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MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE - 55 FST

This has been a month of extremes from the point of view of work, the team ~~having~~ being very busy in the first half of the month and having little or no casualty work in the latter half.

The number of operations performed was 79. Of this total 73 under GA and 6 LA. 35 of these were Major and 44 minor. Our emergencies totalled 31: 27 GSW and 4 other emergencies.

The team came of age as an active service unit by operating while under fire on the 8/9 June when we received 18 casualties, 9 of whom were British personnel living within the base area, the remainder were native troops. 16 operations were performed in this period ranging from explorations of chest and abdominal wounds to amputations and debridement of limb wounds, there were no fatalities. The behaviour of the whole team during this nerve racking period was exemplary as each went about his job as if the attack was not happening.

Cases of interest:- These varied during this month, of our war casualties the most interesting were:

a. Native soldier shot on medial side of knee where a small entry wound existed, the missile traversed ^R the knee joint shattering condyles and made its exit half way up the lateral side of the thigh causing a transverse fracture of the femur at the junction of the upper and middle 1/3 of the femur. The exit wound was about 5 inches long and 3" wide. Successful debridement and DPS has been carried out and he is at present slung on the Salalah beam which consists of five pieces of wood and ~~other~~ cotton reels as pulleys. The weights have been purloined from the local weight lifting club.

b. Native soldier hit in L chest by piece of mortar shrapnel which carried a piece of ~~xx~~ rib through diaphragm into the stomach. Following exploration he has recovered and been discharged on sick leave.

c. Native soldier hit in left temporal region by piece of mortar which traversed ~~xxx~~ L hemisphere and came to rest in Right ^{CEREBRUM} ~~Gehirum~~, exploration removal of dead brain and blood clot ^{removed} ~~removed~~. Patient has recovered and is walking though with some limitation. This is one of three similar craniotomies carried

out all of whom are doing well "Im shallah."

d. Our gun shot wound of the face and mouth continues to do well. Abbe flaps have been successfully performed, fan flaps will be required to repair the angle eventually.

e.4 Unusual operations have been: a, the removal of leebhes from the naso-pharynx, b, diagnostic Gystoscopy for Schistomiasis allied to urinary findings.

The total of operations ~~in~~ for the three months ending 30th June is 210, 202

General Anaesthetics have been given.

Anaesthetic Report

The same routine has been effected as was described in the first report.

Total Anaesthetics	- 79	General-	73
		Local	- 6
Emergency Anaesthetics	- 31	War wounds	- 27
		Others	- 4(Incl 1 LSCS 1 hemicolecotomy)
Endotracheal	- 41		
Non-dep relaxant	- 6		
Neurolept	- 0		
IV alone	- 0		
Blood and IV fluids	- 9		
IV fluids alone	- 9		

Complications

One patient with a mortar fragment passing through L lung and diaphragm and ~~i~~ into the stomach developed post operative consolidation of that lung. He was anaesthetise^d and bronchial suction and vigorous IPPR were performed. The consolidation resolved rapidly.

No deaths occurred.

Unit Morale: This remains high, Corps day was celebrated in a traditional manner.

As work has diminished more time has been available to ~~devote~~^{devote} to sports, and useful volley ball and five-a-side football teams are emerging.

Buildings: The arrangement of buildings within the unit is practically complete, Xray and laboratory facilities are adjacent to the Resuscitation/Theatre and general wards and as thus reduce the amount of movement injured patients have to undergo.

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A shower and toilet block is under construction at present but it is doubtful if this will be finished before the next team arrives. I feel a word of thanks to the relevant departments is in order for the help given this team by the local DOE and RE officers in our building programmes.

Weather: The monsoon has arrived, at present it is not too humid and the sun occasionally shines, but conditions are liable to deteriorate in the next two months.

UMBRELLAS are useful when it rains,

I would welcome news of our reliefs, the rank structure and date of departure from UK would be most helpful as it would allow time to fix accommodation and arrange flight schedules at this end.

My next report will be on our return to UK.