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History

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment

Option 11: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present *and*

The British sector of the Western Front,

1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source A: From the writings of Henry Buckle, a soldier on the Western Front. He wrote a diary while he was in the trenches and typed it up after the war. Here he describes his situation after being injured in 1915.

I am lying in the barn with a damaged leg, the result of being too near a bursting shell. My leg is not bleeding but it got sort of buried in the trench and twisted up. My sergeant was also injured. Our stretcher people were busy so I told them we could manage to get back by ourselves. It took us all night to get back here to the barn, with lots of sit-downs. The RAMC staff keep coming in but don't seem able to mend me up. The Medical Officer has been in and says I shall have to go to a Field Hospital for a week.

Source B: A photograph showing soldiers on stretchers outside a dressing station on the Western Front during the Battle of Arras, 1917. They are waiting to be transported to a casualty clearing station.



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