	Gobegan, T. O., Pt., D, 18th Mississippi.	1863.	Right. Died August 18, 1863.
10	Farr, J. E., Pt., I, 18th Tennessee.	Sept. 19, '63.	Left. Surg. H. W. Brown, P. A. C. S. Recovery Dec. 20, 1864.	46	Goodman, E., Pt., D, 27th Pennsylvania.	1863.	Right. June 18, hæm.; lig. of fem. art. Died August 9, 1863.
11	Fechner, C., Pt., —, 3d Alabama, age 28.	May 2, '63.	Right. Retired January 19, 1865.	47	Hall, J. H., Pt., E, 43d Tennessee.	—, '63.	Left thigh. Died July 2, 1864.
12	Ferguson, J. G., Pt., A, 12th Tennessee, age 24.	July 20, '64.	Left. Retired January 23, 1865.	48	Heath, G. E., Pt., I, 12th Massachusetts.	July —, '63.	Left. Died Sept. 12, 1863; diarrhœa.
13	Foster, P., Pt., I, 57th Virginia, age 21.	July 12, '64.	— Retired February 6, 1865.	49	Jones, J. C., Pt., F, 122d New York, age 26.	May 6, '64.	Left thigh. Died May 30, 1864.
14	Gales, F. V., Musician, E, 30th Tenn., age 31.	Nov. 30, '64.	Left; ant. posterior flap. Provost Marshal March 7, 1865.	50	Mallory, I. T., Pt., E, 45th North Carolina, age 24.	July —, '63.	Right. Died August 12, 1863.
15	Hearn, B. L., Pt., H, 6th Georgia.	Sept. 30, '64.	Right. Furloughed December 6, 1864.	51	Metz, J., Pt., A, 68th Pennsylvania.	July —, '63.	Left. Died August 18, 1863.
16	Helms, C. A., Pt., B, 43d North Carolina, age 33.	July 18, '64.	Right. Retired January 20, 1865.	52	Milroy, J. T., Pt., E, 45th North Carolina.	July —, '63.	Right. Died August 12, 1863.
17	Hunt, S. J., Pt., D, 18th Virginia.	—, '64.	Right. Paroled May 31, 1865.	53	Robinson, J., Pt., B, 45th North Carolina.	July —, '63.	Left. Died August 14, 1863.
18	Ingraham, L., Pt., D, 42d Mississippi.	July 2, '63.	Right. Exchanged Mar. 3, 1864.	54	Sheperd, W. B., Pt., E, 45th Georgia, age 30.	Aug. 9, '64.	Left. Died August 19, —; pyæmia.
19	Johnston, W. S., Pt., I, 20th North Carolina.	May 3, '63.	— Furloughed October 13, 1863.	55	Simons, L., Pt., F, 7th N. Y. H'vy Art., age 27.	June 3, '64.	Left. Diarrhœa. Died July 9, 1864; exhaustion.
20	Kennedy, T. J., Pt., E, 16th Ark. Cav., age 25.	Sept. 27, '64.	Right. Retired March 18, 1865.	56	Spieß, H., Pt., I, 67th Ohio, age 23.	May 10, '64.	Left. June 5, erysipelas. Died August 13, 1864; exhaustion.
21	Mayne, J. J., Pt., A, 11th Georgia.	—, '64.	Left. Exchanged March 3, 1864.	57	Suggett, T., Pt., G, 24th Michigan.	July 1, '63.	— Died August 3, 1863.
