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TO CHAPS LIKE THESE, SCARS ARE AS GOOD AS MEDALS



These are a few of the Sharpshooting Tommies that got banged up a bit at Mons, where the British had their first heavy fighting. They are now in hospital at Woolwich, ten chances to one hankering to get back to the trenches. Most of them are wounded in the arms. One cynical theory for the preponderance of wounded men in this war is that a dead man needs no looking after on the field, while a wounded man takes another or two to get him away, putting two or three men out of action. But the fact is the Germans have been shooting high by habit and they are not likely to get over it. The modern rifle bullet rarely does half the damage of which it is capable, even when it reaches the mark. One bullet will go through five men in a solid row at a mile range. Some of the dead soldiers found in the present war were shot through from head to heel by bullets that took them while they were lying head to the enemy without entrenchments.



Belgian soldiers in the military hospital in the Gymnasium of Antwerp University. These are some of the men that first blocked the path of the Kaiser. Foremost of the nurses standing in the picture is the Baroness Gevers-Grisar, one of the many noblewomen in several countries who have volunteered their services for the Red Cross work. One Belgian soldier, having his hand dressed, proudly held it up to squint through the hole torn by German shrapnel.