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THE SYSTEM OF TRAINING MEN IN THE FIRST AID TO THE WOUNDED.

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TO A CLASS IN "B" SQUADRON, R. C. D., AT WINNIPEG.

Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers:—

I have been requested by the officer commanding to give you to-day a lecture on the subject of "The First Aid to the Wounded," but as I lectured pretty fully to you on this particular subject last winter, I think I better term my lecture on this occasion "The System of Training Men in the First Aid to the Wounded," giving its history briefly and a few practical remarks on the subject.

The method of attending to the sick and wounded in the British Army goes back to the year 1745, and even earlier than that, but in that year Sir John Pringle, then Surgeon-General, organized a system for Regimental, Field and General Hospitals. The first appointments of medical officers and hospitals in the field was in the Peninsular War; these were under the control of Sir John McGregor, then P. M. O.

At this time there were no Ambulance Corps, in fact the assistance to the wounded in any way must have been of a most primitive nature. The improvements since, as you will observe as I proceed, are very great and of a modern nature.

In 1812 a Corps called the Royal Waggon Train was organized for conveying the sick, but this was also used for