22	Passons, W., Pt., F, 5th Kentucky Cav., age 44.	—, '64.	Right; circ. Prison April 28, 1865.	58	Sutton, O. D., Pt., D, 45th Georgia.	—, '63.	Left thigh. Died May 30, 1864.
23	Powell, J. K. P., —, C, 31st Georgia.	June 26, '62.	—; circ. Furloughed August 26, 1862.	59	Thomas, H. L., Pt., F, 45th Penn., age 18.	June 16, '64.	Left thigh. Died July 29, 1864.
24	Praft, J. H., Pt., F, 7th Tennessee, age 41.	1865.	Right; flap. Released June 28, 1865.	60	Walrom, J. P., Lieut., D, 28th Virginia.	July —, '63.	Right thigh. Died July 30, 1863.
25	Satterwhite, D. S., Pt., G, 7th Georgia.	Oct. 7, '64.	Left; flap. Discharged July 17, 1865.	61	White, T. H., Pt., I, 6th Wisconsin, age 19.	Aug. 18, '64.	Right. Died September 14, 1864; wound.
26	Seolt, G. W., Serg't, H, 7th South Carolina.	July —, '63.	Right. Exchanged October 13, 1863.	62	Williams, C., Contrab'nd, Government employé.	Feb. 22, 1865.	—; circ. A. Surg. J. E. McGirr, U. S. V. Died Feb. 22, 1865; prostration.
27	Sharp, W. T., Serg't, G, 22d Georgia.	Feb. 6, '65.	Right. Retired March 11, 1865.	63	Wingfield, W. L., Pt., D, 58th Virginia, age 19.	—, '63.	Right. Died of pyæmia and pneumonia within ten days.
28	Stegen, J. W., Serg't, D, 56th Virginia.	June 27, '62.	— Recovered.	64	Bennett, W., Pt., B, 13th South Carolina, age 19.	Au. 13, '63.	—; circular.
29	Stout, T. N., Pt., C, 6th Louisiana.	July 2, '63.	— Furloughed September 9, 1863.	65	Carmonay, D., Pt., K, 5th Michigan.	—, '63.	Left thigh; circular. Not a pensioner.
30	Swicegood, J. H., Pt., A, 54th N. C., age 26.	June 7, '64.	Left. Retired March 3, 1865.	66	Coleman, J. L., Pt., B, 6th Virginia Cavalry.	—, '63.	Right thigh.
31	Underwood, J., Corp'l, K, 18th Georgia.	May 3, '63.	— Furloughed September 17, 1863.	67	Davids, W., Pt., K, 6th Alabama.	—, '63.	Left thigh.
32	Watson, J. B., Pt., Cobb's Georgia Cavalry.	July —, '63.	Left. Exchanged November 12, 1863.	68	Edwards, W. H., Pt., G, 41st Virginia.	—, '63.	Left thigh.
33	Wilkinson, S. R., Pt., I, 14th Alabama.	—, '63.	Right. Furloughed September 16, 1863.	69	Fullerton, W., Pt., G, 60th Ohio, age 44.	Se. 30, '64.	— Not a pensioner.
34	Williamson, A., Seaman, 8th Savannah, age 53.	—, '64.	Left. Recovered.	70	Phelix, — Colored servant, age 25.	—, '63.	Left thigh.
35	Booby, A. V., Pt., E, 23d North Carolina.	1864.	Right. Died October 3, 1864.				
36	Barker, E., Pt., A, 23th North Carolina, age 21.	July —, '63.	Left. Died August 12, 1863.				

