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Wounded Oct.4th. M.G.B., T&T Lt.Calf.

Entered Base Hospital 17, Oct.6th.

Oct.6th wound dry and odorous.Muscles protruding from wound and slightly necrotic. Calf moderately swollen.

First culture before debridement on Oct.6th showed:-Strep. Staph.,Coli,Welch and Biferments.

Oct.6th complete debridement and insertion of drainage tubes. Oct.22th wound draining more freely.Pus contains:- Staph. Welch,Biferments and Sporogenes.

Oct.19th a 3rd examination of exudate from wound gave Staph only. For the first two weeks patient ran an evening temperature of

about 102 degrees.

Early in Nov. patient had a slight attack of Influenza. Mound still draining at the end of November.

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G.S.W. Lt.Buttock with possible fracture of Pelvis.

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Oct.8th patient died with symptoms of progressing gas gangrene.

Albert Smith.

G.S.W. Thigh.

Oct.6th First examination showed presence of :- Strep., Proteus, Welch and Sporogenes.

Oct. 10th patient died following secondary hemorrage.

Hebert Goldenberg. G.S.W.Lt.Arm, F.C.C. Ulna and Radius. Oct.15th swab from wound gave cultures of:-Strep., Welch, Sporogenes Debrided Oct.19th. Evacuated in good condition before any further bacterial exams.

C.H.Esch. G.S.W. Rt.Buttock, penetrating. Oct,8th first examination, small deep wound, very little odor. Culture gave Strep.Staph.Welch and Sporogenes. Oct.10th Strep. and Sporogenes. Oct.10th Strep. still persisting in wound. Patient an ambulatory case the whole time. Evacuated in good cond: before complete recovery.

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