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Air-Raid Casualties.

We are publishing this month a very interesting article by Mr. QVIST, Surgical Registrar at the Royal Free Hospital, dealing with his experience in connection with air-raid casualties.

As might be expected, three times the number of casualties were admitted at night than were admitted in the daytime, but in spite of this there was a larger proportion in each daytime incident. This shows the value of modern shelters. As is well-known, it has been shown statistically that if you distribute a thousand people in a given area their chances of becoming casualties are precisely the same whether they are gathered in small segregated parties or whether they are distributed broadcast. As Mr. QVIST points out, this experience corresponds with the experience in Spain, where the provision of shelters rapidly reduced the number of casualties. He gives the details of the arrangements and organisation in the Hospital during these incidents.

It is, of course, difficult to differentiate between elaborate splinting and bandaging and efficient work. On the whole, perhaps, experience goes to show that most of the bandaging and splinting carried out by the first-aid workers is too elaborate and not necessarily too efficient.

Although a good deal has been written about the effects of blast, especially the so-called lung-blast, Mr. QVIST's experience is that lung-blast has not been a marked feature. In fact, in three hundred admissions no case has been diagnosed with certainty, and he attaches a curve showing how rapidly the effect of blast diminishes as the distance from it is increased.

On the whole, perhaps, those of us who experienced the last war are not greatly impressed with the difference in this one. It has been the experience in certain parts of the country that the effect of bomb splinters is usually superficial.

The question of burns and their treatment has been discussed and described so often that no comment is needed under this head.

As was so often found in the last war, prognosis in abdominal injuries is serious and the more extensive ones seldom survive. WINNETT-ORR's technique as adopted by TRUETA has proved of value as was expected, and perhaps the greatest change introduced in the present treatment of casualties is prophylactic sulphonamide therapy.

This article is of importance and should be studied carefully by all those who take part in A.R.P. organisations.

POST-GRADUATE NEWS.

M.R.C.P. COURSES.

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