¹SMITH (E. H.), Report of Cases of Compound Comminuted Fracture of Femur, in *Confed. States Med. and Surg. Jour.*, 1864, Vol. I, p. 24.



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Fifteenth Regiment Infantry, M. V.—(Three Years.)—Continued.

NAME AND RANK.	Age.	Bounty.	Residence or Place credited to.	Date of Muster.	Termination of Service and cause thereof.
<i>Company H—Con.</i>					
Russell, Stephen W.,	37	-	Webster,	July 29, '62.	July 28, 1864, expiration of service.
Ryan, John,	30	-	Charlestown,	29, '63.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Sawyer, Willard W.,	18	-	Uxbridge,	12, '61.	Aug. 7, 1862, disability.
Seaver, George F.,	21	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Killed Oct. 21, 1861, Ball's Bluff Va.
Shumway, Charles N.,	22	-	Webster,	Aug. 6, '62.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Sibley, Samuel,	40	-	Sutton,	July 12, '61.	Died of wounds, Nov. 6, 1861.
Slocumb, Silas A.,	27	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	July 28, 1865, expiration of service.
Smith, Charles D.,	24	-	Sutton,	25, '61.	Died of w'ds, Sept. 27, '62, Antietam, Md.
Smith, George N.,	19	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Died of w'ds, Sept. 17, '62, Antietam, Md.
Smith, Stephen W.,	24	-	Mendon,	12, '61.	Transferred Jan. 15, 1864, to V. R. C.
Snow, Thomas,	18	-	Douglas,	12, '61.	Transferred Sept. 3, 1863, to V. R. C.
Southwick, Thomas A.,	22	-	Douglas,	12, '61.	Discharged for disability.
Spring, George H.,	21	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Apr. 29, 1862, disability.
Stone, Charles H.,	42	-	Upton,	12, '61.	Mar. 1, 1862, disability.
Sullivan, Simon,	20	-	Milford,	25, '61.	Died Oct. 21, 1862.
Taft, James,	37	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Second Lieut., Jan. 17, 1862.
Tanner, George A.,	22	-	Webster,	29, '62.	Oct. 8, 1862, disability.
Thurber, J. P.,	26	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Feb. 28, 1863, disability.
Toomey, Ferris,	23	-	Uxbridge,	12, '61.	Aug. 21, 1861, disability.
Underwood, B. F.,	22	-	Stony Creek, Ct.,	12, '61.	Oct. 4, 1862, disability.
Vibbert, George L.,	20	-	Uxbridge,	12, '61.	May 22, 1865, expiration of service.
Waterman, Franklin,	19	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Died June 1, 1862.
Wately, Thomas,	21	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Oct. 23, 1862, to enlist in U. S. Cav.
Wellington, George F.,	18	-	Upton,	Jan. 16, '62.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Whelock, Lorenzo S.,	25	-	Mendon,	24, '62.	Transferred Sept. 6, 1863, to V. R. C.
Whipple, Henry C.,	21	-	Northbridge,	July 12, '61.	Apr. 29, 1862, disability.
Whitman, Gilbert P.,	24	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Jan. 5, 1863, disability.
Wilson, Franklin,	19	-	Northbridge,	Feb. 25, '62.	Deserted Nov. 1, 1862.
Williams, J. S.,	28	-	Bolton,	July 25, '61.	Feb. 4, 1863, disability.
Williams, Silas H.,	37	-	Northbridge,	Jan. 22, '62.	Jan. 24, 1863, disability.
Williams, William H.,	25	-	Northbridge,	July 25, '61.	Nov. 4, 1862, disability.
Young, Christopher,	32	-	Northbridge,	12, '61.	Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md.
<i>Company I.</i>					
Lewis, George W., Sergt.,	30	-	Webster,	July 12, '61.	Aug. 6, 1864, expiration of service.
Palmer, William H., Sergt.,	30	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Killed May 6, 1864, Wilderness, Va.
Parmenter, Edwin L., Sergt.,	25	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Died of wounds, 1862, rec'd at Antietam.
Raymond, Rufus F., Sergt.,	25	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Discharged Aug. —, 1861.
