

of the same outline as the lateral surface of the bullet. On the other hand, the oval wound or the partial gutter leading to a penetrating wound often observed in the case of oblique impact in the case of the older bullets is rare and never well marked. The aperture of entry is rather only slightly enlarged, with merely slight bevelling in one half of its circumference and undercutting at the other. The aperture of exit, on the other hand, is very large, in the case of wounds of the soft parts often oval, and less commonly stellate than when the bones have been implicated. In place of a small tag of subcutaneous tissue in the opening a mass of the brush-like ends of torn muscle and other soft tissues protrudes. Such wounds are seen in the extremities without any evidence of implication of the bones. Very striking instances are seen in the abdomen, thus, (1) a normal small entry wound in the right loin, with a vertically oval wound of the anterior abdominal wall four inches in length, the floor of which was formed by the ascending colon, from which faeces were escaping; (2) a normal entry wound over the ascending colon with an oval exit in the right loin, 3 inches by 2, from which urine escaped and extravasated under the skin of the back; (3) a similar wound entering over the descending colon, with exit in the left loin (in this instance the main urinary extravasation followed the line of the ureter into the pelvis); and (4) entry in the anterior abdominal wall, exit in the left loin, with protrusion of a piece of omentum six inches long.

Wounds implicating the thorax scarcely come into the same category, since the presence of a rib at the distal end of the track offers a bony resistance, yet the large valvular openings allowing the free exit of blood and ingress of air which are so often seen were certainly rare in the case of the older bullets.

The chief novelty of the last weeks has been the arrival of men wounded by the modern "hand grenade," which, however, appears to cause more damage to the trench than its occupants.