Warren, Moses J., Sergt.,	33	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Died Oct. 25, 1861.
Blasland, Thomas, Corp.,	31	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Died Dec. 25, 1863.
Bosworth, Whitman W., Corp.,	23	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Aug. 6, 1864, expiration of service.
George, Piny M., Corp.,	22	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Second Lieut., Sept. 28, 1862.
Holland, Joseph, Corp.,	21	-	Thompson, Ct.,	12, '61.	Died Nov. 21, 1862, Alexandria, Va.
Rusack, Henry, Corp.,	27	-	Webster,	12, '61.	Missing since Oct. 21, 1861.
Wood, Joseph H., Corp.,	24	-	Webster,	25, '61.	Deserted Nov. —, 1863.
Hovey, Franklin, Musician,	18	-	Oxford,	June 20, '61.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Dealing, Henry S., Wagoner,	32	-	Oxford,	20, '61.	Discharged, 1862.
Aldrich, Marcus M.,	29	-	Webster,	July 31, '61.	Dec. 11, 1862, disability.
Amidon, Henry L.,	19	-	Webster,	Apr. 20, '61.	Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md.
Bachelder, Isaac G.,	35	\$325 00	Georgetown,	15, '64.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Ballon, Philetus,	39	-	Fitchburg,	July 25, '61.	Dec. 11, 1862, disability.
Barker, James,	20	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Aug. 10, 1862.
Batley, Oscar,	27	-	Milbury,	Dec. 2, '61.	Oct. 8, 1862, disability.
Bean, Charles W.,	21	375 33	Yarmouth,	Mar. 10, '64.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Bemis, Edson D.,	21	-	Middlefield,	Oct. 14, '61.	Feb. 2, 1864, to re-enlist.
Bemis, Edson D.,	21	516 66	Middlefield,	Feb. 3, '64.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Bemis, Jacob, Jr.,	23	-	Webster,	July 1, '61.	Mar. 5, 1863, disability.
Benway, Keenedy,	25	-	Worcester,	29, '62.	Feb. 2, 1864, disability.
Bigelow, Elisha T.,	18	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Died July 7, 1862.
Bixby, Frank S.,	21	-	Poolsville, Md.,	Nov. 6, '61.	Dec. 2, 1863, disability.
Bradley, Adoniram J.,	24	-	Russell,	Oct. 16, '61.	Second Lieut., May 21, 1862.
Brantze, William,	18	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Killed July 2, 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.
Bless, George H.,	20	-	Windsor,	Oct. 14, '61.	June 11, 1862.
Briggs, C. W.,	19	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Mar. 7, 1864, disability.
Briggs, Lucius H.,	18	-	Webster,	15, '61.	Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md.
Bryson, Alexander,	26	-	Webster,	July 16, '61.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Back, Charles,	18	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Died Sept. 27, 1862.
Burnham, Hiram,	41	-	Windsor,	Oct. 14, '61.	Sept. 26, 1862, disability.
Burdley, Joseph,	37	-	Crafton,	July 28, '62.	Killed July 2, 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.
Butler, George,	19	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md.
Butler, Henry,	20	-	Webster,	15, '61.	Died Nov. 14, 1862, Reg. Hospital.
Cady, David D.,	18	-	Webster,	15, '61.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Cassidy, Thomas,	38	-	Worcester,	15, '61.	Killed Oct. 21, 1861, Ball's Bluff, Va.
Chapman, Orsemas G.,	35	-	Russell,	Oct. 17, '61.	Died Sept. 22, 1862.
Chapman, William S.,	28	-	Russell,	17, '61.	Killed Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam, Md.
Clapp, Henry H.,	18	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Transferred July 27, 1864, to 20th Inf.
Clark, Merrick L.,	18	-	Peru,	Oct. 29, '61.	Killed May 12, 1864, Spottsylvania, Va.
Clemonts, Elmon D.,	19	-	Webster,	Aug. 7, '61.	Nov. 22, 1862, disability.
Converse, Milo S.,	19	-	Webster,	May 15, '61.	Transferred Jan. 5, 1863, to U. S. A.

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- Alexander Bryson, p.; b. Malone, N.Y.; 26; s.; 1st sergt.; wd. side Gett.; tr. 20th as on det. serv.
- William Brandes, p.; b. Hanover; 18; s.; shoemaker; sergt.; k. Gett.
C. W. Briggs, p.; b. Windham, Ct.; 19; s.; jeweller; corp. Dec. 19, '61; sergt.; wd. head Ant.; dis. March 7, '64.
- Patrick Harty, p.; b. Ireland, res. cr. Worcester; 18; s.; wire-drawer; corp.; sergt.; wd. foot Ant.; wd. thigh Gett.; reën. Feb. 21, '64; pris. June 22, '64; tr. Co. F, 20th, as pris.; m. o. June 2, '65.
- Avery N. Hathaway, p.; b. unknown, res. cr. Windsor; m. i. Oct. 18, '61; 28; s.; farmer; sergt. '63; wd. hip, side Gett.; d. July 24, '63.
- Patrick C. Lanning, p.; b. Ireland; 26; s.; moulder; sergt.; wd. arm Ant.; dis. March 12, '63.
- Robert F. Laverty, p.; b. Newport, R. I.; res. cr. Worcester; 40; s.; boot-maker; sergt.; wd. head Ant.; dis. Jan. 13, '63.
- George W. Lewis, b. Plainfield, Ct.; 30; m.; laborer; pris. B. B.; m. o. Aug. 6, '64.
- William H. Palmer, sergt.; 30; m.; shoemaker; pris. B. B.; d. May 6, '64.
- Edwin L. Parmenter, corp.; b. Boston; 25; s.; operative; pris. B. B.; wd. head Ant.; d. Oct. 15, '62.
- Rufus F. Raymond, b. Dudley; 25; s.; shoemaker; dis. Aug. '61.
- Moses J. Warren, sergt.; b. England; 33; m.; spinner; wd. B. B.; d. Oct. 25, '61.
- Edson D. Bemis, p.; b. res. cr. Middlefield; 21; s.; farmer; m. i. Oct. 14, '61; corp.; wd. hand Ant.; reën. Feb. 2, '64; wd. abdomen May '64; tr. Co. E, 20th, as ab. wd.; m. o. July 13, '65.
- Thomas Blasland, corp.; b. Boston; 31; s.; operative; wd. leg Ant.; d. Dec. 25, '63.
- Whitman W. Bosworth, corp.; b. Woodstock, Ct.; 22; s.; painter; pris. B. B.; m. o. Aug. 6, '64.
- Joseph Holland, corp.; b. Cambridge, res. cr. Thompson, Ct.; 21; s.; laborer; m. in a. Oct. 21, '61; d. Nov. 21, '62.
- Henry Rusack, corp.; b. Hanover; 27; m.; shoemaker; pris. B. B.; wd. Gett.; tr. V.R.C. Jan. 15, '64.
- S. A. Slocum, b. unknown, res. cr. Millbury; m. i. Dec. 2, '61; 21; s.; student; corp.; dis. Jan. 22, '63.
- Albert H. Snow, p.; b. Tolland, Ct.; m. i. March 7, '62; 19; s.; farmer; wd. head Ant.; k. Gett.
- John Sullivan, corp.; b. res. England; cr. Marblehead; sub.; m. i. July 30, '63; 21; s.; baker.
- Joseph H. Wood, corp.; b. Uxbridge; 24; m.; shoemaker; des. Nov. '63.
- Henry S. Dealing, wagoner; b. New Haven, Ct.; res. cr. Oxford; 32; m.; teamster; dis. '62.

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- Marcus M. Aldrich, b. unknown; m. i. Aug. 8, '61; 29; s.; dis. Dec. 14, '62.
- Henry L. Amidon, b. Cumberland, R. I.; 19; s.; operative; k. Ant.
- Isaac G. Bachelder, b. Eaton, N. H.; res. Denmark, M.; cr. Georgetown; m. i. April 15, '64; 35; m.; farmer; tr. Co. E, 20th, as ab. sick; m. o. as ab. sick.
- Philetus Ballou, b. Canada, res. cr. Fitchburg; 39; m.; carpenter; pris. B. B.; dis. Dec. 11, '62.
- Oscar Baltey, b. unknown, res. cr. Millbury; m. i. Dec. 2, '61; 27; m.; bootmaker; dis. Oct. 8, '62.

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Edson D Bemis

Rank, Corp Co. H, 20 Reg't Mass V

Complaint, —

Admitted Mar 16, 1865,

To **U. S. A. Hospital Steamer**
Connecticut.

Ret'd to duty _____, 18 .

Deserted _____, 18 .

Disch'd from service _____, 18 .

Sent to G. H. Mar 17, 1865.

On furlough _____, 18 .

Died _____, 18 .

Remarks: _____

From 2d Corps

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E. D. Bemis

Rank, Corp., Co. I, 15 Reg't Mass.

Admitted May 27, 1864,

To U. S. A. Gen'l Hosp.,
Chester, Pa.

From G. H. Campbell.

Diagnosis,

Gen. S. W. right hypogas-
tric region.

Missile, conical ball.

W'd at Wilderness, May 6, 1864.

Treatm't, Simple dressing.

Ret'd to duty Dec. 3, 1864.

Transf'd to I. C., 18 .

Transf'd to , 18 .

Furloughed Sept. 21, 1864.
Nov. 4

Deserted , 18 .

Disch'd from service , 18 .

Died , 18 .

Re-adm'd from furlo' or des'n Oct. 8, 1864.
Nov. 22, 1864.

Remarks :

Age 24.

Pa. Reg. No. 520; Hos. No. 598; Page

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Mass.

Edson D. Bemis

Pvt, Co. I, 15 Reg't Mass. Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Sept + Oct*, 1862

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Remarks: *Wounded in battle of Antietam Sept. 17 + absent in hospital.*

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Compiled Military Service Records

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✓ Hospital Number ~~(S)~~ 750

Name Cdr. J. Bennis

Age 24 Nativity Hampden Mass.

Married or Single Single

Residence Winstedfield Hampshire Co. Mass.

Post Office address of } Harrington Mass.
wife or nearest relative. } Betsy Bennis, Mother

Rank Corp. Co. I Regiment 15th Mass Vol

When admitted May 12th 1864

From what source Genl Hosp.

Diagnosis: (in surgical cases state explicitly seat and character of wound or injury.)

G I W
of Abdomen

Campbell G. H.
Washington, D. C.

On what occasion wounded Wilderness

Date May 5th

Nature of missile or weapon Minié Bullet

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.
CERTIFICATE
OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.



Corporal Edwin S. Bemis, of ~~Captain~~ *Lieut.*
Chase's Company, *N.* of the *20 Mass.* Regiment of the United States
Volunteers, was enlisted by *M. Hastings* of
the _____ Regiment of _____ at *Virginia*
on the *2^o* day of *February*, 1864, to serve *Three* years; he was born
in *Middlefield* in the State of *Massachusetts*, is *23*
years of age, *5* feet *11* inches high, *dark* complexion, *grey* eyes,
dark hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Farmer*. During the last two
months said soldier has been unfit for duty _____ days.*

STATION *Campbell Hospital D.C.* *W. H. Wood*
DATE: *July 15th 1865* _____
Surgeon U.S.A.
in charge
Company

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *Corporal Edwin S. Bemis*
of ~~Captain~~ *Chase's "N."* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a
soldier because of *a fracture of left frontal*
bone rendered us abated
disability on 1/2 half

W. H. Wood
Surgeon U.S.A.
in charge

DISCHARGED, this *13th* day of *July*, 1865, at *Campbell*
Hospital D.C. _____
W. H. Wood
Surgeon U.S.A.
in charge
Company

The Soldier desires to be addressed at
Town *Huntington* County _____ State *Mass.*

* See Note 1 on the back of this. † See Note 2 on the back of this.
[A. G. O. No. 100 & 101—First.] [DUPLICATES.]

First Deputy Commissioner's case

Department of the Interior,

M.W. BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Mar. 30, 1892.

Nature of Claim *Inc.*

No. 59,267

Soldier: *Edwin D. Bemis*

Service: *Cpl. I. 15. Mass. Inf.*

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to—

Wounds of left arm, right groin, left temporal bone & left side pensioned at 24 grades.

The history of the case as given in Part 1 of surgical volume (page 162) of *Medical History of War of Rebellion* shows that a conoidal musket-ball was removed from the substance of the left hemisphere of the brain 3 days after the wound was received.

In 1887 claimant stated that he had had seven epileptic

W.D. Ingram

Medical Referee.

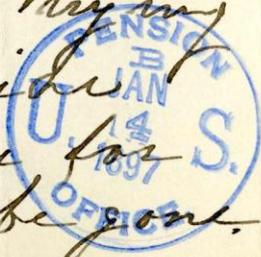
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He is quite deaf on the
wounded side and his
eye is affected, we have to
do his reading for him.
At the age of 21 he gave himself
himself to his country and in
those terrible days received
wounds that should have
prevented him from any
hard labor and now at
the age of fifty-six he walks
and appears like a man of
eighty. The veterans that
served by our country
through all that trying
time should receive
you kindest care for
they will soon be gone.
Mrs E. B. Bennis



Suffield Corner

Dec 30th '96

Mr. D. J. Murphy. Dear sir,
As you wished for a statement
from the attendant of
Edson D Bennis, I will state
that I am his attendant.
My daughter is with me and
assists some but if I were
not able to care for him
he would have to have a
male attendant. You wish
to know what my duties are,
I have to assist him when
he takes his bath as he cannot
use the left hand but very
little, as the paralysis has

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

45 STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
46 County of Middlesex } ss.
47 City or Town of Cambridge }

48 We, Lewis L. Bryant a permanent resident of
49 Cambridge County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, and

50 Walter E. Harvey a permanent resident of Cambridge,
51 County of Middlesex and State aforesaid, being severally and duly sworn, do make oath and depose,

52 each for himself, with the exceptions which are hereinafter noted, as follows : —

53 1. That I am a graduate of a legally chartered school or college; that I have been in the actual practice
54 of my profession in this Commonwealth as a physician for at least three years since my said graduation, and for
55 the three years next preceding my making this oath; and that I am duly registered in compliance with the provi-
56 sion of chapter four hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four and acts in
57 addition thereof and amendment thereto, and continue to be so registered.

58 That within five days prior to my signing this certificate, namely, on the third day of April 1900
59 *and on by Dr. Bryant* ~~on the~~ third day of April 1900, I, the subscriber, personally examined with care and diligence
60 Edson D. Bemis, a resident of Cambridge,

61 in the State of Massachusetts, and as a result of such examination find, and hereby certify that
62 in my opinion said Edson D. Bemis is insane and a proper person for
63 care and treatment in some hospital, asylum or other institution for the insane, as an insane person under the
64 provisions of the statute.

65 3. That I have formed the above opinion upon the subjoined facts, viz. : —

66 a. Facts indicating insanity, personally observed by me, as follows : —
67 The patient said [*Here state what was said to each examiner separately, unless it was said to both.*]

68 that he was thirty years old; that he did not know the present year
69 month or day of the week; that he has not been able to read since he
70 was paralyzed; that he cannot understand what he tries to read, and
71 he cannot tell why; that the civil war is still going on; that once in
72 a while he sees dogs in the room. (The foregoing was said to Dr. Bryant)
73 great anxiety about an imaginary disease of the sexual organs;
74 thinks some operation should be performed.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Office of the Secretary,

Boston, December 10, 1901. 189

I hereby certify That the **DEATH** of Edson D. Bemis,
of Suffield, Conn., aged 6 yrs. 7 mos. 3 days years, who died
at North Brookfield, on the 9th day of November,
in the year 1900, of General Degeneration, the
result of Gun Shot wounds
(Insert cause of death.) during Civil War appears of record in this
office by duly attested return of the clerk of the Town
of North Brookfield for that year.

WITNESS THE SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH hereunto affixed
at the date first above written.



Wm M. Ohlin
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Mathew Brady Photograph - *National Cemetery*

QUESTIONS

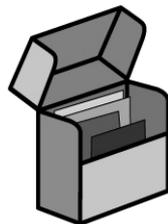




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